

NZOC Selection Panel for Paris 2024 Olympic Games

Simon Wickham

Simon has 32 years' experience in sports management and governance. I was an NZOC Board Member between 2005 – 2017 and High Performance Sport New Zealand Board Member between 2011 -2018. I am a former Chair of Gymnastics New Zealand, CEO of Yachting New Zealand and CEO of The Trusts Stadium and Arena. I have been a selector for the Don Oliver Youth Sports Foundation annual scholarship since 2012 and the Sport Waitakere Excellence Awards between 2012 – 2019. I have been on the Selection Panel since 2006 and a selector for all Olympic Games (Winter and Summer) and the Commonwealth Games, as well as the youth version of these Games during this time.

Simon has been on the Selection Panel since 2006



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 sportsperson, 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.



Dr Lesley Nicol

Dr Lesley Nicol (married name Rumball) is a specialist Sports and Exercise Physician, with a background in physiotherapy and elite sport.

While completing her degrees in Physiotherapy and Medicine, Lesley had a stellar career for the Silver Ferns. She played 110 tests, captained the team and won a Netball World Championships title in 2003. She was captain of the record-breaking Southern Sting which won the National Bank Cup seven times in a row. She was recently inducted into the NZ Sports Hall of Fame and is a recipient of the New Zealand Order of Merit.

Lesley has worked with top level teams including the Silver Ferns, Southern Sting and the Tactix. She worked at the Australian Institute of Sport prior to returning to Canterbury. She has been a Drug Free Sport NZ and NZOC Board member. As a member of the NZOC Athletes' Commission she was the athletes' representative on the Commonwealth Games Federation Board. Most recently she co-authored the February 2021 Independent Report on Gymnastics New Zealand.

Lesley has been on the Selection Panel since 2015.



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.