

GANGWON 2024 WINTER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES
NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR BIATHLON EVENTS

BIATHLON NEW ZEALAND

1. Application of this Nomination Criteria

1.1 **Status:** This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Management Committee and shall take effect from 20 November 2022. This Nomination Criteria supersedes any previous correspondence, discussions and representations (whether written or oral) by Biathlon 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 Biathlon Event; and
- (b) Biathlon 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 Biathlon Event is a three step process:

- (a) each Athlete must be eligible in accordance with clause 3 of this Nomination Criteria;
- (b) Biathlon 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 Athletes to the Games Team in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy and the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

2. Selectors

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

- 1 - Tim David
- 2 - Jason Sklenar
- 3 - Grant Cagney

2.2 **Change of Selector:** The Management Committee 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 Biathlon New Zealand website.

3. Eligibility

3.1 **Athlete Eligibility:** To be eligible to be nominated to the NZOC by Biathlon 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, 3 April 2023; or
 - ii. in exceptional circumstances before 5.00pm, 17 July 2023 (or such extended date as agreed by the NZOC Board) where Biathlon New Zealand 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 Biathlon New Zealand 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 2007; and
- (f) have demonstrated to the satisfaction of Biathlon 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
- (g) have acted in such a manner so as not to bring the Athlete, the sport, Biathlon New Zealand or the NZOC into public disrepute; and
- (h) not be under investigation for any breach of any part of the Biathlon New Zealand and IBU’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 in a Biathlon Event(s) in accordance with the IBU’s Qualification System for Gangwon 2024 Winter Youth Olympic Games (“IBU Qualification System”) and/or IBU requirements for the Games. Qualification for a place in any Biathlon Event(s) by an Athlete (or group of Athletes) does not guarantee that Athlete

(or group of Athletes) will be nominated or selected to compete in the Biathlon 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 Biathlon Event.

4. Nomination Criteria

4.1 **Nomination Criteria:** In considering any Athlete for nomination to the NZOC, the Selectors shall consider:

- (a) the Overriding Nomination Criteria specified in clause 5.1(a); and
- (b) the evidential requirements specified in clause 5.1(b); and
- (c) the Specific Nomination Factors specified in clause 5.2; and
- (d) 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 **Permission to Start:** At the sole discretion of the NZOC, Nominated Athletes may, on Biathlon New Zealand's request to the NZOC, if they are selected to the Games Team by the NZOC, request permission to start in another Biathlon Event where competing in this Biathlon Event will not have any detrimental effect on the Biathlon Event they have already been selected for.

4.4 **Own Enquiries:** In considering the Specific Nomination Factors, the Selectors may make such enquiries of the Athlete, or other persons, as they see fit.

4.5 **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.

- 4.6 **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**

5.1 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria:**

- (a) In determining whether or not to nominate an Athlete (or group of Athletes) to an Biathlon Event, the Selectors must be satisfied overall that the Athlete (or group of Athletes):
- i. has or have a high national ranking (e.g. top 3) or has placed in the top 3 of the most recent National age group championships in the Event;
 - ii. has or have a track record of sufficient quality and depth that the Biathlon New Zealand believes demonstrates the Athlete (or group of Athletes) will perform with distinction at the Games;
 - iii. where applicable, whether the athlete has met the IBU's time, distance or other relevant qualification standard;
 - iv. has or have competed at a recognized international event for their sport finishing with a competitive result; and
 - v. has or have a programme developed and endorsed by the Biathlon New Zealand to prepare them for the Games, and whether they are progressing to the agreed plan.
- (b) In determining whether or not the Athlete satisfies the Overriding Nomination Criteria for Biathlon Events in clause 5.1(a) above, the Selectors shall have regard to any one or more of the following:
- i. *Results and Performances:* any one or more of the results and performances in the Biathlon Event at the following Key Events during the Qualification Period:
 - 2023 Biathlon Australia Victorian Championships (22/23 Jul 2023)
 - 2023 Biathlon Australia National Championships (12/13 Aug 2023)
 - 2023 New Zealand National Championships (9/10 Sep 2023)
 - IBU Junior Cup 1 - Pokljuka, Slovenia (5-11 Dec 2023)
 - IBU Junior Cup 2 - Ridnaun, Italy (12-18 Dec 2023)

- ii. *Trials*: In addition to the Key Events, 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 Chair (or his/her authorised representative), decide that a Trial(s) will be held. The Selectors may invite any Athlete they consider appropriate to participate in a Trial, as long as they are eligible under clause 3 of this Nomination Criteria. The Selectors' decision on the invited Athletes is final and cannot be appealed. The nature and format of any Trial will be decided by the Selectors, in their discretion, in consultation with the Chair or authorised representative.

5.2 **Specific Nomination Factors:** When considering the Overriding Nomination Criteria above, the Selectors may also take into account any one or more of the following factors about an Athlete 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 Biathlon 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

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 Chair 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 Chair 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 Chair to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the Chair, 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

7.1 **Nomination to NZOC:** Biathlon New Zealand will nominate Athletes (“Nominated Athletes”) and any Reserve Athletes to the NZOC by the Nomination Date.

7.2 **Nomination with Conditions:** Biathlon 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

8.1 **Non-Nomination Appeals:** An Athlete may appeal to Biathlon New Zealand against their non-nomination to the NZOC by the Biathlon New Zealand provided that the Athlete:

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

9. Inconsistencies

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

10. Amendments to this Nomination Criteria

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

10.2 **Notice:** The Management Committee 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

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 **Biathlon Events** means one of the following events at the Games in which an Athlete competes alone or together or with other Athletes:

Men's Events	Women's Events	Mixed Events
7.5km Sprint	6km Sprint	Mixed Relay (4x6km)
12.5km Individual	10km Individual	Single Mixed Relay 6km (W) + 7.5km(M)

11.6 **Biathlon New Zealand** means Biathlon New Zealand Incorporated.

11.7 **Chair** means the Chairman of Biathlon New Zealand and includes his / her nominee.

11.8 **Constitution** means the Constitution of Biathlon New Zealand.

11.9 **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.

11.10 **Games** means Winter Youth Olympic Games to be held in Gangwon, South Korea from 19 January to 1 February 2024.

11.11 **Games Team** means the New Zealand Team at the Games selected in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games.

11.12 **IBU** means International Biathlon Union.

11.13 **Key Events** means an international, continental or national competition listed in clause 5.2(b).

- 11.14 **Management Committee** means the Management Committee of Biathlon New Zealand as constituted under the Constitution.
- 11.15 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated by Biathlon New Zealand to the NZOC for consideration of selection to the Games Team.
- 11.16 **Nomination Criteria** means the criteria made up of the Overriding Nomination Criteria and the Specific Nomination Factors, and is also referred to as “**this Criteria**”.
- 11.17 **Nomination Date** means on or before 20 December 2023 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and Biathlon New Zealand), by which Biathlon New Zealand must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 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 in 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, available at <https://www.olympic.org.nz/games/gangwon-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 2022 and 19 December 2023.
- 11.24 **Reserve Athletes** means a traveling and/or non-travelling reserve, as designated by the Selectors and in accordance with the IBU Qualification System and the Gangwon 2024 Sport Entry Manual.
- 11.25 **Specific Nomination Factors** means the factors listed in clause 5.2 which the Selectors may take into account when applying the Overriding Nomination Criteria.
- 11.26 **Selectors** means the selectors appointed by Biathlon New Zealand in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.
- 11.27 **Trial** means a race pursuant to clause 5.1(b)ii. on a date and at a venue determined by Biathlon New Zealand and notified to Athletes invited to Trial.