

PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES
NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR ROWING EVENTS

The New Zealand Rowing Association (Rowing New Zealand)

1. Application of this Nomination Criteria

1.1 **Status:** This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board and shall take effect from 20 January 2023. This Nomination Criteria supersedes any previous correspondence, discussions and representations (whether written or oral) by Rowing 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 Rowing Event; and
- (b) Rowing 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 Rowing Event is a three step process:

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

Wayne Maher (Convenor)
Annabel Ritchie
John Storey
Gerald (Gerry) Dwyer

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 Rowing New Zealand website.

3. Eligibility

3.1 **Athlete Eligibility:** To be eligible to be nominated to the NZOC by Rowing 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 Rowing New Zealand at this date; or
 - ii. no later than 5.00pm, 24 November 2023, where the Athlete is a regular member of Rowing New Zealand; and
 - ii. in exceptional circumstances before 5.00pm, 26 January 2024 (or such extended date as agreed by the NZOC Board) where Rowing 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 Rowing 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 Rowing 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 Rowing 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) have acted in such a manner so as not to bring the Athlete, the sport, Rowing New Zealand or the NZOC into public disrepute; and
- (g) not be under investigation for any breach of any part of Rowing New Zealand’s and/or World Rowing’s anti-doping regulations, the Sports Anti-Doping Rules and/or the NZOC Integrity Regulation; and
- (h) no later than 26 July 2023, where the Athlete is not a regular member of Rowing New Zealand or 26 January 2024 (or such extended date as agreed by the NZOC Board) where the Athlete is a regular member of Rowing 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 Rowing Event(s) in accordance with World Rowing’s Qualification System for Paris 2024 Olympic Games (“WR Qualification System”) and/or World Rowing’s requirements for the Games. Qualification for a place in any Rowing Event(s) by an Athlete (or crew of Athletes) does not guarantee that Athlete (or

crew of Athletes) will be nominated or selected to compete in the Rowing 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 Rowing 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 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 Rowing New Zealand's request to the NZOC, if they are selected to the Games Team by the NZOC, request permission to start in another Rowing Event where competing in this Rowing Event will not have any detrimental effect on the Rowing 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 or 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, Secondary Nomination Criteria and Specific Nomination Factors

5.1 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria:** In determining whether or not to nominate an Athlete (or crew of Athletes) for a Rowing Event, the Selectors must be satisfied overall that the Athlete (or crew of Athletes):

- (a) would, if selected, be competing in a Rowing Event where a quota place at the Games has been qualified in accordance with the WR Qualification System; and
- (b) is or are capable of achieving a top 16 placing in the Games in that Rowing 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 as would demonstrate that the Nominated Athlete(s) will be competitive at the Games and will perform to the level specified in clause 5.1(b). in that Rowing Event(s).

5.2 **Secondary Nomination Criteria:** Where a quota place has been qualified at the Games in accordance with the WR 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 crew of Athletes) for a Rowing Event provided that the Selectors are satisfied overall that the Athlete(s) has demonstrated they are capable of achieving an Olympic Diploma (top 8 placing) in a Rowing Event at the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games, provided they have a strong record of international competition of such quality and depth as would demonstrate that the Nominated Athlete(s) will be competitive in the Rowing Event at the Games.

5.3 Evidence

(a) In determining whether or not the Athlete (or crew of Athletes) satisfies the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for Rowing Events in clause 5.1 or the Secondary Nomination Criteria for Rowing Events in clause 5.2, the Selectors shall have regard to:

- i. *Results and Performances:* any one or more of the results and performances in a Rowing Event at the following Key Events during the Qualification Period:

2023 World Rowing Under 23 Rowing Championships – Plovidiv BUL
2023 Elite World Rowing Championships – Belgrade SRB
2024 World Rowing Final Qualification Regatta – Lucerne, Switzerland
2024 World Cup Series (Varese, Lucerne)

- ii. 2024 Elite Selection Trial (“Trial”): in addition to results and performances in the Key Events, the results and performance at the Trial, held in accordance with the Rowing New Zealand High Performance Selection Guidelines.

5.4 **Specific Nomination Factors:** When considering the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria and the Secondary Nomination Criteria above, the Selectors may also take into account any one or more of the following factors which may be relevant to an Athlete:

- (a) Satisfaction of the requirements outlined in the Rowing New Zealand High Performance Selection Guidelines;
- (b) Performance in trialing and in any competition specified in the Rowing New Zealand High Performance Selection Guidelines;
- (c) Past and current results, performances and outcomes including:
 - i) ergometer results.
 - ii) national and international racing results.
 - iii) training performance including inter squad racing and testing.
 - iv) ability to maintain training loads.
 - v) making and maintenance of weight targets (lightweights and coxswains);
- (d) Technical proficiency, level of skill and fitness;
- (e) Any past, current or recurring injury or condition (physical or otherwise) which has may have the potential to inhibit an athlete or a crew's performance.;
- (f) Factors relevant to crew combination, including but not limited to crew compatibility, technical compatibility, crew balance and harmony (consideration of crew compatibility and crew balance and harmony is to be based on information gathered from appropriate sources such as a coach, athlete or team manager);
- (g) Factors relevant to team balance and harmony in training and touring situations (consideration of these factors is to be based on information gathered from appropriate sources such as a coach, athlete or team manager);
- (h) Adherence to Rowing New Zealand practices, procedures, programs (including the High Performance program and the Rowing Performance Centre program) and policies;
- (i) Adherence to contractual obligations (past and current) with Rowing New Zealand;
- (j) Findings from consultations with relevant coaches;
- (k) Findings from medical examinations or sport science analysis;
- (l) Potential for future development as an individual or as a combination;
- (m) Factors relevant to team objectives and/or the Olympic objectives of Rowing New Zealand including but not limited to racing outcomes, and the potential to meet, advance or impede those objectives.

- (n) Ability or willingness to train and compete within the Rowing New Zealand High Performance program at locations and competitions, both within New Zealand and overseas, as required or designated by Rowing New Zealand.
- (o) Findings from consultations with the Rowing New Zealand Performance Assessment Panel;
- (p) 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;
- (q) Willingness to promote Rowing New Zealand in a positive manner;
- (r) Demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results; and
- (s) 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 GM Performance 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 GM Performance 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 GM Performance to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the GM Performance, 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:** Rowing New Zealand will nominate Athletes (“Nominated Athletes”) and any Reserve Athletes to the NZOC by the Nomination Date.
- 7.2 **Nomination with Conditions:** Rowing 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 Rowing New Zealand against their non-nomination to the NZOC by Rowing New Zealand in accordance with the Rowing New Zealand Appeals Process for Athletes and Crews set out in Schedule 1 hereof, provided that the Athlete:
- (a) is on Rowing New Zealand’s 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 Rowing New Zealand’s 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 **WR Qualification System:** If this Nomination Criteria imposes a higher qualification standard or for a lesser number of participants than stated by the WR 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 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 Rowing New Zealand as constituted under Rowing New Zealand's 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 **Games** means the Games of the XXXIII Olympiad to be held in Paris, France from 26 July to 11 August 2024.

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

11.9 **GM Performance** means the GM Performance of Rowing New Zealand and includes his/her nominee.

11.10 **Key Events** means the international competitions listed in clause 5.3.

- 11.11 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated by Rowing New Zealand 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, Secondary Nomination Criteria and the Specific Nomination Factors, and is also referred to as “**this Criteria**”.
- 11.13 **Nomination Date** means on or before 20 June 2024 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and Rowing New Zealand), by which Rowing New Zealand must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 11.14 **NZOC** means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.
- 11.15 **NZOC Integrity Regulation** means the NZOC Integrity Regulation available at <http://www.olympic.org.nz/about-the-nzoc/governance-documents/>.
- 11.16 **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/>.
- 11.17 **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/>.
- 11.18 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 5.1.
- 11.19 **Qualification Period** means the period between 1 February 2023 to 20 June 2024.
- 11.20 **Reserve Athletes** means a travelling and/or non-travelling reserve, as designated by the Selectors and in accordance with the IF Qualification System and the Paris 2024 Sport Entry Manual.
- 11.21 **Rowing Event** means an event which is to be contested by an Athlete or crew of Athletes at the Games and as listed in the following table:

Men’s Events	Women’s Events
Single Sculls (M1X)	Single Sculls (W1X)
Pair (M2-)	Pair (W2-)
Double Sculls (M2X)	Double Sculls (W2X)
Four (M4-)	Four (W4-)
Quadruple Sculls (M4X)	Quadruple Sculls (4X)
Eight (M8+)	Eight (W8+)
Lightweight Double Sculls (LM2X)	Lightweight Double Sculls (LW2X)

- 11.22 **Rowing New Zealand** means the New Zealand Rowing Association Incorporated.
- 11.23 **Secondary Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 5.2.
- 11.24 **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 and the Secondary Nomination Criteria.

- 11.25 **Selectors** means the selectors appointed by Rowing New Zealand in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.
- 11.26 **Trial** means the trial set out in accordance with clause 5.3(a)ii.
- 11.27 **World Rowing** means the World Rowing Federation.

SCHEDULE 1

Rowing New Zealand Appeals Process for Athletes and Crews

1. Appeals

The Board, on the advice of the GM Performance or and Chief Executive, shall appoint a Selection Review and Appeals Commissioner to audit the selection process and to hear any appeals from Athletes against any decision of the Selectors.

2. Role of the Selection Review and Appeals Commissioner ("SRAC")

The SRAC shall:

- 2.1. To such extent as may be possible attend and observe the running of any Trial (s).
- 2.2. Be privy to discussions and decisions of the Selectors.
- 2.5. Hear and determine appeals by Athletes and/or Crews on selection process, the conduct of the trial (s).
- 2.6. Following the determination of any appeal make such recommendations as may be appropriate to the Board.

3. Appeals Process

- 3.1. An Athlete may lodge an appeal with the GM Performance at any time during the selection process and/or the Trial, but not later than twenty-four (24) hours after formal communication of the relevant selection decision.
- 3.2. The GM Performance will attempt to respond to the Athlete within one day (twenty-four (24) hours), but in any event not later than five (5) days (120 hours) of lodgement of the appeal.
- 3.3. The GM Performance will consult with the Selectors and any other person as may be deemed appropriate in order to properly respond to the Athlete.
- 3.4. In the event the GM Performance is unable to answer the concerns of the Athlete such that the Athlete wishes to maintain his or her appeal, then such appeal shall be referred to the SRAC.
- 3.5. In determining any such appeal the SRAC shall properly consider all such evidence as may be adduced from the Athlete, the Selectors and any other relevant party.

4. Grounds for Appeal

An appeal by an Athlete may only be made on one or more of the following grounds:

- 4.1. The applicable selection criteria have not properly been followed, applied and/or implemented; or
- 4.2. The person seeking selection was not afforded a reasonable opportunity to satisfy the applicable selection criteria; or
- 4.3. The selection process was affected by actual bias; or
- 4.4. There was no material on which the selection decision could reasonably be based.

5. Determination of Appeal

- 5.1. Upon determination of the appeal the SRAC shall communicate his or her decision together with an appropriate recommendation to both the Board and the Athlete.
- 5.2. The Board after due consideration of the findings and recommendation of the SRAC shall make a decision as to the course of action to be followed by Rowing NZ which shall be communicated to the Athlete at the earliest opportunity.
- 5.3. If at the conclusion of the above process the Athlete remains dissatisfied, the Athlete may file an application for appeal with the Sports Tribunal of New Zealand ("Sports Tribunal").

Thereafter the appeal shall be determined in accordance with the Rules of the Sports Tribunal (see www.sportstribunal.org.nz).

- 5.4. The decision of the Sports Tribunal shall be binding on the parties and, subject to any right of review and/or appeal as set out in the Rules of the Sports Tribunal, no party to the appeal may institute or maintain proceedings in any Court or other Tribunal.

6. NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation

- 6.1. For the sake of clarity the terms of this schedule are approved by the NZOC as a modified appeal process for Nomination Appeals as prescribed in Clause 13.3 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.