

TRINBAGO 2023 COMMONWEALTH YOUTH GAMES
NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR SWIMMING EVENTS

SWIMMING NEW ZEALAND

1. Application of this Nomination Criteria

1.1 **Status:** This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board of Swimming New Zealand (SNZ) and shall take effect from 25 January 2023. This Nomination Criteria supersedes any previous correspondence, discussions and representations (whether written or oral) by SNZ 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 Swimming Event; and
- (b) SNZ, 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 Swimming Event is a three-step process:

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

- *Dr Brent Layton*
- *Phillip Rush*
- *Rebecca Dubber OLY*
- *Gary Francis*
- *Nick Tongue*

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 SNZ website.

3. Eligibility

- 3.1 **Athlete Eligibility:** To be eligible to be nominated to the NZOC by SNZ, an Athlete must:
- (a) have returned a completed Athlete Application to the NZOC, in the form prescribed by the NZOC no later than 5.00pm, 2 February 2023 (or such extended date as agreed by the NZOC Board) where SNZ provides the NZOC with evidence that demonstrates that Athlete could not have been reasonably in contemplation on 2 February 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 SNZ or one of its affiliates; and
 - (d) be a New Zealand citizen and has a New Zealand passport; and
 - (e) be born in 2006 to 2009 (aged 14 – 17) for women and born 2005 – 2008 (aged 15 – 18 years) for men or as otherwise specified by World Aquatics; and
 - (f) have not been selected by SNZ to the 2023 World Aquatics World Junior Championship;
 - (g) have demonstrated to the satisfaction of SNZ 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
 - (h) have acted in such a manner so as not to bring the Athlete, the sport, SNZ or the NZOC into public disrepute; and
 - (i) not be under investigation for any breach of any part of the SNZ and World Aquatics’s anti-doping regulations, the Sports Anti-Doping Rules and/or the NZOC Integrity Regulation; and
 - (j) no later than 2 February 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 **Quota Allocation:** The Games Team quota for NZOC has been determined by the Games Organising Committee and Swimming Events have been allocated a maximum of 10 Athlete quota places for New Zealand. Final Games Team size will be determined by the NZOC in accordance with the quota and invitations allocated by the Games Local Organising Committee.
- 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 Swimming Event.

4. **Nomination Criteria**

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

- (a) the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria and evidential requirements 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 any Nomination Event, 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 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 SNZ's request to the NZOC, if they are selected to the Games Team by the NZOC, request permission to start in another Swimming Event or Relay Swimming Event where competing in this Swimming Event or Relay Swimming Event will not have a detrimental effect on the Swimming Event they have already been selected for.

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

5.1 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria:**

- (a) **Criteria:** Any Athlete wishing to be nominated for the Games Team in a Swimming Event(s) must (in addition to the Other Factors set out in clause 4 of this Criteria) demonstrate to the Selector's satisfaction that Athlete eligible under clause 3.1:

- Has placed in the top 3 at the most recent National age group championships (in the age group and discipline that the Athlete is seeking nomination for); and
- Will perform with distinction at the Games.

(b) **Evidence for over-riding criteria:** In determining whether or not the Athlete satisfies the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for Swimming Events in clause 5.1(a) above, the Selectors shall have regard to: the results and performances in the Swimming Event(s) at the following Nomination Event:

- New Zealand Age Group Swimming Championships - April 2023

To be eligible for the SNZ Selection Panel to consider nominating an Athlete for consideration of selection by the NZOC, an Athlete must have achieved a time equal to or faster than the times detailed below in Table 1 at the Nomination Event listed above in this clause 5.2(b).

Table 1
Bronze SNZ National Athlete Programme Standards

Event	Age at 30 April 2023							
	FEMALE				MALE			
	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18
50m Free	00:27.14	00:26.88	00:26.51	00:26.37	00:24.42	00:23.90	00:23.49	00:23.36
100m Free	00:59.49	00:58.44	00:57.65	00:57.16	00:54.18	00:52.69	00:51.69	00:51.00
200m Free	02:08.12	02:06.76	02:05.07	02:03.88	01:59.19	01:55.81	01:53.32	01:52.14
400m Free	04:31.47	04:27.23	04:24.59	04:21.98	04:14.84	04:07.85	04:03.02	03:59.90
800m Free	09:16.24	09:11.48	09:06.05	09:02.28	08:52.15*	08:36.37*	08:26.77*	08:19.83*
1500m Free	17:51.35*	17:39.93*	17:30.05*	17:21.67*	16:48.49	16:21.24	15:59.95	15:49.85
100m Back	01:06.13	01:05.22	01:04.26	01:03.74	01:00.77	00:58.86	00:57.78	00:56.98
200m Back	02:22.02	02:20.47	02:18.80	02:17.72	02:12.71	02:08.77	02:06.26	02:04.57
100m Breast	01:14.68	01:13.17	01:12.17	01:11.47	01:07.62	01:05.46	01:04.18	01:03.30
200m Breast	02:41.34	02:37.99	02:35.86	02:34.35	02:26.77	02:22.30	02:20.03	02:17.75
100m Fly	01:04.31	01:03.31	01:02.31	01:01.70	00:58.04	00:56.49	00:55.41	00:54.91
200m Fly	02:24.20	02:21.39	02:18.24	02:16.91	02:10.43	02:06.94	02:05.34	02:02.83
200 IM	02:24.97	02:23.04	02:21.13	02:19.83	02:13.83	02:09.82	02:07.25	02:05.67
400 IM	05:12.06	05:06.27	05:00.18	04:57.23	04:47.72	04:39.53	04:34.21	04:30.59

**The 800m Free Men's and 1500m Free Women's Swimming Events are subject to confirmation on the sports programme at the Games by World Aquatics and the Commonwealth Games Federation.*

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 an Athlete within the Qualification Period:

- (b) any other performances or results in competitions / events in addition to Nomination Event, in particular, international competitions such as the Australian State Championships, Queensland Championships or Junior Pan Pacific Games;
- (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 Games Team members;
- (h) willingness to promote SNZ 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.

5.3 Ranking: If more Athletes meet the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria set out in clause 5 and are eligible under clauses 3.1 and 3.2 then the Selectors will, in their sole discretion, rank Athletes by using the times in Table 2 below (World Junior standards) and calculating the standard achieved as a percentage above or below the standard in Table 2, subject to the following:

- (a) New Zealand are permitted to enter a maximum of two athletes per Swimming Event at the Games; and
- (b) the Top 5 athletes per gender will be considered;
- (c) relay splits will not be considered for nomination for a Swimming Event.

Table 2
World Junior Standards

Male	Event	Female
23.01	50m Free	25.98
50.24	100m Free	56.31
01:50.48	200m Free	02:02.05
03:56.35	400m Free	04:18.10
08:12.45	800m Free	08:54.27
15:40.44	1500m Free	17:06.28

56.14	100m Back	01:02.80
02:02.73	200m Back	02:15.69
01:02.36	100m Breast	01:10.41
02:15.72	200m Breast	02:32.07
54.10	100m Fly	01:00.79
02:01.02	200m Fly	02:14.88
02:03.81	200 IM	02:17.77
04:26.59	400 IM	04:52.84

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 the Nomination Event, 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 Nomination Event 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

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

- 7.2 **Nomination with Conditions:** SNZ 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 SNZ against their non-nomination to the NZOC by the SNZ provided that the Athlete:
- (a) is on the SNZ 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 SNZ 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.

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 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

- 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 **Board** means the Board of SNZ as constituted under the Constitution.
- 11.6 **CEO** means the Chief Executive Officer of SNZ and includes his / her nominee.
- 11.7 **Constitution** means the Constitution of SNZ.
- 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 Commonwealth Youth Games to be held in Trinidad and Tobago from 4 – 11 August 2023.
- 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 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated by SNZ to the NZOC for consideration of selection to the Games Team.
- 11.12 **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**”.
- 11.13 **Nomination Date** means on or before 25 May 2023 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and SNZ), by which SNZ must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 11.14 **Nomination Event** means the key event listed in clause 5.1(b) of this Criteria.
- 11.15 **NZOC** means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.
- 11.16 **NZOC Integrity Regulation** means the NZOC Integrity Regulation available at <http://www.olympic.org.nz/about-the-nzoc/governance-documents/>.
- 11.17 **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/>.

- 11.18 **NZOC Selection Policy** means the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games, available at <https://www.olympic.org.nz/assets/Trinbago-2023-CYG-Selection-Policy.pdf>.
- 11.19 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 5.1.
- 11.20 **Qualification Period** means the period between 1 January 2022 and 23 May 2023.
- 11.21 **Relay Swimming Event** means the mixed Freestyle 4x100m, mixed Freestyle 4x200m and mixed Medley 4x400m relay events at the Games.
- 11.22 **Reserve Athletes** means a travelling and/or non-travelling reserve, as designated by the Selectors and in accordance with the Games Sport Entry Manual.
- 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 SNZ in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.
- 11.25 **Swimming Event(s)** means one of the individual swimming events set out in Table 1, clause 5.2(b).
- 11.26 **Swimming New Zealand** means Swimming New Zealand Incorporated.
- 11.27 **World Aquatics** means the international federation of water sports, formerly known as FINA.