

LILLEHAMMER 2016 WINTER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES
NOMINATION CRITERIA

BIATHLON NEW ZEALAND

1. Application of this Nomination Criteria

- 1.1 This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board of **Biathlon New Zealand**.
- 1.2 This Nomination Criteria shall take effect from **27 February 2015**.
- 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; and
 - (b) Biathlon New Zealand, including its **Biathlon New Zealand** Selectors, that wish to nominate Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection to the Games Team for the Games.

2. BIATHLON NEW ZEALAND Selectors

- 2.1 **Composition:** The **Biathlon New Zealand** Selectors from **Biathlon New Zealand** shall be appointed by the Board. The **Biathlon New Zealand** Selectors who will consider nomination of Athletes to NZOC for consideration of selection in the Games Team are:
- Mary Lee;
 - John Burridge; and
 - Phil Thomson.

3. Nomination Procedure

- 3.1 **Conditions of Nomination:** The **Biathlon New Zealand** 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 Biathlon New Zealand prior to the Application Date, in the form prescribed by the NZOC; and
 - (b) returned a completed Athlete Agreement in the manner prescribed by the NZOC prior to the Nomination Date; and
 - (c) demonstrated to the satisfaction of **Biathlon 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) acted in such a manner so as not to bring the Athlete, the sport, **Biathlon New Zealand** or the NZOC into public disrepute; and
- (e) to **Biathlon 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 the **Biathlon New Zealand's**, the International Federation's (IF's) or NZOC's Anti-Doping Bylaw; and
- (f) meet the age eligibility requirements of the Games, namely that the Athlete must be born between 1 January 1998 and 31 December 1999; and
- (g) from **12 August 2015** has provided their name and contact address details to the NZOC for the purpose of out of competition drug testing by DFSNZ.

3.2 **Qualification:** New Zealand must qualify for places in an event(s) in accordance with the International Federation's Qualification System – 2nd Winter Youth Olympic Games – Lillehammer 2016 ("IF Qualification System") and/or IF requirements for the Games. Qualification for a place in any 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 event(s) 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 **Biathlon New Zealand** Selectors shall nominate those Athletes it considers meet the Nomination Criteria set out below.

4. **Nomination Criteria**

4.1 **Nomination Criteria:** The **Biathlon 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) Individual Events: In determining whether or not to nominate an Athlete to Individual Biathlon Events, the **Biathlon New Zealand** Selectors must be satisfied overall that the Nominated Athlete, will:

- have a high national ranking (e.g. top 3) or will have placed in the top 3 at the most recent National age group championships (in the age group and discipline that the athlete is seeking nomination for); and
- perform with distinction at the Games.

- (b) Relay Events: Selection for relays for the Games will be made from within the Athletes who are selected for the Games Team in the Individual Biathlon Events, if there are sufficient Athletes and provided permission to start is granted by the NZOC. The final composition of the Relay Event team will be determined by the coaching staff and team management at the Games in their sole discretion.
- (c) Evidence: In determining whether or not the Athlete (or group of Athletes) has or have met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for Individual Biathlon Events in clause 4.2(a), the **Biathlon New Zealand** Selectors shall consider the Athlete's performances and results in the Individual Biathlon Event(s) and at which they seek to be selected for the Games in the following Key Events during the period 1 February 2015 to 30 September 2015
- **IBU Youth World Championships**
 - **National Age Group Championships**

4.3 **Specific Nomination Factors**: When considering the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria above, the **Biathlon New Zealand** 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 **Biathlon New Zealand** in a positive manner;
- (h) demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results;
- (i) proven ability to be reliable;
- (j) any other factor(s) the **Biathlon New Zealand** Selectors consider relevant; and
- (k) Agreed availability for X-Country competition where qualified and requested by Snow Sports New Zealand.

- 4.4 **Own Enquiries:** In considering any one or more of the above factors, the **Biathlon New Zealand** 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 **Biathlon New Zealand** 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 Team, the **Biathlon New Zealand** 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 **Biathlon New Zealand** Selectors shall follow the procedure set out in clause 7 of the NZOC / **Biathlon New Zealand** Agreement.

5. Extenuating Circumstances

- 5.1 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In considering the nomination of Athletes in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, the **Biathlon New Zealand** 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 **Biathlon New Zealand** 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 **Biathlon New Zealand** 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 **Biathlon New Zealand** Selectors to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the **Biathlon New Zealand** Selectors, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the **Biathlon New Zealand** Selectors. Any failure to agree to such

a request may result in the **Biathlon New Zealand** 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 **Biathlon New Zealand** Selectors will make a decision on a case-by-case basis.

6. Appeal Procedure

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

- (a) Athlete Application to the **Biathlon New Zealand** by the Application Date (that has been certified by the **Biathlon New Zealand**); and
- (b) Athlete Agreement in the manner directed by the NZOC by the Nomination Date.

- 6.2 **Procedures for Nomination Appeals:** Any appeal under clause 6.1 of this Nomination Criteria must be made in accordance with the procedures set out in clause 11 of the NZOC / **Biathlon New Zealand** Agreement.

7. Inconsistencies

- 7.1 **NZOC / Biathlon New Zealand Agreement:** In the event there is any inconsistency between this Nomination Criteria and the NZOC / **Biathlon New Zealand** Agreement, the NZOC / **Biathlon New Zealand** Agreement shall prevail.

- 7.2 **IF Qualification System:** If this Nomination Criteria imposes a higher qualification standard or a lesser number of participants than stated by the IF 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 prior 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 of 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 1 August 2015, by which Athletes must submit a completed Athlete Application in accordance with clause 6.1(a) of the NZOC / **Biathlon New Zealand** Agreement.
- 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 6.1(b) of the NZOC / **Biathlon New Zealand** Agreement.
- 9.4 **Athlete Application** means the form that must be completed by any athlete applying to be nominated and selected to the Games Team and which is attached as Schedule A to the NZOC / **Biathlon New Zealand** Agreement.
- 9.5 **Biathlon New Zealand** means Biathlon New Zealand Incorporated.
- 9.6 **Biathlon New Zealand Selectors** means the selectors appointed by **Biathlon New Zealand** in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.
- 9.7 **Board** means the Board of **Biathlon New Zealand** as constituted under the Constitution.
- 9.8 **Chief Executive** means the Chief Executive Officer of **Biathlon New Zealand** and includes his / her nominee.
- 9.9 **Constitution** means the Constitution of **Biathlon New Zealand**.
- 9.10 **Games** means the 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games to be held in Lillehammer, Norway from 12 February 2016 to 21 February 2016.
- 9.11 **Games Team** means the New Zealand Winter Youth Olympic Team at the Games selected in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games.
- 9.12 **Individual Biathlon Event** means the Men's 7.5km Sprint, the Men's 10km Pursuit, the Women's 6km Sprint and the Women's 7.5km Pursuit.
- 9.13 **Key Events** means the key events listed in clause 4.2(c) being an international, continental or national competition which is a major or pinnacle event for the sport or are at least the equivalent of a Junior World Cup or Junior World Championship, and have an equivalent field of competitors to that which is likely to occur at the Games.
- 9.14 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated to the NZOC by **Biathlon New Zealand**.
- 9.15 **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".

- 9.16 **Nomination Date** means 15 September 2015 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and **Biathlon New Zealand**), by which **Biathlon New Zealand** must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 9.17 **NZOC** means New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.
- 9.18 **NZOC / Biathlon New Zealand Agreement** means the agreement entered between NZOC and **Biathlon New Zealand** for the Application, Nomination and Selection Process for the Games.
- 9.19 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 4.2.
- 9.20 **Relay Event** means the Mixed Relay and the Single Mixed Relay.
- 9.21 **Specific Nomination Factors** means the nomination factors set out in clause 4.3.

OTHER APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS (all located at www.olympic.org.nz)

- Agreement between NZOC and **Biathlon New Zealand** for the Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games;
- NZOC Selection Policy;
- Athlete Application Form; and
- Athlete Agreement.