



Equestrian Sports New Zealand Incorporated

London 2012 Paralympic Games

Para-Equestrian Dressage - Nomination Criteria

1. Application of These Criteria

- 1.1 These Criteria are issued by the Board of the Equestrian Sports NZ (ESNZ) and forms part of Schedule D of the PNZ Selection Regulation. A copy of the Paralympics New Zealand (PNZ) Selection Regulation is available at www.paralympics.org.nz.
- 1.2 These Criteria shall take effect from 1st 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. ESNZ, 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 ESNZ as constituted under the Constitution.
Board Members	means the members of the Board of ESNZ as defined in the Constitution.
Chief Executive	means the Chief Executive Officer of ESNZ and includes his/her nominee.
Commencement Date	means the date These Criteria came into force, namely 1 st August 2011.
Constitution	means the Constitution of ESNZ.
Criteria	means these Criteria and is also known as the "Nomination Criteria".
DFSNZ	means Drug Free Sport New Zealand.
ESNZ	means Equestrian Sports New Zealand Inc.
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 ESNZ 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 ESNZ by which ESNZ 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 the ESNZ.
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 ESNZ shall be appointed by the ESNZ High Performance Panel. The SSS from ESNZ who will consider nomination of Athletes to PNZ to be considered for selection in the Team are:

Sarah Harris
Helen Hughes-Keen
Effie Deans

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:** ESNZ 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, ESNZ 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 de Janeiro 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. the performance and results of the Athlete, or team(s) in which the Athlete was a member, including consistency of performance and results at events (particularly internationally), competitions, and activities (such as camps and trials), in the period two (2) years preceding the possible selection of the Athlete;
- b. adequate fitness and a commitment to maintain a fitness and training programme as agreed with the applicable coach(es);
- c. demonstrated good behaviour, including a commitment to training and attendance at training camps;
- d. demonstrated compatibility with others in a team environment;
- e. demonstrated compliance with the rules of events and competitions;
- f. understanding and respect for the position on the Team when competing in the Team at the Games, including respect for team members and officials;
- g. willingness to promote ESNZ in a positive manner;
- h. demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results;
- i. proven ability to be reliable;
- j. All riders must be registered with the FEI. All horses must be registered with the FEI and hold an FEI Passport.
- k. In addition to the above, ESNZ have specific expectations of all riders representing ESNZ. The following points encapsulate the culture of excellence expected in the ESNZ High Performance environment at the Games
 - Commitment to medal winning or top 6 performance,
 - Work with HP Leader to ensure IPP outcomes are achieved,

- Attendance at targeted competitions and team trainings,
- Maintain regular two-way communication with Team Leader,
- Show respect to the team and behave in an appropriate manner when representing NZ,
- Commitment to the success of the ESNZ Team.

l. Only combinations that are selected onto the 2012 Para-Dressage Squad will be eligible for selection. The ESNZ High Performance Panel may add or remove combinations from the 2012 Squad at any time.

m. any other factor(s) the SSS consider relevant.

In considering any one or more of the above factors, the SSS may make such enquiries of the Athlete, or other persons, as it sees fit.

5.5 **Specific Technical Considerations** – When considering the General Nomination Criteria and the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria above, the SSS shall also take into account the following performance related criteria:

5.5.1 All riders to have achieved the FEI minimum standard of a minimum score of 60% in a Team or Individual Championship test between 1st January 2010 and 17th June 2012.

Be internationally classified with either a “review” or “Confirmed” sport grade status.

5.5.2 Combinations deemed capable of producing scores of achieving a top 6 finish in their respective grade with the potential to medal.

5.5.3 The performance criteria for combinations to be considered for selection:

- Each combination (horse and rider) must submit 3 scores with the average of the 3 scores equal to the relevant following percentage score:
 - Grade 1a = 67%
 - Grade 1b = 67%
 - Grade 2 = 67%
 - Grade 3 = 66%
 - Grade 4 = 66%
- The 3 scores must be judged under an FEI PE Judge in the Team or Individual test of their respective grade. Those events in which these scores can be achieved are any CPEDI3* event (total test score to count), NZ Para-Dressage National Championships or NZ Horse of the Year (only the score from international foreign FEI PE Judge to count). Scores from overseas National Events may be considered with prior application by the rider.

- The SSS reserve the right to add to the list of events at which qualification scores can be achieved.
- Qualifying period from 1st January 2011 – 20th March 2012.

- 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 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 These Criteria.
- 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 These Criteria, 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 These Criteria, 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 ESNZ against their non-nomination to PNZ by the SSS of the ESNZ 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.