

LILLEHAMMER 2016 WINTER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES
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 23rd 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) **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 from Snow Sports NZ shall be appointed by **the Board of Snow Sports NZ**. The **Snow Sports NZ** Selectors from Snow Sports NZ who will consider nomination of Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection in the Games Team are:
 - (a) Ashley Light
 - (b) Arthur Klap
 - (c) Greg Knowles

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 **Snow Sports NZ** 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 **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 12th August 2015 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 Individual Event that all Athletes must be born between:

Alpine	Cross Country	Freeski	Snowboard
1998 - 1999	1998 - 2000	1998 - 2000 <i>(Halfpipe and Slopestyle)</i> 1998 - 1999 <i>(Ski Cross and Team Ski-Snowboard Cross)</i>	1998 - 2000 <i>(Halfpipe and Slopestyle)</i> 1998 - 1999 <i>(Ski Cross and Team Ski-Snowboard Cross).</i>

3.2 **Qualification:** New Zealand must qualify for places in an event(s) in accordance with the FIS Qualification System – 2nd Winter Youth Olympic Games – Lillehammer 2016 (“IF Qualification System”) and/or FIS’ 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 **Snow Sports NZ** Selectors shall nominate 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) Individual Events: In determining whether or not to nominate an Athlete to an Individual Event the **Snow Sports NZ** Selectors must be satisfied overall that the Nominated Athlete or the Athletes collectively, (race, heat or event where more than one Athlete competes together),:
 - 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 discipline that the athlete is seeking nomination for); and
 - will perform with distinction at the Games; and
 - has obtained sufficient Games FIS points in accordance with FIS requirements.
- (b) Evidence: In determining whether or not the Athlete (or group of Athletes) has or have met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for Individual Events in clause 4.2(a) above, the **Snow Sports NZ** Selectors shall consider the Athlete's performances and results in the Event(s) and at which they seek to be selected for the Games in the following Key Events during the period **1st July 2014 to 10th January 2016:**
 - i. Alpine: Junior FIS World Championships, FIS competitions and Snow Sports NZ Nationals.
 - ii. Cross Country: Junior FIS World Championships, FIS competitions and Snow Sports NZ Nationals.
 - iii. Freeski: Junior FIS World Championships, Snow Sports NZ Junior nationals and FIS competitions.
 - iv. Snowboard: Junior FIS World Championships, Snow Sports NZ Junior nationals and FIS competitions.

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 (or group of Athletes):

- (a) National Youth series points;
- (b) FIS points and FIS rankings;
- (c) any other performances or results in competitions / events in addition to the Key Events;

- (d) adequate fitness and a commitment to maintain a fitness and training programme as agreed with the applicable coach(es);
- (e) demonstrated good behaviour, including a commitment to training and attendance at training camps;
- (f) demonstrated compatibility with others in a team environment;
- (g) demonstrated compliance with the rules of events and competitions;
- (h) 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;
- (i) willingness to promote Snow Sports NZ in a positive manner;
- (j) demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results;
- (k) proven ability to be reliable; and
- (l) any other factor(s) the **Snow Sports NZ** Selectors consider relevant.

4.4 **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.

4.5 **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.

4.6 **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.

4.7 **Nomination Procedure:** After consideration of this Nomination Criteria, the **Snow Sports NZ** Selectors shall follow the procedure set out in clause 7 of the NZOC / **Snow Sports NZ** Agreement.

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 **Snow Sports NZ** by the Application Date (that has been certified by the **Snow Sports NZ**); 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 / **Snow Sports NZ** Agreement.

7. Inconsistencies

- 7.1 **NZOC / Snow Sports NZ Agreement:** In the event there is any inconsistency between this Nomination Criteria and the NZOC / **Snow Sports NZ** Agreement, the NZOC / **Snow Sports NZ** 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 7 August 2015, as specified by NZOC, by which Athletes must submit a completed Athlete Application in accordance with clause 6.1(a) of the NZOC / **Snow Sports NZ** 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 / **Snow Sports NZ** 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 / **Snow Sports NZ** Agreement.
- 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 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games to be held in Lillehammer, Norway from 12 February 2016 to 21 February 2016.
- 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 **Individual Event** means one of the following events in the Games, in which an Athlete competes either alone or together in a game, race, heat or event (for example as a pair, crew, or relay team):

Alpine	Cross Country	Freeski	Snowboard
Boys and Girls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Slalom</i> • <i>Giant Slalom</i> • <i>Super G</i> • <i>Combined</i> 	Boys and Girls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sprint</i> • <i>10km (boys), 5km (girls)</i> • <i>Cross Country Cross</i> 	Boys and Girls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ski Cross</i> • <i>Ski Halfpipe</i> • <i>Ski Slopestyle</i> 	Boys and Girls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Snowboard Cross</i> • <i>Snow Board Halfpipe</i> • <i>Snowboard Slopestyle</i>
Mixed Discipline Event <i>Parallel 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>

- 9.12 **Key Events** means an international, continental or national competition which is a major or pinnacle event for the sport or are at least the equivalent of a World Cup or World Championship, and have an equivalent field of competitors to that which is likely to occur at the Games.
- 9.13 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated to the NZOC by Snow Sports NZ.
- 9.14 **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”.
- 9.15 **Nomination Date** means 11 January 2016, 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.
- 9.16 **Snow Sports NZ** in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.
- 9.17 **NZOC / Snow Sports NZ Agreement** means the agreement entered between NZOC and **Snow Sports NZ** for the Application, Nomination and Selection Process for the Games.
- 9.18 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 4.2.
- 9.19 **Snow Sports NZ** means Snow Sports New Zealand Incorporated.
- 9.20 **Snow Sports NZ Selectors** means the selectors appointed by the Board of Snow Sports NZ.
- 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 NSO for the Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games;
- NZOC Selection Policy;
- Athlete Application Form; and
- Athlete Agreement.