

**PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES**  
**NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR FENCING EVENTS**

**FENCING NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED**

**1. Application of this Nomination Criteria**

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1.1 **Status:** This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board and shall take effect from 1 December 2022. This Nomination Criteria supersedes any previous correspondence, discussions and representations (whether written or oral) by Fencing 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 Fencing Event; and
- (b) Fencing 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 Fencing Event is a three step process:

- (a) each Athlete must be eligible in accordance with clause 3 of this Nomination Criteria;
- (b) Fencing 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**

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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:

- Kyle Macdonald
- Steve Martin
- Anya Kamynina
- Rachel Rowlands

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 Fencing New Zealand website.

### 3. Eligibility

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3.1 **Athlete Eligibility:** To be eligible to be nominated to the NZOC by Fencing 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, 26 July 2023, where an Athlete is not a regular member of Fencing New Zealand at this date; or
  - ii. no later than 5.00pm, 24 November 2023, where the Athlete is a regular member of Fencing New Zealand; and
  - ii. in exceptional circumstances before 5.00pm, 26 January 2024 (or such extended date as agreed by the NZOC Board) where Fencing New Zealand 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 Fencing New Zealand; 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 Fencing New Zealand or one of its affiliates; and
- (d) be a New Zealand citizen and has a New Zealand passport; and
- (e) have demonstrated to the satisfaction of Fencing 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
- (f) in relation to Individual Fencing Events, have received an invitation by name from FIE to the NZOC to compete at the Games;
- (g) have acted in such a manner so as not to bring the Athlete, the sport, Fencing New Zealand or the NZOC into public disrepute; and
- (h) not be under investigation for any breach of any part of the Fencing New Zealand and FIE’s anti-doping regulations, the Sports Anti-Doping Rules and/or the NZOC Integrity Regulation; and
- (i) no later than 26 July 2023, where the Athlete is not a regular member of the Fencing New Zealand or 26 January 2024 (or such extended date as agreed by the NZOC Board) where the Athlete is a regular member of the Fencing New Zealand 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 Fencing Event(s) in accordance with FIE’s Qualification System for Paris 2024 Olympic Games (“FIE Qualification System”) and/or

FIE requirements for the Games. Qualification for a place in any Fencing 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 Fencing 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 Fencing 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; or
  - (b) the Secondary Nomination Criteria specified in clause 5.2; and
  - (c) the evidential requirements specified in clause 5.3; and
  - (d) the Specific Nomination Factors specified in clause 5.4; and
  - (e) 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 Fencing New Zealand's request to the NZOC, if they are selected to the Games Team by the NZOC, request permission to start in another Fencing Event where competing in this Fencing Event will not have any detrimental effect on the Fencing 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, 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.
- 4.6 **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, 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 (or group of Athletes) to a Fencing Event, the Selectors must be satisfied overall that the Athlete (or group of Athletes):

- (a) is or are competing in a Fencing Event where a quota place at the Games has been qualified in accordance with the FIE Qualification System; and
- (b) is or are capable of achieving a top 16 placing in the Games in that Fencing Event, with the potential to win an Olympic Diploma (top 8 placing); and
- (c) has or have a track record of sufficient quality and depth that the Selectors believes demonstrates the nominated athlete(s) will be competitive at the Games and will perform to the level specified in clause 5.1(b). in that Fencing Event(s).

5.2 **Secondary Nomination Criteria:** Where a quota place has been qualified at the Games in accordance with the FIE Qualification System, but where no athlete has met the overriding criteria in clause 5.1(b) and (c), then the Selectors may consider nominating an Athlete (or group of Athletes) to a Fencing 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 an Fencing Event at the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games, provided they have a strong record of international competition of such quality and depth that the Selectors believes demonstrates the nominated athlete(s) will be competitive in the Fencing Event at the Games.

### 5.3 Evidence

- (a) In determining whether or not the Athlete (or group of Athletes) has or have met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for Fencing Events in clause 5.1 or the Secondary Nomination Criteria in clause 5.2 above, the Selectors shall consider the Athlete's performances and results in the Fencing Event at which they seek to be selected for the Games at any of the following Key Events in the Qualification Period:

**Mandatory Event** – An Athlete must participate at the following Key Event:

- 2024 FIE Continental/Zone Qualification Tournament\*

**Secondary Event** – An Athlete must participate in at least two of the following Key Events, noting a minimum of two events must be located outside of Oceania:

- FIE Grand Prix competitions
- FIE World Cup competitions
- FIE World Championship
- FIE Zone tournament (excluding the Mandatory Key Event).

- (b) **Minimum Performance Level for Consideration of the Nomination Standard** – To be considered for nomination by the Selectors for Individual Fencing Events in relation to both the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria in clause 5.1 and Secondary Nomination Criteria in clause 5.2, the Athlete must have first at a minimum:
- i. achieved a top 32 placing (in an Olympic Context where only three eligible athletes per country are considered) at a FIE World Cup, FIE Grand Prix or FIE World Championship competition during the Qualification Period in the Fencing Event they wished to be nominated for; and
  - ii. Be the top two placings at the Mandatory Key Event in the Fencing Event they wish to be nominated for, unless qualification is obtained through the FIE Individual Adjusted Ranking List or Zonal Ranking List pursuant to the FIE Qualification System.
- (c) **Nomination Standard** – If the Selectors are satisfied the Athlete has met the minimum requirements set out in 5.3(b), then in determining whether or not the Athlete satisfies the Over-riding Nomination Criteria in clause 5.1 or the Secondary Nomination Criteria in clause 5.2, the Selectors will then have regard to the results and performances at the Key Events during the Qualification Period.

5.4 **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:

- (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 program as agreed with the applicable coach(es);
- (c) demonstrated good behavior, 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 Fencing 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**

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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 or other attendances required under this Nomination Criteria, must advise the Secretary General 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 or other attendance. If the Secretary General 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 Secretary General to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the Secretary General, 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:** Fencing New Zealand will nominate Athletes (“Nominated Athletes”) and any Reserve Athletes to the NZOC by the Nomination Date.

7.2 **Nomination with Conditions:** Fencing 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

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

- (a) is on the Fencing 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 Fencing New Zealand 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 **FIE Qualification System:** If this Nomination Criteria imposes a higher qualification standard or a lesser number of participants than stated by the FIE 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 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

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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 **Board** means the Board of Fencing New Zealand as constituted under the Fencing New Zealand constitution.
- 11.6 **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.
- 11.7 **Fencing Event** means an Individual Fencing Event or a Team Fencing Event at the Games.
- 11.8 **Fencing New Zealand** means Fencing New Zealand (Incorporated).
- 11.9 **FIE** means the International Fencing Federation.
- 11.10 **Games** means the Games of the XXXIII Olympiad to be held in Paris, France from 26 July to 11 August 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 **Individual Fencing Event** means one of the following events in the Games in which an Athlete competes:

Men's Events	Women's Events
Foil	Foil
Epée	Epée
Sabre	Sabre

- 11.13 **Key Events** means an international competitions listed in clause 5.3.
- 11.14 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated by Fencing New Zealand to the NZOC for consideration of selection to the Games Team.
- 11.15 **Nomination Criteria** means the criteria made up of the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria, Secondary Nomination Criteria and the Specific Nomination Factors, and is also referred to as "**this Criteria**".



- 11.16 **Nomination Date** means on or before 15 May 2024 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and Fencing New Zealand), by which Fencing New Zealand must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 11.17 **NZOC** means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.
- 11.18 **NZOC Integrity Regulation** means the NZOC Integrity Regulation available at <http://www.olympic.org.nz/about-the-nzoc/governance-documents/>.
- 11.19 **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/>.
- 11.20 **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/>.
- 11.21 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 5.1.
- 11.22 **Qualification Period** means the period between 3 April 2023 to 30 April 2024.
- 11.23 **Reserve Athletes** means a travelling and/or non-travelling reserve, as designated by the Selectors and in accordance with the FIE Qualification System and the Paris 2024 Sport Entry Manual.
- 11.24 **Secondary Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 5.2.
- 11.25 **Secretary General** means Secretary General of Fencing New Zealand and includes his / her nominee.
- 11.26 **Selectors** means the selectors appointed by Fencing New Zealand in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.
- 11.27 **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.
- 11.28 **Team Fencing Event** means a team of three Athletes competing together in either a Team Foil, Team Epée or Team Sabre event.