

TOKYO 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES
NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR TENNIS EVENTS

Tennis New Zealand

1. Application of this Nomination Criteria

- 1.1 This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board of Tennis New Zealand.
- 1.2 This Nomination Criteria shall take effect from 17 February 2021, amended 19 May 2021 and supersedes the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Criteria for Tennis Events dated 21 July 2018.
- 1.3 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 Tennis Event; and
 - (b) Tennis New Zealand, including its Selectors, that wish to nominate Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection to the Games Team for the Games.

2. Selectors

- 2.1 **Composition:** The Selectors have been appointed by the Chief Executive. The Selectors who will consider nomination of Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection in the Games Team are:
- Christophe Lambert (Convener)
 - Matt Alexander
 - Alistair Hunt
 - Marina Erakovic

3. Nomination Procedure

- 3.1 **Conditions of Nomination:** The Selectors may only consider an Athlete for nomination if the Athlete has satisfied the following conditions of nomination:
- (a) 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 23 September 2020; or
 - ii. no later than 5.00pm 23 January 2021 (or such extended date agreed by the NZOC Board) in exceptional circumstances where Tennis New Zealand provides NZOC with evidence that demonstrates that the Athlete could not have been reasonably in contemplation before 23 September 2020; and

- (b) returned a completed Athlete Agreement to the NZOC, in the form prescribed by the NZOC prior to the Nomination Date; and
- (c) demonstrated to the satisfaction of Tennis New Zealand that they are not suffering any physical or mental impairment that would prevent them from competing in the Games to the highest possible standard; and
- (d) received an invitation by name from ITF to participate in the Games; and
- (e) be eligible to participate in the Games in accordance with ITF's Games eligibility requirements as set out in the ITF Qualification System for Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games ("ITF Qualification System"); and
- (f) acted in such a manner so as not to bring the Athlete, the sport, Tennis New Zealand or the NZOC into public disrepute; and
- (g) to Tennis New Zealand's knowledge has not used or administered any substance which, if it had been detected as being present in the Athlete's body tissue or fluids, would have constituted doping, or used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offence as defined in Tennis New Zealand's, ITF's or NZOC's Integrity Regulation; and
- (h) from 23 January 2021 (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 Tennis Event in accordance with ITF's Qualification System and/or ITF's requirements for the Games. Qualification for a place in any Tennis Event 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 Tennis Event at the Games.

3.3 **Nomination if Nomination Criteria Met:** Provided the requirements set out in clause 3.1 and 3.2 are met, the Selectors shall nominate to the NZOC on the Nomination Date those Athletes it considers meet the Nomination Criteria set out below.

4. Nomination Criteria

4.1 **Nomination Criteria:** The Tennis New Zealand Nomination Criteria for nomination to the Games Team is made up of two parts:

- (a) the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria specified in clause 4.2; and
- (b) the Specific Nomination Factors specified in clause 4.3.

4.2 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria:**

- (a) In determining whether or not to nominate an Athlete (or group of Athletes) to a Tennis, the Selectors must be satisfied overall that the Athlete (or group of Athletes):
- i. is or are capable of achieving a top 16 placing at the Games in the Tennis Event, with the potential to win an Olympic Diploma (top 8 placing); and
 - ii. has or have a track record of sufficient quality and depth that Tennis New Zealand believes demonstrates the Athlete (or group of Athletes) will be competitive at the Games and will perform creditably in the Tennis Event.
- (b) In determining whether or not the Athlete (or group of Athletes) has or have met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for Tennis Events in clause 4.2(a) above, the Selectors shall consider the Athlete's (or group of Athletes') performances and results in the Tennis Event(s) at which they seek to be selected for the Games in the following Key Events during the period 1 July 2019 to 13 June 2021:
- The 4 annual Grand Slam events, notably Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon, US Open
 - ATP/WTA Year-End Championships (involving top 8 singles players/top 8 doubles teams of the calendar year)
 - ATP/WTA Key ATP events: primarily ATP 500 series events/WTA premier series events, ATP 250 series events/WTA international series events

4.3 **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:

- (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 team members and support staff;
- (g) willingness to promote Tennis 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.
- 4.4 **Own Enquiries:** In considering any one or more of the above factors, the Selectors may make such enquiries of the Athlete, or other persons, as they see fit.
- 4.5 **Weight to be Given to Specific Nomination Factors:** The Selectors may give weight to any one or more of the Specific Nomination Factors and, if it does, to apply such weighting to one or more Athletes. No particular factor shall be weighted more or less significantly by reason only of the order in which that factor appears in this Nomination Criteria.
- 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 5 below.
- 4.7 **Nomination Procedure:** After consideration of this Nomination Criteria, the Selectors shall follow the procedure set out in clause 9 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

5. Extenuating Circumstances

- 5.1 **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.
- 5.2 **Athlete to Advise:** Athletes unable to compete at events, trials, or other attendances required under this Nomination Criteria, must advise the Chief Executive 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 Chief Executive is not notified of any extenuating circumstances in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, then the Selectors have no obligation to rely on such circumstances.
- 5.3 **Medical Certificate:** In the case of injury or illness, Athletes may be required by the Selectors to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the 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.

- 5.4 **Case by Case:** In the case of any extenuating circumstance/s, the Selectors will make a decision on a case-by-case basis.

6. Appeal Procedure

- 6.1 **Nomination Appeals:** An Athlete may appeal to Tennis New Zealand against their non-nomination to the NZOC by the Selectors provided that the Athlete has returned a completed:

- (a) Athlete Application to the NZOC by the Application Date; and
- (b) Athlete Agreement to the NZOC by the Nomination Date.

- 6.2 **Procedures for Nomination Appeals:** Any appeal under paragraph 6.1 must be made in accordance with the procedures set out in clause 13 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

7. Inconsistencies

- 7.1 **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.

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

8. Amendments to this Nomination Criteria

- 8.1 **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.

- 8.2 **Notice:** The 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.

9. Definitions

- 9.1 **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.

- 9.2 **Athlete** means a person who wishes to be considered for nomination to the Games Team.
- 9.3 **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.
- 9.4 **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.
- 9.5 **Board** means the Board of Tennis New Zealand as constituted under the Constitution.
- 9.6 **Chief Executive** means the Chief Executive Officer of Tennis New Zealand and includes his / her nominee.
- 9.7 **Constitution** means the Constitution of Tennis New Zealand.
- 9.8 **Games** means the 2020 Olympic Games to be held in Tokyo, Japan from 23 July – 8 August 2021.
- 9.9 **Games Team** means the New Zealand Team at the Games selected in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games.
- 9.10 **ITF** means the International Tennis Federation.
- 9.11 **Key Events** mean international, continental or national competition listed in clause 4.2(b) which is a major or pinnacle event for the sport or is at least the equivalent of a World Cup or World Championship, and have an equivalent field to that which is likely to occur at the Games.
- 9.12 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated to the NZOC by Tennis New Zealand.
- 9.13 **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”.
- 9.14 **Nomination Date** means on or before 17 June 2021, as agreed by the NZOC (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and Tennis New Zealand, by which Tennis New Zealand must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 9.15 **NZOC** means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.
- 9.16 **NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation** means the regulation of the NZOC relation to the nomination and selection process for all Olympic and Commonwealth games, including the Games.
- 9.17 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 4.24.2.

9.18 **Selectors** means the selectors appointed by Tennis New Zealand in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.

9.19 **Specific Nomination Factors** means the nomination factors set out in clause 4.3.

9.20 **Tennis Event** means one of the following events in the Games in which an Athlete competes either alone or in which Athletes compete together in a pair:

Men's Events	Women's Events	Mixed Events
Singles	Singles	Mixed Doubles
Doubles	Doubles	

9.21 **Tennis New Zealand** means Tennis New Zealand Incorporated.