



Paralympics New Zealand Shooting Selection Policy

This Selection Criteria is with relevance to New Zealand team selection for

IPC Shooting World Cup, USA, 5 – 9 October 2011

IPC Shooting World Cup, Australia, 11 – 21 November 2011 (*please note this event is the 2011 Paralympics New Zealand Shooting Pinnacle Event*)

1. SELECTION POLICY GUIDELINES

1.1 To be **eligible** to compete an athlete must:

- Have New Zealand Citizenship
- Hold an active IPC Shooting Athletes License for the 2011 season
- Have a National Classification for their disability category

2. SELECTION PHILOSOPHY:

2.1 Select athletes who, in their respective category, are capable of winning medals.

2.2 Select development athletes who have demonstrated through competition performances the potential to medal at the 2012 London Paralympic Games or achieve a top six at the 2012 London Paralympics Games and Medal at the 2016 Rio Paralympics Games

4. SELECTION PROCESS:

4.1 The selection is process as follows:

- A Paralympics New Zealand (PNZ) Shooting Squad is selected based on selection criteria
- Support staff will be selected based on athletes needs
- Selections forwarded to PNZ Board for ratification

Please see Appendix 3 for selection timeline

4.2 Participation Criteria

Nothing in this Policy obliges PNZ to select a full contingent in any particular event regardless of the IPC Entry Rules or the IPC qualification standards. Paralympics New Zealand will select its team according to the criteria set out in this Policy as allowed by IPC Entry Rules.

Eligibility

4.3 In order to be eligible for selection all athletes must:

4.3.1 Satisfy all IPC, eligibility, nationality and participation rules.

4.3.2 Remain in “good standing” with PNZ and at all times comply with any established code of conduct or athlete agreement and otherwise conduct themselves in a way that does not bring their sport or the National Team into disrepute.

Performance Standards

4.4 PNZ has set its own Performance Standards for the purposes of this Selection Policy.

4.4.1 Athletes must have met the 2012 London IPC Shooting MQS standard as set out in Appendix 1.

4.4.2 Athletes must have met the MQS at no less than one of the competitions identified in Appendix 2.

4.4.3 The PNZ Selection panel may use its discretion to select an athlete where an athlete does not meet the MQS standard but demonstrates the ability to medal at the 2012 London Paralympic Games or achieve a top six at the 2012 London Paralympic Games and Medal at the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games.

4.4.4 Automatic selection will apply to the following:

- Athletes who are currently World Champions in their category and currently following a high performance training programme
- Athletes who have finished in the top 3 in their category at World Championships in the previous two years and are following a high performance training programme.
- Athletes who have finished in the top 3 in their category at a World Cup Event in the previous two years and are following a high performance training programme.

4.4.5 The Selectors may consider any factor or combination of factors that, in their opinion, are relevant to the selection of an athlete, including, but not necessarily limited to:

- a) The athlete's performance record for the previous 12 months.
- b) The athlete's training performances for the previous 12 months.
- c) The athlete's sport science testing results for the previous 12 months.
- d) The results of any of the athlete's medical and psychological tests for the previous 12 months.
- e) The athlete's attendance, performance, attitude, and conduct in training whilst a member of the national team.
- f) The athlete's demonstrated willingness to promote shooting in a positive manner
- g) The consideration of new shooters who will benefit from International competition and are considered medal prospects for the 2012 London Paralympic Games or achieve a top six at the 2012 London Paralympic Games and Medal at the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games.

4.4.6 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 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.

4.4.7 The Selectors will consider any established breach of any code of conduct or athlete agreement by an athlete as a member of a PNZ representative team in deciding whether to select an athlete. Such a breach may result in the Selectors not nominating an athlete for selection, who would otherwise satisfy these criteria.

4.4.8 All athletes selected to the squad, will be required to prove their fitness prior to attending international events by attaining a Performance Standard, or some other appropriate performance as agreed with the athlete and their coach, the Selectors, and the PNZ High Performance Director **prior to the final selection date.**

4.4.9 The expectation will be for a MQS standard or equivalent after taking into account conditions and the competition.

4.5 Failure by a selected athlete to meet the pre international competition fitness standard will, at the discretion of the Selectors, result in an athlete who has been initially selected to the team being withdrawn from the international competition.

4.5.1 For the purposes of clarity, it is the intended operation of this Policy that **all selections in the team remain conditional** until the athlete has achieved the pre-international competition fitness standard set by the Selectors.

Notification of Selection

5. The PNZ High Performance Director will advise athletes and their coaches of selection or non selection.

5.1 PNZ will endeavor to announce selected team members in the week following

6. GENERAL INFORMATION:

6.1 The criteria may be amended at any time by the Board of PNZ, if PNZ is of the opinion that such amendment is necessary in the best interests of PNZ or as a result of any change in IPC participation rules and/or guidelines. Any amendment to the criteria will be published on the PNZ website.

Funding

6.2 International events are athlete funded event.

6.3 Athletes may receive funding for international events as indicated within their PNZ Athlete Agreements. The decision whether to provide funding to an athlete who has been selected and the extent of any funding will be made by the PNZ Investment Panel.

Meet Information

6.4 The number of officials/coaches accreditations authorised per team is limited to the number of participating athletes. Officials and Team Coaches will be accredited on this basis and named after the initial team selections.

6.5 Selected athletes' personal coaches/family outside of the selected "Official New Zealand Team" will be responsible for their own travel, accommodations, tickets, and accreditations for international events.

Team Manager/Coach/Staff

6.6 Coach, management and support staff positions will be appointed on a competition by competition basis.

Appendix 1:

Event - Rifle	IPC MQS
R1-10m Air Rifle Standing (SH1)	563
R2-10m Air Rifle Standing (SH1)	567
R3 - 10m Air Rifle Prone (SH1)	594
R4 - 10m Air Rifle Standing (SH2)	590
R5 - 10m Air Rifle Prone (SH2)	594
R6 - 50m Free Rifle Prone (SH1)	565
R7 - 50m Free Rifle 3 x 40 (SH1)	1080
R8 - 50m Sport Rifle 3 x 20 (SH1)	530
Event - Pistol	IPC MQS
P1 - 10m Air Pistol (SH1)	545
P2 - 10m Air Pistol (SH1)	347
P3 - 25m Sport Pistol (SH1)	540
P4 – 50m Free Pistol (SH1)	505

Appendix 2:

Date	Event
19 – 21 February 2011	Target Shooting New Zealand Nationals
24 – 27 March 2011	IPC Shooting World Cup (Poland)
26 – 29 April 2011	IPC Shooting World Cup (Turkey)
4 – 8 May 2011	IPC Shooting World Cup (Spain)
25 & 26 June 2011	New Zealand Cup 1
29 – 31 July 2011	Australia Cup 3 (For Sydney World Cup Only)
	New Zealand Cup 2 <i>Please note this competition has been withdrawn as a qualifying event for the Sydney World Cup</i>
23 – 25 September 2011	Australia Cup 4 (For Sydney World Cup Only)

**Appendix 3:
Selection Time Frame:**

IPC Shooting World Cup, USA, 5 – 9 October 2011

28 June 2011	Nominations for selection to be received by PNZ High Performance Director mhummm@paralympics.org.nz
4 July 2011	Selections forward to Paralympics New Zealand Board for ratification
11 July 2011	Athlete and staff selection announced

IPC Shooting World Cup, Australia, 11 – 21 November 2011

26 September 2011	Nominations for selection to be received by PNZ High Performance Director mhummm@paralympics.org.nz
26 September 2011	Selections forward to Paralympics New Zealand Board for ratification
30 September 2011	Athlete and staff selection announced

Please note: The selection timeframe for the IPC Shooting World Cup Australia, 11 – 21 November 2011 is subject to the entry closing date. This is yet to be advised. Any change of time frame will be posted on the Paralympics New Zealand website.