

**PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES**  
**NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR CANOE SLALOM EVENTS**

**CANOE SLALOM NEW ZEALAND INC & NEW ZEALAND CANOE FEDERATION**

**1. Application of this Nomination Criteria**

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1.1 **Status:** This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Canoe Slalom New Zealand Inc (CSNZ) Board and ratified by the New Zealand Canoe Federation (NZCF) Board.

1.2 **Effect:** This Nomination Criteria shall take effect from 1 January 2023.

1.3 **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 Canoe Slalom Event; and
- (b) CSNZ and NZCF, including the Selectors, that wish to nominate Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection to the Games Team for the Games.

1.4 **Process:** Selection to the Games Team in a Canoe Slalom Event is a three-step process:

- (a) each Athlete must be eligible in accordance with clause 3 of this Nomination Criteria;
- (b) CSNZ nominates Athletes to the NZOC in accordance with this Nomination Criteria and the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation; and
- (c) the NZOC selects 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 shall be appointed by the CSNZ Board. The Selectors will select Athletes to be nominated to the NZOC by CSNZ Board to be considered for selection in the Games Team are:

Malcolm Gibb (Chair)  
Sandra Paterson  
Ian Mercer

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 CSNZ website.

### 3. Eligibility

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- 3.1 **Athlete Eligibility:** To be eligible to be nominated to the NZOC by CSNZ, 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, 24 November 2023, where the Athlete is a registered member of CSNZ; and
    - ii. in exceptional circumstances before 5.00pm, 26 January 2024 (or such extended date as agreed by the NZOC Board) where CSNZ 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 CSNZ; 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 CSNZ; and
  - (d) be a New Zealand citizen and has a New Zealand passport; and
  - (e) have demonstrated to the satisfaction of CSNZ 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, CSNZ or the NZOC into public disrepute; and
  - (g) not be under investigation for any breach of any part of the CSNZ and ICF’s anti-doping regulations, the Sports Anti-Doping Rules and/or the NZOC Integrity Regulation; and
  - (h) no later than 26 July 2023, (or such extended date as agreed by the NZOC Board) that the Athlete who is a registered member of CSNZ 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 Canoe Slalom Event in accordance with the ICF’s Canoe Slalom Qualification System – Games of The XXXIII Olympiad – Paris 2024 (“ICF Qualification System”). Qualification for a place in any Canoe Slalom Event by an Athlete does not guarantee that Athlete will be nominated or selected to compete in the Canoe Slalom Event 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 CSNZ Board shall nominate to NZOC for consideration of selection, those Athletes it considers meet the Nomination Criteria set out below.

3.4 **Reserve Athletes:** The CSNZ Board may nominate Reserve Athletes to the NZOC for any Canoe Slalom 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; then
- (b) the Secondary Nomination Criteria specified in clause 5.2; and
- (c) the evidence specified in clause 5.3; and
- (d) the Specific Nomination Factors specified in clause 5.4; and
- (e) the ranking specified in clause 5.5; and
- (f) 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 ask the GM to 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, Secondary 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 to a Canoe Slalom Event, the Selectors must be satisfied overall that the Athlete:

- (a) is competing in a Canoe Slalom Event where a quota place at the Games has been qualified in accordance with the ICF Qualification System; and

- (b) is capable of achieving a top 16 placing at the Games in the Canoe Slalom Event, with the potential to win an Olympic Diploma (top 8 placing); and
- (c) has a track record of sufficient quality and depth that the Selectors believe demonstrates the Nominated Athlete will be competitive at the Games and will perform to the level specified in clause 5.1(b) in that Canoe Slalom Event.

5.2 **Secondary Nomination Criteria for Canoe Slalom Events:** Where a quota place has been qualified at the Games in accordance with the ICF Qualification System, but where no athlete has met the Over-riding Nomination Criteria in clause 5.1(b) and (c), then the Selectors may consider nominating an Athlete to a Canoe Slalom Event provided that the Selectors are satisfied overall that the Athlete has demonstrated they are capable of achieving an Olympic Diploma (top 8 placing) in the Canoe Slalom Event at the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games, provided they have a strong record of international competition of such quality and depth that demonstrates the Nominated Athlete(s) will be competitive in the Canoe Slalom Event at the Games.

5.3 **Evidence:** In determining whether or not the Athlete satisfies the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria or Secondary Nomination Criteria for a Canoe Slalom Event in clauses 5.1 or 5.2 above, the Selectors will consider the Athlete's results and performances in the Canoe Slalom Event the Athlete seeks nomination for, subject to the ranking set out in clause 5.5, in the following events:

**Canoe and Kayak Key Events**

- 2023 ICF World Championship
- 2024 Oceania Continental Championships
- 2024 NZ Open
- ICF World Cups and ICF U23 World Championships during the Qualification Period. The expectation is that Athletes will compete in a minimum of four (4) ICF World Cups during the Qualification Period.

**Kayak Cross Key Events**

- 2023 ICF World Championship
- 2024 Oceania Continental Championships
- 2024 NZ Open time trial only
- 2024 ICF Kayak Cross Global Olympic Qualification Competition.

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

- (a) any other performances or results in competitions / events in addition to the Key Events;
- (b) the Athlete's ICF World Ranking in all Canoe Slalom Events at the completion of the 2024 Oceania Continental Championship;
- (c) adequate fitness and a commitment to maintain a fitness and training programme as agreed with the applicable coach(es);

- (d) demonstrated good behaviour, including a commitment to training and attendance at training camps;
- (e) demonstrated compatibility with others in a team environment;
- (f) demonstrated compliance with the rules of events and competitions;
- (g) understanding and respect for the obligations that accompany being a member of a New Zealand team when competing at the Games, including respect for team members and support staff;
- (h) willingness to promote CSNZ and NZCF in a positive manner;
- (i) demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results;
- (j) proven ability to be reliable; and
- (k) any other factor(s) the Selectors consider relevant.

5.5 **Ranking:** In determining whether or not to nominate an Athlete to the NZOC for selection to the Games Team, the Selectors must apply the following rankings in priority order:

#### **5.5.1 Kayak and Canoe Events**

- (a) an Athlete achieves a top three placing in Canoe or Kayak at the 2023 ICF World Championships; then
- (b) an Athlete achieves a top ten placing in Canoe or Kayak at the 2023 ICF World Championships and no other Athlete has achieved a top 20 of the semi finals and no other Athlete has achieved a finals placing in Kayak Cross at the 2023 ICF World Championship; then
- (c) an Athlete who has demonstrated at the Key Events set out in clause 5.3, he or she is capable of a top 16 placing in a Kayak or Canoe Event at the Games; then
- (d) an Athlete has demonstrated he or she meets the Secondary Nomination Criteria set out in clause 5.2.

#### **5.5.2 Kayak Cross Event**

- (a) The highest placed NZ Athlete who finishes in the top 3 of the 2024 ICF Kayak Cross Global Olympic Qualification Competition.
- (b) In the event of three Canoe Slalom Event quotas being qualified, the second Kayak Cross position will go to the highest ranked Nominated Athlete as per the final 2023 ICF Slalom World Ranking - Kayak Cross.

**5.6 Tied Athletes:** If as a result of applying the Ranking Criteria in clause 5.5.1 there are more Athletes at a particular priority level who meet the criteria than quota places available, nomination will be decided by the Selectors as follows:

(a) The Athlete who has the highest number of points\* in accordance with the following points attributed for each of the Key Events (excluding any ICF World Cups, U23 and Junior World Championships and the Kayak Cross Global Qualification Competition) during the Qualification Period:

- 1st NZ place: 30 points,
- 2nd NZ place: 27 points,
- 3rd NZ place: 25 points,
- 4th NZ place: 23 points,
- 5th NZ place: 22 points and so on.

\*Bonus Points: In addition, a bonus of 6 points will be awarded to the Athlete who qualified a Games quota place for New Zealand at the 2023 ICF World Championships, whether or not that quota place is ultimately accepted by the NZOC. A bonus of 4 points will also be awarded to the Athlete who places in the Top 3 of the 2023 ICF World Championships in a Kayak Cross Event. A bonus of 4 and 2 points will be awarded to Kayak and Canoe Events for Athletes who finish in the final and top 20, respectively, at the 2023 ICF World Championships provided those Athletes have not been awarded bonus points for qualifying a Games quota place. A bonus of 2 points will be awarded to Athletes in Kayak Cross Events who finish in the top 8, at the 2023 ICF World Championships provided those Athletes have not been awarded bonus points for placing in the Top 3.

(b) Athletes will be ranked on their best five point scores over the Key Events as per 5.6.(a), including bonus points.

(c) Where there is still a tie between Athletes, the Athlete who has secured the most wins against the other tied Athlete(s) across all six Key Events, will be nominated.

(d) Where there is still a tie between Athletes after 5.6.c, the top NZ Athlete at the 2024 Oceania Championships in Canoe Slalom, will be nominated.

**5.7 Permission to Start:** At the sole discretion of the NZOC, Nominated Athletes may, on CSNZ's request to the NZOC, if they are selected to the Games Team by the NZOC, request permission to start in another Canoe Slalom Event where competing in this Canoe Slalom Event will not have any detrimental effect on the Canoe Slalom Event they have already been selected for. In the event, all Canoe Slalom Events at the Games qualify a quota in a gender (three quota places) are nominated and subsequently selected to the Games Team by the NZOC, the additional Kayak Cross Canoe Slalom Event allocation will be determined by the Ranking points set out in clause 5.6.

## 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 GM 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 GM is not notified of any extenuating circumstances in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, then the GM has no obligation to rely on such circumstances.
- 6.3 **Medical Certificate:** In the case of injury or illness, Athletes may be required by the GM to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the GM, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the GM. 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:** CSNZ will nominate Athletes (“Nominated Athletes”) and any Reserve Athletes to the NZOC by the Nomination Date.
- 7.2 **Nomination with Conditions:** CSNZ 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 CSNZ against their non-nomination to the NZOC by CSNZ provided that the Athlete:
- (a) is on the CSNZ 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 criteria 8.1 of this Criteria 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 that the Nominated Athlete:
- (a) is on the CSNZ 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 **ICF Qualification System:** If this Nomination Criteria imposes a higher qualification standard or a lesser number of participants than stated by the ICF 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:** The Nomination Criteria may be amended or supplemented from time to time by the CSNZ Board under delegated authority from NZCF, before the Nomination Date, provided NZOC has approved the amendment/s and supplement/s.
- 10.2 **Notice:** The CSNZ Board will give as much notice as possible of any amendment/s or supplement/s made under clause 8.1 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), by which Athletes must submit 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 **Canoe Slalom Event** means an event in the Games in which an Athlete competes in the one of the following events:

Men's Events	Women's Events
Men's Kayak (MK1)	Women's Kayak (WK1)
Men's Canoe (MC1)	Women's Canoe (WC1)
Men's Kayak Cross (MX1)	Women's Kayak Cross (WX1)

- 11.6 **CSNZ** means Canoe Slalom New Zealand.
- 11.7 **CSNZ Board** means the Executive Committee of CSNZ as constituted under its Constitution.
- 11.8 **Games** means the 2024 Olympic Games to be held in Paris, France from 26 July – 11 August 2024.
- 11.9 **Games Team** means the New Zealand Team at the Games selected in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games.
- 11.10 **GM** means the General Manager of CSNZ and includes his/her nominee.
- 11.11 **ICF** means the International Canoe Federation of which NZCF is a member.
- 11.12 **Key Events** mean international, continental or national competition listed in clause 5.3.
- 11.13 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated to the NZOC by the CSNZ Board.
- 11.14 **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".
- 11.15 **Nomination Date** means on or before 18 June 2024 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and CSNZ), by which CSNZ must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 11.16 **NZCF** means the New Zealand Canoe Federation.
- 11.17 **NZCF Board** means the Board of the NZCF as constituted under the Constitution.
- 11.18 **NZOC** means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.

- 11.19 **NZOC Integrity Regulation** means the NZOC Integrity Regulation available at <http://www.olympic.org.nz/about-the-nzoc/governance-documents/>.
- 11.20 **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/>.
- 11.21 **NZOC Selection Policy** means the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games, and any updates or amendments to that policy, available at <https://www.olympic.org.nz/games/paris-2024/selection/>.
- 11.22 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 5.1.
- 11.23 **Qualification Period** means the period between 1 January 2023 to 11 June 2024.
- 11.24 **Reserve Athletes** means a travelling and/or non-travelling reserve, as designated by the Selectors and in accordance with the ICF Qualification System and the Paris 2024 Sport Entry Manual.
- 11.25 **Secondary Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 5.2.
- 11.26 **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.
- 11.27 **Selectors** means the selectors appointed by CSNZ in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.