

**GANGWON 2024 WINTER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES**  
**NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR CURLING EVENTS**

**NEW ZEALAND CURLING**

**1. Application of this Nomination Criteria**

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1.1 **Status:** This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Executive and shall take effect from 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022. This Nomination Criteria supersedes any previous correspondence, discussions and representations (whether written or oral) by NZCA 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 Curling Event; and
- (b) NZCA 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 Curling Event is a three-step process:

- (a) All Athletes must be eligible in accordance with clause 3 of this Nomination Criteria;
- (b) NZCA 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 the Executive. The Selectors who will consider nomination of the Team and its Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection in the Games Team are:

*Convenor of Selectors – Richard Morgan,  
National Coaching Co-ordinator – Peter Becker,  
National Junior Coach – Nelson Ede,  
YOGs Coach – Bridget Becker*

2.2 **Change of Selectors:** The Executive 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 NZCA website.

- 2.3 **Ratification:** The Convenor of Selectors will advise the Executive of the Nominated Athletes, which will be ratified by Executive prior to Nomination to NZOC for consideration of selection.

### 3. Eligibility

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- 3.1 **Athlete Eligibility:** To be eligible to be nominated to the NZOC by NZCA, 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, 3 April 2023; and
  - ii. in exceptional circumstances before 5.00pm, 17 July 2023 (or such extended date as agreed by the NZOC Board) where NZCA provides the NZOC with evidence that demonstrates that Athlete could not have been reasonably in contemplation on 3 April 2023; 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 NZCA or one of its affiliates; and
- (d) be a New Zealand citizen and has a New Zealand passport; and
- (e) be born between 1 January 2006 and 31 December 2009; and
- (f) have demonstrated to the satisfaction of NZCA 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
- (g) have acted in such a manner so as not to bring the Athlete, the sport, NZCA or the NZOC into public disrepute; and
- (h) not be under investigation for any breach of any part of the NZCA and WCF’s anti-doping regulations, the Sports Anti-Doping Rules and/or the NZOC Integrity Regulation; and
- (i) no later than 17 July 2023 (or such extended date as agreed by the NZOC Board) 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 Curling events in accordance with WCF’s Qualification System for Gangwon Winter Youth Olympic Games (“WCF Qualification System”) and/or WCF’s requirements for the Games. Qualification for a place in any Curling event(s) by a Team does not guarantee that Team will be nominated or selected to compete in the Curling 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 Curling 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; and
- (b) the Specific Nomination Factors specified in clause 5.2; and
- (c) 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 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, team composition 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.

4.6 **Permission to Start:** At the sole discretion of the NZOC, Nominated Athletes may, on NZCA's request to the NZOC, if they are selected to the Games Team by the NZOC, request permission to start in another Curling Event where competing in this Curling Event will not have any detrimental effect on the Curling Event they have already been selected for.

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

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5.1 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria:**

- (a) In determining whether or not to nominate an Athlete for a Team to the Curling Event(s), the Selectors must be satisfied overall that the Athletes who form the Team:

- i. have a track record of sufficient quality and depth that NZCA believes demonstrates the Team will perform with distinction at the Games;
- ii. are nationally competitive (it is expected that the NZCA will be nominating a Team that will be comprised of individually and collectively the best athletes available for selection in the applicable age group);
- iii. have competed at a recognised International Championship event for their sport finishing with a competitive result.

(b) Evidence: In determining whether or not the Team has met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for Curling Events in clause 5.1(a) above, the Selectors shall consider the Athletes and Team's performances and results in the Curling Event(s) at which they seek to be selected for the Games in the following Key Events during the Qualification Period:

- 2023 World Curling Junior Championships - Finland
- 2023 South Island or North Island Secondary Schools Curling Competitions
- 2023 New Zealand Secondary Schools Curling Competition
- 2023 New Zealand Junior Championships
- 2023 New Zealand Junior Mixed Doubles Championship
- 2023 New Zealand National (Men or Women's) Championship
- 2023 New Zealand Mixed Doubles Qualifier

*Note: An Athlete must compete in a minimum of two of the Key Events above based in New Zealand during the Qualification Period to be eligible for nomination.*

(c) Trials: In addition to the results and performances at Key Events, the Selectors shall consider the Athletes and Team's results and performance at any WCF Junior Training Camps or NZCA Trials held during the Qualification Period. The nature and format of any NZCA Trial will be decided by the Selectors, in their discretion, in consultation with the Executive or authorised representative.

5.2 **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 NZCA in a positive manner;
- (h) demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results;
- (i) proven ability to be reliable;
- (j) Technical ability - does their technique support consistent shot-making?;
- (k) Shot-making ability - are they translating their technique into shots made?;
- (l) Sweeping ability - technique, effort, and communication;
- (m) Knowledge of strategy - are they contributing to strategy or seeking to grow their strategy knowledge?;
- (n) Mental toughness – can they deal with disappointments and maintain a positive attitude through challenging moments?;
- (o) Resilience – do they have the drive. Can they turn disadvantages into competitive strengths?; and
- (p) Demonstrate commitment to improvement – this could include extra training, team activities, strategy study, off-ice physical training, etc.

## **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 Convenor of Selectors 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 Convenor of Selectors 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 Convenor of Selectors to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the Convenor of Selectors, 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:** NZCA will nominate Athletes (“Nominated Athletes”) and any Reserve Athletes to the NZOC by the Nomination Date.
- 7.2 **Nomination with Conditions:** NZCA 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 NZCA against their non-nomination to the NZOC by the Selectors provided that the Athlete:
- (a) is on the NZCA 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 NZCA 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 **WCF Qualification System:** If this Nomination Criteria imposes a higher qualification standard or a lesser number of participants than stated by the WCF 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 Executive, before the Nomination Date, provided NZOC has approved the amendment/s and supplement/s.
- 10.2 **Notice:** The NZCA Executive 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 **Executive** means the Executive of NZCA as constituted under the Constitution.
- 11.6 **Constitution** means the Constitution of the NZCA
- 11.7 **Curling Event** means either a Mixed Team or Mixed Doubles curling event at the Games in which an Athlete participates as part of a Team.

- 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 **Games** means the Winter Youth Olympic Games held in Gangwon, South Korea between 19<sup>th</sup> January and 1st February 2024.
- 11.10 **Games Team** means the New Zealand Team at the Games selected in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games.
- 11.11 **Key Events** means an international, continental or national competition listed in clause 5.2(b).
- 11.12 **NZCA** means New Zealand Curling Association Incorporated.
- 11.13 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated to the NZOC for consideration of selection as part of a Team by NZCA.
- 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 20 December 2023 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and NZCA by which NZCA must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 11.16 **NZOC** means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.
- 11.17 **NZOC Integrity Regulation** means the NZOC Integrity Regulation available at <http://www.olympic.org.nz/about-the-nzoc/governance-documents/>.
- 11.18 **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/>.
- 11.19 **NZOC Selection Policy** means the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games, available at <https://www.olympic.org.nz/assets/Gangwon-2024-WYOG-Selection-Policy-Amended-1-September-2022.pdf>.
- 11.20 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 5.1.
- 11.21 **Qualification Period** means the period between 1 January 2022 – 19 December 2023.
- 11.22 **Reserve Athletes** means a travelling and/or non-travelling reserve, as designated by the Selectors.
- 11.23 **Specific Nomination Factors** means the factors listed in clause 5.2 which the Selectors may take into account when applying the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria.
- 11.24 **Selectors** means the selectors appointed by NZCA in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.



- 11.25 **Team** means a team of either 4 (for Mixed Team) or 2 Athletes (for Mixed Doubles) (including substitutes) competing together in a Curling Event at the Games.
- 11.26 **Trial** means a race pursuant to clause 5.1(b)ii. on a date and at a venue determined by NZCA and notified to Athletes invited to the Trial.