

2016 RIO OLYMPIC GAMES
AMENDED NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Volleyball New Zealand Inc

1. Application of this Nomination Criteria

- 1.1 This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board of **Volleyball New Zealand**. An amendment to the Nomination Criteria was approved on 19 June 2015 and on 3 February 2016.
- 1.2 This Nomination Criteria shall take effect from **1 January 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 in a Beach Volleyball Event; and
 - (b) **Volleyball New Zealand** including its **Volleyball New Zealand** Selectors, that wish to nominate Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection to the Games Team for the Games.

2. Volleyball New Zealand Selectors

- 2.1 **Composition:** The **Volleyball New Zealand** Selectors shall be appointed by the **Board of Volleyball New Zealand**. The **Volleyball New Zealand** Selectors who will consider nomination of Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection in the Games Team are:

Craig Seuseu	Tim Cleaver	Antony Joe	Darrell Boyd
Richard Casutt	Susana Vega	Fiona Scrimshaw	Lucy Todd

3. Nomination Procedure

- 3.1 **Conditions of Nomination:** The **Volleyball 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 **Volleyball 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 **Volleyball 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, **Volleyball New Zealand** or the NZOC into public disrepute; and
 - (e) to **Volleyball 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 **Volleyball New Zealand's**, the International Federation's (IF's) or NZOC's Anti-Doping Bylaw; and

- (f) meet the age eligibility requirements of a Beach Volleyball Event, being at least 14 years old on the first day of competition at the Games and born on or before 7 August 2002; and
 - (g) have participated in the required minimum number of events/tournaments set out in the International Federation's Qualification System – Games of the XXXI Olympiad – Rio 2016 ("IF Qualification System"); and
 - (h) from 5 February 2016 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 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 **Volleyball New Zealand** Selectors shall nominate those Athletes it considers meet the Nomination Criteria set out below.

4. Nomination Criteria

- 4.1 **Nomination Criteria:** The **Volleyball 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) In determining whether or not to nominate an Athlete (or group of Athletes) to a Beach Volleyball Event, the **Volleyball New Zealand** Selectors must be satisfied overall that:
 - i. the Athlete (or group of Athletes) is or are capable of achieving a top 16 placing at the Games in the Beach Volleyball Event, with the potential to win an Olympic Diploma (top 8 placing); and
 - ii. the Athlete (or group of Athletes) has or have a track record of sufficient quality and depth that **Volleyball New Zealand** believes demonstrates the Athlete (or group of Athletes) will be competitive at the Games and will perform credibly in the Beach Volleyball Event.
 - (b) Evidence: In determining whether or not the Athlete (or group of Athletes) has or have met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for a Beach Volleyball Event in clause 4.2(a) above, the **Volleyball New Zealand** Selectors shall consider the Athlete's (or group of Athletes') performances and results in the Beach Volleyball Event(s) at which they seek to be selected for the Games in the following Key Events during the period **1 January 2015 to 31 May 2016*** (*depending on final date of 2016 Asian Beach Tour*)

2015 Asian Beach Tour
2015-16 Continental Cup
2016 Asian BeachTour

2015 World Beach Tour
2016 NZ Beach Tour

4.3 **Specific Nomination Factors:** When considering the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria above, the **Volleyball 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) IF world ranking points;
- (c) adequate fitness and a commitment to maintain a fitness and training programme as agreed with the applicable coach(es);
- (d) demonstrated good behaviour, including a commitment to training and attendance at training camps;
- (e) demonstrated compatibility with others in a team environment;
- (f) demonstrated compliance with the rules of events and competitions;
- (g) 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;
- (h) willingness to promote **Volleyball New Zealand** in a positive manner;
- (i) demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results;
- (j) proven ability to be reliable; and
- (k) any other factor(s) the **Volleyball New Zealand** Selectors consider relevant.

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

5. Extenuating Circumstances

5.1 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In considering the nomination of Athletes in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, the **Volleyball 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 **Volleyball 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 **Volleyball 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 **Volleyball New Zealand** Selectors to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the **Volleyball New Zealand** Selectors, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the **Volleyball New Zealand** Selectors. Any failure to agree to such a request may result in the **Volleyball 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 **Volleyball 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 **Volleyball New Zealand** against their non-nomination to the NZOC by the **Volleyball New Zealand** Selectors provided that the Athlete has returned a completed:

- (a) Athlete Application to **Volleyball New Zealand** by the Application Date (that has been certified by **Volleyball 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 paragraph 6.1 must be made in accordance with the procedures set out in clause 11 of the NZOC / **Volleyball New Zealand** Agreement.

7. Inconsistencies

7.1 **NZOC / Volleyball New Zealand Agreement:** In the event there is any inconsistency between this Nomination Criteria and the NZOC / **Volleyball New Zealand** Agreement, the NZOC / **Volleyball 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 to 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 July 2015, by which Athletes must submit a completed Athlete Application in accordance with clause 6.1(a) of the NZOC / **Volleyball 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 / **Volleyball 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 / **Volleyball New Zealand** Agreement.
- 9.5 **Beach Volleyball Event** means an Men's Beach Volleyball or Women's Beach Volleyball event in the Games in which an Athlete competes as a pair.
- 9.6 **Board** means the Board of **Volleyball New Zealand** as constituted under the Constitution.
- 9.7 **Chief Executive** means the Chief Executive Officer of **Volleyball New Zealand** and includes his / her nominee.
- 9.8 **Constitution** means the Constitution of **Volleyball New Zealand**.
- 9.9 **Games** means the 2016 Olympic Games to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 5 August 2016 to 21 August 2016.
- 9.10 **Games Team** means the New Zealand Team at the Games selected in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games.
- 9.11 **IF** means the Federation Internationale de Volleyball.
- 9.12 **Key Events** means an event listed in clause 4.2(b) 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 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 **Volleyball New Zealand**

- 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 12 July 2016 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and **Volleyball New Zealand** by which **Volleyball New Zealand** must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 9.16 **NZOC** means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.
- 9.17 **NZOC / Volleyball New Zealand Agreement** means the agreement entered between NZOC and **Volleyball New Zealand** 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 **Specific Nomination Factors** means the nomination factors set out in clause 4.3.
- 9.20 **Volleyball New Zealand** means Volleyball New Zealand Incorporated.
- 9.21 **Volleyball New Zealand Selectors** means the selectors appointed by **Volleyball New Zealand** in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.

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

- Agreement between NZOC and Volleyball New Zealand for the 2016 Olympic Games;
- NZOC Selection Policy;
- Athlete Application Form; and