

**PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES**  
**NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR BEACH VOLLEYBALL EVENTS**

**VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND**

**1. Application of this Nomination Criteria**

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1.1 **Status:** This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board and shall take effect from January 1, 2023 and amended March 6, 2024. This Nomination Criteria supersedes any previous correspondence, discussions and representations (whether written or oral) by VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND regarding nomination and selection for the Games.

1.2 **Scope:** This Nomination Criteria applies to:

- (a) all Athletes wishing to be considered for nomination to the Games Team to compete in the Games in a Beach Volleyball Event; and
- (b) VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND, including its Selectors, that wish to nominate Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection to the Games Team for the Games.

1.3 **Process:** Selection to the Games Team in a Beach Volleyball Event is a three-step process:

- (a) All Athletes must be eligible in accordance with clause 3 of this Nomination Criteria;
- (b) VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND nominates Athletes to the NZOC in accordance with this Nomination Criteria and the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation; and
- (c) the NZOC selects the Athletes to the Games Team in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy and the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

**2. Selectors**

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2.1 **Composition:** The Selectors have been appointed by VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND. The Selectors who will consider nomination of Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection in the Games Team are:

Dr Warren Smith, PhD  
Mrs Susan Blundell-Dorrington  
Mr. Greg Cummings

2.2 **Change of Selectors:** The Board reserves the right to change a Selector at any time in its absolute discretion prior to the Nomination Date. In such case, it will publish the change of Selector on the VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND website.

### 3. Eligibility

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3.1 **Athlete Eligibility:** To be eligible to be nominated to the NZOC by VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND an Athlete must:

- (a) have returned a completed Athlete Application to the NZOC, in the form prescribed by the NZOC by the following dates (“Application Date”):
  - i. no later than 5.00pm, 26 July 2023, where an Athlete is not a regular member of VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND at this date; or
  - ii. no later than 5.00pm, 24 November 2023, where the Athlete is a regular member of VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND and
  - ii. in exceptional circumstances before 5.00pm, 26 January 2024 (or such extended date as agreed by the NZOC Board) where VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND provides the NZOC with evidence that demonstrates that Athlete could not have been reasonably in contemplation on 24 November 2023, provided the Athlete is a regular member of VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND; and
- (b) have returned a completed Athlete Agreement in the manner prescribed by the NZOC to NZOC prior to the Nomination Date; and
- (c) be a member of VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND or one of its affiliates; and
- (d) be a New Zealand citizen and has a New Zealand passport; and
- (e) have demonstrated to the satisfaction of VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND that they are not suffering any physical or psychological impairment that would prevent them from competing in the Games to the highest possible standard; and
- (f) have acted in such a manner so as not to bring the Athlete, the sport, VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND or the NZOC into public disrepute; and
- (h) be born on or before 27 July 2010 (i.e. be a minimum of 14 years old on the first day of the competition at the Games); and
- (i) has been tested during the period 1 July 2022 and the Nomination Date with no adverse finding; and
- (j) not be under investigation for any breach of any part of the VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND and FIVB’s anti-doping regulations, the Sports Anti-Doping Rules and/or the NZOC Integrity Regulation; and
- (k) no later than 26 July 2023, where the Athlete is not a regular member of the VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND and 26 January 2024 (or such extended date as agreed by the NZOC Board), where the Athlete is a regular member of the VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND, has provided their name and contact address details to NZOC for the purpose of out of competition drug testing with Drug Free Sport New Zealand.

- 3.2 **Qualification:** New Zealand must qualify for places in a Beach Volleyball Event(s) in accordance with FIVB's Qualification System and/or FIVB's requirements for the Games. Qualification for a place in any Beach Volleyball Event(s) by a pair of Athletes does not guarantee that the pair of Athletes will be nominated or selected to compete in the Beach Volleyball Event(s) at the Games.
- 3.3 **Nomination if Nomination Criteria Met:** Provided the requirements set out in clauses 3.1 and 3.2 are met, the Selectors shall nominate to NZOC for consideration of selection, those Athletes it considers meet the Nomination Criteria set out below.
- 3.4 **Reserve Athletes:** The Selectors may nominate Reserve Athletes to the NZOC for any Beach Volleyball Event.

#### **4. Nomination Criteria**

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- 4.1 **Nomination Criteria:** In considering any Athlete for nomination to the NZOC, the Selectors shall consider:
- (a) the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria specified in clause 5.1; or
  - (b) the Secondary Nomination Criteria specified in clause 5.2; and
  - (c) the evidential requirements specified in clause 5.3; and
  - (d) the Specific Nomination Factors specified in clause 5.4; and
  - (e) any Extenuating Circumstances in accordance with clause 6.
- 4.2 **Relevance and Weighting:** The Selectors may determine the relevance and weight that they wish to place on any Specific Nomination Factor(s) and any Extenuating Circumstances(s) as they consider appropriate. No particular Specific Nomination Factor shall be weighed more or less significantly based on the order in which it appears in this Nomination Criteria unless expressly specified otherwise.
- 4.3 **Own Enquiries:** In considering the Specific Nomination Factors, the Selectors may make such enquiries of the Athlete, or other persons, as they see fit.
- 4.4 **Conditions:** In considering any results and performances of an Athlete at any Key Events and Trials, the Selectors may, but do not have to, take into account the conditions in which the results and performances were obtained such as, but not limited to, the weather conditions and the field of competition.
- 4.5 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In any decision regarding the nomination of Athletes to the Games Team, the Selectors may, in their sole discretion, take into account any Extenuating Circumstances in accordance with clause 6 below.

## 5. **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria and Specific Nomination Factors**

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5.1 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria:** In determining whether or not to nominate an Athlete (or pair of Athletes) to a Beach Volleyball Event, the Selectors must be satisfied overall that the Athlete (or pair of Athletes):

- (a) is or are competing in a Beach Volleyball Event where a quota place at the Games has been qualified in accordance with the FIVB Qualification System; and
- (b) is or are capable of achieving a top 16 placing in the Games in that Beach Volleyball Event, with the potential to win an Olympic Diploma (top 8 placing); and
- (c) has or have a track record of sufficient quality and depth that the Selectors believe demonstrates the Nominated Athlete(s) will be competitive at the Games and will perform to the level specified in clause 5.1(b). in that Beach Volleyball Event(s).

5.2 **Secondary Nomination Criteria:** Where a quota place has been qualified at the Games in accordance with the FIVB Qualification System, but where no athlete has met the overriding criteria in clause 5.1(b) and (c), then the Selectors may consider nominating an Athlete (or pair of Athletes) to a Beach Volleyball Event provided that the Selectors are satisfied overall that the Athlete (or pair of Athletes) has demonstrated they are capable of achieving an Olympic Diploma (top 8 placing) in a Beach Volleyball Event at the LA 2028 Olympic Games, provided they have a strong record of international competition of such quality and depth that the Selectors believe demonstrates the Nominated Athlete(s) will be competitive in the Beach Volleyball Event at the Games.

5.3 **Evidence:**

In determining whether or not the Athlete (pair of Athletes) satisfy the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria in clause 5.1 or the Secondary Nomination Criteria in clause 5.2 above, the Selectors shall have regard to the following in accordance with the following priority order:

(a) *Primary Pathway:*

(i) As a pair of Athletes, together have met the minimum eligibility criteria of the FIVB Olympic Qualification process for the Games, namely:

- competing in a minimum of 12 FIVB Events; AND
- of the 12 FIVB Events, a minimum of 6 FIVB Events are to be played outside the Oceania Zone.

AND

(ii) As a pair of Athletes, achieved a quota through the Olympic Ranking system, either by:

- winning the 2023 World Championships
- being placed 17<sup>th</sup> or better on the FIVB Olympic Rankings as at 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

Should more than two pairs of Athletes per gender achieve the Primary Pathway then the rank order of nomination will be as per the FIVB Olympic Rankings as at 9 June 2024.

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- (b) *Secondary Pathway*: In the event there are remaining quota places after the Primary Pathway has been applied then:
- (i) As a pair of Athletes, together have met the minimum eligibility criteria of the FIVB Olympic Qualification process for the Games, namely:
- competing in a minimum of 12 FIVB Events; AND
  - of the 12 FIVB Events, a minimum of 6 FIVB Events are to be played outside the Oceania Zone.

AND

- (ii) The results and performances as a Pair of Athletes at the FIVB Events during the Qualification Period.

AND

- (iii) The results and performance at any Trials held during the Qualification Period. To assist the Selectors in considering any nomination under this Nomination Criteria, the Selectors may in consultation with the CEO (or his/her authorised representative), in addition to the results in performances set out in clause 5.3(b) (ii) decide that a Trial(s) will be held. The Selectors may invite up to two pairs of Athletes) who have met the eligibility provisions under clauses 3.1 and 5.3(b)(i). The invitation will be determined from top two teams in accordance with the FIVB Team Olympic Ranking List, in the relevant gender. The nature and format of the Trial will be decided by the Selectors, at their discretion, in consultation with the CEO (or his/her authorised representative).

5.4 **Specific Nomination Factors**: When considering the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria above, the Selectors may also take into account any one or more of the following factors about a Team and its Athletes within the Qualification Period:

- (a) any other performances or results in competitions / events in addition to the Key Events;
- (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 obligations that accompany being a member of a New Zealand team when competing at the Games, including respect for Games Team members;
- (g) willingness to promote VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND in a positive manner;
- (h) demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results;

- (i) proven ability to be reliable; and
- (j) any other factor(s) the Selectors consider relevant.

## **6. Extenuating Circumstances**

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6.1 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In considering the nomination of Athletes in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, the Selectors may, in their sole discretion, give weight to any Extenuating Circumstances which may 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 Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.

6.2 **Athlete to Advise:** Athletes unable to compete at Key Events, Trials, or other attendances required under this Nomination Criteria, must advise the CEO 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 Key Event, Trial or other attendance. If the CEO is not notified of any Extenuating Circumstances in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, then the Selectors have no obligation to rely on such circumstances.

6.3 **Medical Certificate:** In the case of injury or illness, Athletes may be required by the CEO to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the CEO, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the Selectors. Any failure to agree to such a request may result in the Selectors being unable to consider the injury or illness as an Extenuating Circumstance.

6.4 **Case by Case:** In the case of any Extenuating Circumstance/s, the Selectors will make a decision on a case-by-case basis.

## **7. Nomination and Selection**

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7.1 **Nomination to NZOC:** VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND will nominate Athletes (“Nominated Athletes”) and any Reserve Athletes to the NZOC by the Nomination Date.

7.2 **Nomination with Conditions:** VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND may nominate an Athlete with any conditions, for example, conditions relating to recovery from injury or continuing to meet specified performance levels. If the conditions are not met to the satisfaction of the Selectors, they will not be eligible for selection, unless the NZOC decides to select the Nominated Athlete subject to those or other conditions.

7.3 **Selection by NZOC:** Selection to the Games Team by the NZOC will be made in accordance with the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

## 8. Appeal Procedure

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8.1 **Non-Nomination Appeals:** An Athlete may appeal to VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND against their non-nomination to the NZOC by the Selectors provided that the Athlete:

- (a) is on the VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND long list for the Games; and
- (b) meets the eligibility criteria under clause 3 of this Criteria.

8.2 **Procedures for Non-Nomination Appeals:** Any appeal under paragraph 8.1 must be made in accordance with the procedures set out in clause 13 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

8.3 **Procedures for Non-Selection Appeals:** If a Nominated Athlete is not selected by the NZOC, the Nominated Athlete may appeal the non-selection in accordance with the procedures set out in clause 14 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation, provided the Nominated Athlete:

- (a) is on the VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND long list for the Games; and
- (b) meets the eligibility criteria under clause 3 of this Criteria.

## 9. Inconsistencies

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9.1 **NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation:** In the event there is any inconsistency between this Nomination Criteria and the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation, the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation shall prevail.

9.2 **FIVB Qualification System:** If this Nomination Criteria imposes a higher qualification standard or a lesser number of participants than stated by the FIVB Qualification System, this shall not be regarded as an inconsistency.

## 10. Amendments to this Nomination Criteria

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10.1 **Prior to Nomination Date:** This Nomination Criteria may be amended or supplemented from time to time by the Board, before the Nomination Date, provided NZOC has approved the amendment/s and supplement/s.

10.2 **Notice:** The Board will give as much notice as possible of any amendment/s or supplement/s made under clause 10.1 to this Nomination Criteria, to persons it considers may be affected by any such amendment/s or supplement/s.

## 11. Definitions

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- 11.1 **Application Date** means the dates set out in clause 3.1(a) of this Criteria, by which Athletes must submit to NZOC a completed Athlete Application in accordance with clause 8.3 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.
- 11.2 **Athlete** means a person who wishes to be considered for nomination to the Games Team.
- 11.3 **Athlete Agreement** means the agreement that must be completed by any Athlete wishing to be considered for nomination and selection to the Games Team in accordance with clause 8.4 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.
- 11.4 **Athlete Application** means the form set by the NZOC that must be completed by any Athlete applying to be nominated and selected to the Games Team.
- 11.5 **Beach Volleyball Event** means a 24 men's and women's beach volleyball tournament in which athletes compete in pairs at the Games.
- 11.6 **Board** means the Board of VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND as constituted under the VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND constitution.
- 11.7 **CEO** means the Chief Executive Officer of VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND and includes his / her nominee.
- 11.8 **Extenuating Circumstances** means the inability to perform at an optimum level arising from one or more of the reasons set out in clause 6.1.
- 11.9 **FIVB** means FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE VOLLEYBALL.
- 11.10 **FIVB Events** means the following events sanctioned by FIVB during the Qualification Period:
- 2023 World Championships
  - FIVB Beach Pro Tour - Elite 16
  - FIVB Beach Pro Tour - Challenger and Futures events.
  - 2023 or 2024 Asian Championships
- 11.11 **FIVB Qualification System** means the FIVB Qualification System - Games of the XXXIII Olympiad - Paris 2024 and any updates or amendments.
- 11.12 **Games** means the Games of the XXXIII Olympiad to be held in Paris, France from 26 July to 11 August 2024.
- 11.13 **Games Team** means the New Zealand Team at the Games selected in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games.
- 11.14 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated to the NZOC for consideration of selection as part of a Team by VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND.
- 11.15 **Nomination Criteria** means the criteria made up of the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria and the Specific Nomination Factors, and is also referred to as "**this Criteria**".

- 11.16 **Nomination Date** means on or before Monday 24 June 2024 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND), by which VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 11.17 **NZOC** means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.
- 11.18 **NZOC Integrity Regulation** means the NZOC Integrity Regulation available at <http://www.olympic.org.nz/about-the-nzoc/governance-documents/>.
- 11.19 **NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation** means the regulation of NZOC relation to the nomination and selection Process for all Olympic and Commonwealth games, including the Games, available at <http://www.olympic.org.nz/about-the-nzoc/governance-documents/>.
- 11.20 **NZOC Selection Policy** means the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games, available at <https://www.olympic.org.nz/games/paris-2024/selection/>.
- 11.21 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 5.1.
- 11.22 **Qualification Period** means the period between 1 July 2022 – 9 June 2024.
- 11.23 **Reserve Athletes** means a travelling and/or non-travelling reserve, as designated by the Selectors and in accordance with the IF Qualification System and the Paris 2024 Sport Entry Manual.
- 11.24 **Specific Nomination Factors** means the factors listed in clause 5.4 which the Selectors may take into account when applying the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria.
- 11.25 **Selectors** means the selectors appointed by VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.
- 11.26 **Trial** means a race or competition pursuant to clause 5.3(b)(iii). on a date and at a venue determined by VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND and notified to Athletes invited to the Trial.
- 11.27 **VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND** means Volleyball New Zealand Incorporated.