

Athletics New Zealand
London 2012 Paralympic Games
Nomination Criteria

1. Application of These Criteria

- 1.1 These Criteria are issued by the Board of Athletics New Zealand and forms part of Schedule **A** of the Paralympics New Zealand (PNZ) Selection Regulation. A copy of the PNZ Selection Regulation is available at www.paralympics.org.nz
- 1.2 These Criteria shall take effect from **1 August 2011**.
- 1.3 These Criteria apply to:
- a. All Athletes wishing to be considered for nomination to the Team to compete in the Games; and
 - b. Athletics New Zealand, including their Sport Specific Selectors (“SSS”), that wish to nominate Athletes to PNZ to be considered for selection to the Team for the Games.

2. Definitions

Application Date	means the date, as specified by PNZ, by which Athletes must submit a completed Athlete Application to PNZ in accordance with clause 6.2 of the PNZ Selection Regulation.
Athlete	means a person who wishes to be considered for nomination to the Team.
Athlete Agreement	means the agreement that must be completed by any Athlete wishing to be considered for nomination and selection to the Team and which is attached to the PNZ Selection Regulation as Appendix 2 .
Athlete Application	means the form that must be completed by any Athlete applying to be nominated and selected to the Team and which is attached to the PNZ Selection Regulation as Appendix 1 .

Board	means the Board of Athletics New Zealand as constituted under the Constitution.
Board Members	means the members of the Board of Athletics New Zealand as defined in the Constitution.
Chief Executive	means the Chief Executive Officer of Athletics New Zealand and includes his/her nominee.
Commencement Date	means the date these Criteria came into force, namely 1 June 2011
Constitution	means the Constitution of Athletics New Zealand.
Criteria	means these Criteria and is also known as the "Nomination Criteria".
DFSNZ	means Drug Free Sport New Zealand.
Games	means the London 2012 Paralympic Games to be held in London from 29 August 2012 to 9 September 2012.
General Nomination Criteria	means the criteria set out in clause 5.2.
IF	means an International Sports Federation.
IPC	means the International Paralympic Committee.
Member	means the members of PNZ as specified in the Constitution.
Nominated Athlete	means an Athlete nominated by Athletics New Zealand in accordance with clause 7 of the PNZ Selection Regulation.
Nomination Criteria	means the criteria made up of the General Nomination Criteria, the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria and the Specific Nomination Factors, and is also referred to as "These Criteria".

Nomination Date	means the date, as specified by PNZ (and includes any alternative date as agreed between PNZ and Athletics New Zealand), by which Athletics New Zealand must submit any Nominated Athletes to PNZ.
NSO	means a National Sports Organisation.
Over-Riding Nomination Criteria	means the criteria set out in clause 5.3.
PNZ	means Paralympics New Zealand Incorporated.
PNZ Selection Regulation	means the regulation adopted by the PNZ Board to clearly document and make available to all Athletes and Sports Organisations the application, nomination and selection process to be used by PNZ in selecting Athletes for the Team to compete in the Games.
Specific Nomination Factors	means the nomination factors set out in clause 5.4.
Sports Organisation	means BANZ, WBNZ, NZWR, NZWT and any NSO that is a Member of PNZ.
SSS	means sport specific selectors appointed by Athletics New Zealand.
Team	means the New Zealand Paralympic Team selected in accordance with this Regulation to compete in the Games and excludes any Athletes selected as reserves.
WADA	means the World Anti-Doping Agency.

Unless specified otherwise, any other terms used in These Criteria shall have the meanings set out in the PNZ Selection Regulation.

3. **Sport Specific Selectors**

- 3.1 **Composition:** The Sport Specific Selectors from Athletics New Zealand shall be appointed by Athletics New Zealand. The SSS from Athletics New Zealand who will consider nomination of Athletes to PNZ to be considered for selection in the Team are:

Scott Goodman
Graham O'Brien

4. **Nomination Procedure**

- 4.1 **Nomination if Criteria met:** If the conditions of nomination set out in clause 7.2 of the PNZ Selection Regulation (Conditions of Nomination) are met to the satisfaction of the SSS, the SSS shall then nominate those Athletes it considers meet the Nomination Criteria set out below.

5. **Nomination Criteria**

- 5.1 **Nomination Criteria:** The Athletics New Zealand Nomination Criteria for nomination to the Team is made up of the following parts:

- a. the General Nomination Criteria specified in clause 5.2;
- b. the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria specified in clause 5.3;
- c. the Specific Nomination Factors specified in clause 5.4; and
- d. any technical considerations specified in clause 5.5.

- 5.2 **General Nomination Criteria:** Firstly, the SSS **must** be satisfied that the Athlete:

- a. has met the requirements specified in clause 7.2 of the PNZ Selection Regulation (Conditions of Nomination);
- b. will, in the opinion of the SSS, be an effective and harmonious member of the Team;
- c. has not acted in such a manner so as to bring the Athlete, the sport, Athletics New Zealand or PNZ into public disrepute; and
- d. in the opinion of the SSS, has acted and will continue to act, as a positive role model to all New Zealand athletes.

- 5.3 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria:** In addition to the General Nomination Criteria (and taking into account the Specific Nomination Factors in clause 5.4 and the

additional technical considerations in clause 5.5), the SSS **must** also be satisfied overall that, in their opinion, the Athlete either:

- a. has the capability to achieve a top three (3) placing in their event at the Games; or
- b. has the potential to medal in the Paralympic Games to be held in Rio in 2016 and the capability to achieve a top six (6) placing in their event at the Games.

5.4 **Specific Nomination Factors:** When considering the General Nomination Criteria and the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria above, the SSS **shall** also take into account any one or more of the following factors about an Athlete:

- a. Have achieved an IPC 'A' Qualification Standard (AQS) at an IPC Athletics Recognised Competition (IPC Competition, IPC Sanctioned Competition, IPC Athletics Approved Competition) for their respective event between 1 June 2011 and 15 April 2012 and have achieved this AQS in accordance with the IPC Athlete Licensing Programme Policies valid for the 2010-2012 seasons;
- b. Be internationally classified with a "Review" or "Confirmed" sport class status before 1 April 2012
- c. Athletes must achieve an "IPC AQS" Performance Standard within the Performance Period on, at least, one occasion. (refer LONDON 2012 PARALYMPIC GAMES QUALIFICATION STANDARDS). An athlete should endeavour to better the required Performance Standard on more than one occasion and should demonstrate throughout the season, his or her ability to perform consistently close to the Performance Standard.
- d. Where, in the opinion of the Selectors, an athlete has a history of non-performance, the Selectors may decide not to select the athlete. A history of non-performance will be considered to arise where there are two or more consecutive examples of a previous result at either a World Championship, Commonwealth or Paralympic Games which falls outside the standard of performance which was expected from the athlete when the athlete was selected for the event, and for which, upon the selectors making such enquiry as they regard necessary, the selectors are not satisfied with any explanation provided. The selectors will only make further enquiry in relation to past performances where they consider that there has been a history of non-performance under this clause.
- e. Where there are more than three athletes who have bettered the IPC AQS" Performance Standard in one event, the Selectors will decide which of the

athletes is to be nominated for selection by reference to the factors set out above.

- f. adequate fitness and a commitment to maintain a fitness and training programme as agreed with the applicable coach(es);

5.5 Technical considerations: When considering the General Nomination Criteria and the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria and Specific Nomination Factors above, the SSS shall also take into account any one or more of the following:

- a. Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female participants, held completely in the Stadium, may be accepted under specific circumstances and conditions (see Rule 147).
- b. Wind-assisted performances shall not be accepted.
- c. Hand-timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 110m/100m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles and 4x100m relay shall not be accepted.
- d. For the running events of 400m and over, performances achieved on oversized tracks shall not be accepted.

5.6 Extenuating Circumstances: In any decision regarding the nomination of Athletes to the Team, the SSS may, in their sole discretion, take into account any extenuating circumstances in accordance with clause 6 (Extenuating Circumstances) below.

5.7 Weight to be given to factors: The SSS may give weight to any one (1) or more of the factors specified in the Nomination Criteria and if it does, to apply such weighting to one (1) or more Athletes. No particular factor shall be weighted more or less significantly by reason only of the order in which that factor appears in this Criterion.

5.8 Nomination Procedure: After consideration of the Nomination Criteria the SSS shall follow the procedure set out in clause 7 (Nomination Procedure) of the PNZ Selection Regulation.

6. Extenuating Circumstances

6.1 In considering the nomination of Athletes in accordance with These Criteria the SSS may in their sole discretion, give weight to any extenuating circumstances which include, but are not limited, to the following:

- a. injury or illness;

- b. travel delays;
 - c. equipment failure;
 - d. bereavement or personal misfortune; and/or
 - e. any other factors reasonably considered by the SSS to constitute extenuating circumstances.
- 6.2 Athletes unable to compete at events, trials, or other attendances required under this Criterion, must advise the Chief Executive of the extenuating circumstances, and reasons, in writing, with as much advance notice as possible and ideally seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the event, trial or other attendance. If the Chief Executive is not notified of any extenuating circumstances in accordance with this Criterion, then the SSS has no obligation to rely on such circumstances.
- 6.3 In the case of injury or illness, Athletes may be required by the SSS to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the SSS, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the SSS. Any failure to agree to such a request may result in the SSS being unable to consider the injury or illness as an extenuating circumstance.
- 6.4 In the case of any extenuating circumstance/s, the SSS will make a decision on a case by case basis.

7. Appeal Procedure

- 7.1 **Nomination Appeals:** Any Athlete who has applied for nomination and selection to the Team and who has returned a completed Athlete Application to PNZ by the Application Date and an Athlete Agreement to PNZ by the Nomination Date may appeal to the Athletics New Zealand against their non-nomination to PNZ by the SSS of the Athletics New Zealand in accordance with the procedures set out in clause 12 of the PNZ Selection Regulation.

8. Inconsistencies

- 8.1 In the event there is any inconsistency between these Criteria and the PNZ Selection Regulation, the PNZ Selection Regulation shall prevail.
- 8.2 If these Criteria imposes a higher qualification standard or a lesser number of participants than stated by the IPC this shall not be regarded as an inconsistency.

9. Amendments to These Criteria

- 9.1 These Criteria may be amended or supplemented from time to time by the Board.
- 9.2 The Board will give as much notice as possible of any amendment/s or supplement/s to this Regulation, to persons it considers may be affected by any such amendment/s or supplement/s.
- 9.3 These Criteria includes any amendments to the IPC rules, regulations, policies and codes.