

NZOC Selection Panel Milano-Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games

Mike Kernaghan

Mr Mike Kernaghan represented New Zealand at Lawn Bowls until 2020 and is now Bowls NZ lead coach for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. He is a World Champion and Commonwealth Games medallist. He also played National League football in NZ from 1977 – 1987. As well as an accomplished sports person, Mr Kernaghan has had a long history in sports administration, being Deputy CEO of NZ Football and CEO of both Triathlon and Badminton New Zealand (2008-2010). Mr Kernaghan was also a Member of the NZOC Athletes' Commission from 1986 – 2010, Chair of the Commission from 2003 – 2010 (and as such a member of the NZOC Board).

Mike has been on the Selection Panel since 2013.



Annette Purvis

Annette has been involved in Sports Governance for over 15 years. As Athletics New Zealand Chairperson from 2007 to 2018 she led a transformation programme across governance, member engagement and High Performance. Annette has also held governance roles with IPC World Athletic Championships 2011, Christchurch School of Gymnastics and is currently a New Zealand Olympic Committee Board member and High Performance Sport New Zealand Board Member. She also holds Trustee roles with Nga Puna Wai Sports Hub, Christchurch's newest sporting hub and the Canterbury Development Sports Academy.

Currently Annette is a member of World Athletics Development Commission and Gender Leadership Taskforce. Formerly a member of World Athletics Womens' Committee for 8 years, Annette has been a champion for gender equity within World Athletics.



Annette is an experienced senior manager within the Insurance sector having lead large operational teams and projects. Her most recent work has seen her lead earthquake response and recovery strategies for IAG Insurance. Annette is a member of an Insurance sector group working with the Earthquake Commission to create an improved disaster response model for New Zealand.

Annette has been on the Selection Panel since 2020.

Tim Slyfield

Tim represented New Zealand in judo at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. He won a bronze medal in the 73-81kg division at the Manchester 2002 Commonwealth Games and won another bronze medal in the -100kg division at the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Tim also had the role of High Performance Manager for Judo New Zealand from 2007 – 2015.

Tim co-founded Alexander James in 2011 after a number of years in Senior Management Positions for some large recruitment businesses in New Zealand.

Tim was a member of the Olympians’ Commission from 2015 – 2021 and has been on the Selection Panel since October 2021.

