

LAUSANNE 2020 WINTER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES
AMENDED NOMINATION CRITERIA

Snow Sports NZ Inc.

1. Application of this Nomination Criteria

- 1.1 This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board of Snow Sports NZ.
- 1.2 This Nomination Criteria shall take effect from August 20th 2018 and was amended on August 27th 2019 and November 8th 2019.
- 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 in a Snow Sports Event; and
 - (b) **Snow Sports NZ**, including its **Snow Sports NZ** Selectors that wish to nominate Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection to the Games Team for the Games.

2. SNOW SPORTS NZ Selectors

- 2.1 **Composition:** The **Snow Sports NZ** Selectors have been appointed by **the Board of Snow Sports NZ**. The **Snow Sports NZ** Selectors who will consider nomination of Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection in the Games Team are:
- (a) Jono Eaton
 - (b) Greg Knowles
 - (c) Rebecca Ewert

3. Nomination Procedure

- 3.1 **Conditions of Nomination:** The **Snow Sports NZ** 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 the NZOC, in the form prescribed by the NZOC by the following dates (“Application Date”):
 - i. no later than 5.00pm Friday 10 April 2019; or
 - ii. in exceptional circumstances where the Selectors provide NZOC with evidence that demonstrates the Athlete could not have been reasonably in contemplation before 10 July 2019 (or such extended date as agreed by the NZOC Board); 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 **Snow Sports NZ** 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, **Snow Sports NZ** or the NZOC into public disrepute; and
- (e) to **Snow Sports NZ'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 **Snow Sports NZ's**, FIS or NZOC's Anti-Doping Bylaw; and
- (f) from 10 July 2019 (or such an extended date as agreed by the NZOC Board) has provided their name and contact address details to the NZOC for the purpose of out of competition drug testing by DFSNZ; and
- (g) holds a NZ passport; and
- (h) is registered with FIS as a New Zealand competitor; and
- (i) meets the age eligibility requirements of the Games for the Snow Sports Event that all Athletes must be born between:

Alpine	Cross Country	Freeski	Snowboard
<i>Born between 1st January 2002 – 31st Dec 2003</i>	<i>Born between 1st January 2002 – 31st Dec 2004</i>	<i>Born between 1st January 2002 – 31st Dec 2004 (Halfpipe, big air and Slopestyle)</i>	<i>Born between 1st January 2002 – 31st Dec 2004 (Halfpipe, big air and Slopestyle)</i>
		<i>Born between 1st January 2002 – 31st Dec 2003 (Ski Cross and Team Ski-Snowboard Cross)</i>	<i>Born between 1st January 2002 – 31st Dec 2003 (Ski Cross and Team Ski-Snowboard Cross)</i>

3.2 **Qualification:** New Zealand must qualify for places in a Snow Sports Event in accordance with the FIS Qualification System – 2nd Winter Youth Olympic Games – Lausanne 2020 (“FIS Qualification System”) and/or FIS’

requirements for the Games. Qualification for a place in any Snow Sports Event by an Athlete does not guarantee that Athlete will be nominated or selected to compete in the Snow Sports Event 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 **Snow Sports NZ** Selectors shall nominate to the NZOC on the Nomination Date those Athletes it considers meet the Nomination Criteria set out below.

4. **Nomination Criteria**

- 4.1 **Nomination Criteria:** The **Snow Sports NZ** 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) Snow Sports Events: In determining whether or not to nominate an Athlete to a Snow Sports Event, the **Snow Sports NZ** Selectors must be satisfied overall that the Nominated Athlete:
 - has a high national ranking (e.g. top 3) or placed in the top 3 at the most recent National championships (in the age group and Snow Sports Event that the Athlete is seeking nomination for); and
 - has a track record of sufficient quality and depth that **Snow Sports NZ** Selectors believes demonstrates the Athlete will perform with distinction at the Games; and
 - has competed at a recognized international event for their sport finishing with a competitive result; and
 - has a programme developed and endorsed by Snow Sports NZ enabling them to prepare for the Games, and whether they are progressing to the agreed plan; and
 - has obtained sufficient Games FIS points in accordance with FIS eligibility requirements.
- (b) Evidence: In determining whether or not the Athlete has met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for Snow Sports Events in clause 4.2(a) above, the **Snow Sports NZ** Selectors shall consider the Athlete's performances and results in the Snow Sports Event(s) and at which they seek to be selected for the Games in the following Key Events during the period **1st July 2018 to 8th December 2019:**
 - i. Junior FIS World Championships

- ii. FIS competitions
- iii. Snow Sports NZ Junior nationals

4.3 **Specific Nomination Factors:** When considering the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria above, the **Snow Sports NZ** 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 **Snow Sports NZ** in a positive manner;
- (h) demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results;
- (i) proven ability to be reliable; and
- (j) any other factor(s) the **Snow Sports NZ** Selectors consider relevant.

4.4 **Ranking:** If there are more Athletes who meet the Over-riding Criteria set out in clause 4.1, than quota places available, nomination will be decided by the Selectors having regard to the following factors, in priority order:

- (a) FIS points and FIS rankings;
- (b) National Youth series points;
- (c) The Athlete's potential result at the Games;
- (d) The potential of an Athlete for the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games; and/or
- (e) Any other factors the Selectors consider relevant including but not limited to, the athlete's ability to contribute to the team.

4.5 **Own Enquiries:** In considering any one or more of the above factors, the Snow Sports NZ Selectors may make such enquiries of the Athlete, or other persons, as they see fit.

- 4.6 **Weight to be Given to Specific Nomination Factors:** The **Snow Sports NZ** 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.
- 4.7 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In any decision regarding the nomination of Athletes to the Team, the **Snow Sports NZ** Selectors may, in their sole discretion, take into account any extenuating circumstances in accordance with clause 5 below.
- 4.8 **Nomination Procedure:** After consideration of this Nomination Criteria, the **Snow Sports NZ** Selectors shall follow the procedure set out in clause 9 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

5. Extenuating Circumstances

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

6. Appeal Procedure

- 6.1 **Nomination Appeals:** An Athlete may appeal to Snow Sports NZ against their non-nomination to the NZOC by the **Snow Sports NZ** Selectors of Snow Sports NZ provided that the Athlete has returned a completed:
- (a) Athlete Application to the NZOC by the Application Date; and
 - (b) Athlete Agreement to 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 13 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

7. Inconsistencies

- 7.1 **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.
- 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 the dates set out in clause 3.1(a), by which Athletes must submit a completed Athlete Application in accordance with clause 8.3 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.
- 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 8.4 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

- 9.4 **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.
- 9.5 **Board** means the Board of **Snow Sports NZ** as constituted under the Constitution.
- 9.6 **Chief Executive** means the Chief Executive Officer of **Snow Sports NZ** and includes his / her nominee.
- 9.7 **Constitution** means the Constitution of **Snow Sports NZ**.
- 9.8 **FIS** means the International Ski Federation.
- 9.9 **Games** means the 2020 Winter Youth Olympic Games to be held in Lausanne, Switzerland from 9th January 2020 to 22 January 2020.
- 9.10 **Games Team** means the New Zealand Winter Youth Olympic Team at the Games selected in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games.
- 9.11 **Key Events** means an international, continental or national competition listed in clause 4.2(b) which is a major or pinnacle event for the sport or is 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.
- 9.12 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated to the NZOC by Snow Sports NZ.
- 9.13 **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”.
- 9.14 **Nomination Date** means 10 December 2019, as specified by the NZOC (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and **Snow Sports NZ**), by which **Snow Sports NZ** must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 9.15 **NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation** means the regulation of NZOC which sets out the application, nomination and selection process for all Olympic and Commonwealth Games, including the Games.
- 9.16 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 4.2.
- 9.17 **Snow Sports Event** means one of the following events in the Games, in which an Athlete competes:

Alpine	Cross Country	Freeski	Snowboard
Men and Women	Men and Women	Men and Women	Men and Women
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Slalom</i> • <i>Giant Slalom</i> • <i>Super G</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sprint</i> • <i>10km (boys), 5km (girls)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ski Cross</i> • <i>Ski Halfpipe</i> • <i>Ski Slopestyle /Ski Big Air</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Snowboard Cross</i> • <i>Snow Board Halfpipe</i>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Combined</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Cross Country Cross</i> 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Snowboard Slopestyle / Big Air</i>
Mixed Discipline Event <i>Alpine Team Relay (2 boys & 2 girls)</i>	Mixed Discipline Event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Nordic Team Event (mixed gender)</i> 	Mixed Discipline Event <i>Team Ski-Snowboard Cross (mixed gender)</i>	Mixed Discipline Event <i>Team Ski-Snowboard Cross (mixed gender)</i>

- 9.18 **Snow Sports NZ** means Snow Sports New Zealand Incorporated.
- 9.19 **Snow Sports NZ Selectors** means the selectors appointed by the Board of Snow Sports NZ.
- 9.20 **Specific Nomination Factors** means the nomination factors set out in clause 4.3.