

LILLEHAMMER 2016 WINTER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES
NOMINATION CRITERIA

NEW ZEALAND CURLING ASSOCIATION (NZCA)

1. Application of this Nomination Criteria

- 1.1 This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board of NZCA
- 1.2 This Nomination Criteria shall take effect from 20 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) NZCA, including its NZCA Selectors, that wish to nominate Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection to the Games Team for the Games.

2. NZCA Selectors

- 2.1 **Composition:** The NZCA Selectors from NZCA shall be appointed by the NZCA Executive Committee. The NZCA Selectors from NZCA who will consider nomination of Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection in the Games Team are:

D Carson, P Becker, E Matthews

3. Nomination Procedure

- 3.1 **Conditions of Nomination:** The NZCA 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 NZCA 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 NZCA 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, NZCA or the NZOC into public disrepute; and
 - (e) to NZCA'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 NZCA'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 2001; 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. 4.3(

3.3 **Nomination if Nomination Criteria Met:** Provided the requirements set out in clause 3.1 and 3.2 are met, the NZCA Selectors shall nominate those Athletes it considers meet the Nomination Criteria set out below.

4. Nomination Criteria

4.1 **Nomination Criteria:** The NZCA 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) Team Events: In determining whether or not to nominate a Team to compete in the Curling Mixed Fours event ("Team Event"), the NZCA Selectors are satisfied overall that the Team will perform with distinction at the Games.

(b) Evidence: In determining whether or not a Team has met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for the event listed in clause 4.2(a) above, the NZCA Selectors shall consider the team and each Athlete's performances and results in the following Key Events during the period 1 January 2015 to 1 August 2015:

- Pacific-Asia Junior Curling Championship;
- NZ Junior Training Camp; and
- NZCA Under 21 Championship.

4.3 **Specific Nomination Factors:** When considering the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria above, the NZCA Selectors may also take into account any one or more of the following factors about an Athlete (or Group of Athletes):

- (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 NZCA 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 NZCA Selectors consider relevant; and

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

5. **Extenuating Circumstances**

5.1 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In considering the nomination of Athletes in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, the NZCA 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 NZCA 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 NZCA 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 NZCA Selectors to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the NZCA Selectors, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the NZCA Selectors. Any failure to agree to such a request may result in the NZCA 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 NZCA Selectors will make a decision on a case-by-case basis.

6. **Appeal Procedure**

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

- (a) Athlete Application to the NZCA by the Application Date (that has been certified by the NZCA); 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 / NZCA Agreement.

7. Inconsistencies

- 7.1 **NZOC / NZCA Agreement:** In the event there is any inconsistency between this Nomination Criteria and the NZOC / NZCA Agreement, the NZOC / NZCA 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 27 July 2015, by which Athletes must submit a completed Athlete Application in accordance with clause 6.1(a) of the NZOC / NZCA 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 / NZCA 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 / NZCA Agreement.
- 9.5 **Board** means the Board of NZCA as constituted under the Constitution.
- 9.6 **Chief Executive** means the Chairman of NZCA and includes his / her nominee.
- 9.7 **Constitution** means the Constitution of NZCA.
- 9.8 **Games** means the 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games to be held in Lillehammer, Norway from 12 February 2016 to 21 February 2016.
- 9.9 **Games Team** means the New Zealand Winter Youth Olympic Team at the Games selected in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games.

- 9.10 **Key Events** means a n international or national competition or trial for the sport.
- 9.11 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated to the NZOC by NZCA.
- 9.12 **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”.
- 9.13 **Nomination Date** means 16 November 2015 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and NZCA), by which NZCA must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 9.14 **NZCA** means New Zealand Curling Association.
- 9.15 **NZCA Selectors** means the selectors appointed by NZCA in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.
- 9.16 **NZOC / NZCA Agreement** means the agreement entered between NZOC and NZCA for the Application, Nomination and Selection Process for the Games.
- 9.17 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 4.2.
- 9.18 **Specific Nomination Factors** means the nomination factors set out in clause 4.3.
- 9.19 **Team Event** means the mixed team Curling event at the Games in which a group of athletes (including reserves or substitutes) (“Team”) compete together in a game, race, heat or event.

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

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