



# **Paralympics New Zealand Incorporated**

## **General Selection Regulation for PNZ Managed Sports**

**Commencement Date**

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### 1. Objectives of this Regulation

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- 1.1 The objectives of this Regulation are to clearly document and make available to all Athletes and Sports Organisations of PNZ Managed Sports the process and Selection Criteria to be used by PNZ in selecting Athletes for Major International Events.
- 1.2 For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Regulation shall apply to the process and criteria to be used by PNZ in selecting Athletes to attend the Paralympic Games.

### 2. Application of this Regulation

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- 2.1 This Regulation is issued by the Board under the Constitution.
- 2.2 This Regulation shall take effect from 1 January 2019
- 2.3 This Regulation applies to all Members of PNZ, the Board and Athletes wishing to be considered for selection to a Team to compete in a Major International Event.

### 3. Definitions

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<b>Affiliate Member</b>	means a Member of PNZ as defined in the Constitution.
<b>Announcement Date</b>	means the date that PNZ publicly announces the selection of a Team to attend a Major International Event, or any other date as determined by PNZ.
<b>Application Date</b>	means the date specified by PNZ by which any Athlete seeking selection to a Team must complete and return to PNZ an Athlete Application.
<b>Athlete</b>	means a person who wishes to be considered for selection to a Team under this Regulation.
<b>Athlete Agreement</b>	means the agreement that must be completed by any Athlete who has not already signed a HP Athlete Agreement and who has been selected to a Team and which is attached to this Regulation as <b>Schedule 2</b> .

<b>Athlete Application</b>	means the form that must be completed by any Athlete applying to be selected to a Team and which is attached to this Regulation as <b>Schedule 1</b> .
<b>Board</b>	means the Board of PNZ as constituted under the Constitution.
<b>Board Members</b>	means the members of the Board of PNZ as defined in the Constitution.
<b>CAS</b>	means the Court of Arbitration for Sport.
<b>Chief Executive</b>	means the Chief Executive Officer of PNZ and includes his/her nominee.
<b>Commencement Date</b>	means the date this Regulation came into force, as set out in clause 2.2.
<b>Constitution</b>	means the Constitution of PNZ.
<b>Cycling</b>	means the sport of cycling and includes the disciplines of mountain (off-road) biking, road and track cycling, and BMX.
<b>DFSNZ</b>	means Drug Free Sport New Zealand.
<b>General Selection Criteria</b>	means the general selection criteria set out in clause 8.4.
<b>HP Athlete Agreement</b>	means the PNZ High Performance Agreement between PNZ and an athlete that must be agreed by any athlete who is a member of the PNZ high performance programme.
<b>IF</b>	means an International Sports Federation.
<b>IPC</b>	means the International Paralympic Committee.
<b>Major International Event</b>	means any of the events listed in <b>Schedule 4</b> .
<b>Member</b>	means a member of PNZ as specified in the Constitution.

<b>NSO</b>	means a National Sports Organisation.
<b>Panel</b>	means the PNZ selection panel constituted in accordance with clause 4.1.
<b>PNZ</b>	means Paralympics New Zealand Incorporated.
<b>PNZ Code of Conduct</b>	means any code of conduct issued by the Board.
<b>PNZ Managed Sport</b>	means a sport that is both PNZ managed and invested including but not limited to Para athletics, Para cycling, Shooting Para sport and Para swimming.
<b>PNZ Selector</b>	means a selector on the Panel appointed in accordance with clause 4.
<b>Principal Member</b>	means a Member of PNZ as defined in the Constitution.
<b>Selection Appeal</b>	means an appeal by an Athlete against their non-selection brought in accordance with clause 11.
<b>Selection Criteria</b>	means the Specific Criteria and General Selection Criteria set out in clause 8.
<b>Selected Athlete</b>	means an Athlete selected by the Panel in accordance with clause 8.
<b>Specific Criteria</b>	means the specific criteria set out in clause 8.2.
<b>Sports Organisation</b>	means any NSO of a PNZ Managed Sport that is a Member of PNZ.
<b>Sports Tribunal</b>	means the Sports Tribunal of New Zealand established under the Sports Anti-Doping Act 2006.
<b>Team</b>	means a New Zealand Team selected in accordance with this Regulation to compete in a Major International Event and excludes any Athletes selected as reserves.
<b>WADA</b>	means the World Anti-Doping Agency.

Unless specified otherwise, any other terms used in this Regulation shall have the meanings set out in the Constitution.

#### 4. **Selection Panel**

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- 4.1 **Sub-Committee:** In accordance with the Constitution and this Regulation, the Board shall appoint, as necessary, a sub-committee to be known as the PNZ Selection Panel ("Panel") to select Athletes to Teams.
- 4.2 **Composition:** The Panel shall comprise of three PNZ Selectors who meet the criteria for appointment specified in clause 4.4 (Criteria for Appointment).
- 4.3 **Application Process:** Any person seeking to be a PNZ Selector must make a written application to the Chief Executive. All applications must be submitted by the date specified by the Chief Executive, unless otherwise agreed with the Chief Executive. The Board and/or the Chief Executive may invite any person to make an application to be a PNZ Selector. Board Members may apply to be appointed as a PNZ Selector but if they do so, they must remove themselves from any part in the deliberations or appointment of the Panel by the Board and any matters where clause 4.8 (Conflicts of Interest) applies. Once the applications have been received by the Chief Executive, he/she will make recommendations to the Board of the persons (if any) he/she considers suitable for appointment as PNZ Selector(s). The Board may call for further applications if it so wishes. The Board shall determine from amongst the applications (including any recommendations from the Chief Executive) which persons to appoint as PNZ Selectors and shall notify the successful applicants of their appointments.
- 4.4 **Criteria for Appointment:** In considering the applications for appointment as a PNZ Selector, the Board shall appoint based on merit and in doing so shall take into account the following factors about the applicant:
- a. their prior experience as a selector;
  - b. their knowledge of, and experience in high performance sport;
  - c. their occupational skills, abilities, and experience; and
  - d. their knowledge of, and experience in, sport generally.
- 4.5 **Chairperson:** A chairperson of the Panel shall be appointed by the Board from amongst the three PNZ Selectors appointed to the Panel.
- 4.6 **Quorum:** The quorum for all meetings of the Panel (including meetings held by teleconference) is three PNZ Selectors.

4.7 **Term of office:** All PNZ Selectors will be appointed for a period of one year or such other period as determined by the Board. If a PNZ Selector resigns during their term of office, the Board shall appoint a replacement person for the balance of the term on the recommendation of the Chief Executive.

4.8 **Conflicts of Interest:** If any PNZ Selector has, or considers, they may have, a conflict of interest in considering the selection or otherwise of an Athlete(s) to a Team he or she must declare such a conflict, or potential conflict, immediately to the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive shall decide whether the PNZ Selector is able to deliberate and/or vote on the selection or otherwise of that Athlete(s) and/or, if the nature and extent of the conflict is such that the PNZ Selector should be removed from the Panel, to recommend such removal to the Board under clause 4.9 (Removal).

4.9 **Removal:** The Board may remove any one or more of the PNZ Selectors (either permanently or for such period as the Board considers appropriate), if the Board considers, in its sole discretion, that:

- a. the PNZ Selector has a conflict of interest which cannot be resolved to the Board's satisfaction;
- b. there are circumstances which may give rise to a question of bias in the selection process;
- c. the PNZ Selector has breached any PNZ Code of Conduct and/or any PNZ regulation; or
- d. the PNZ Selector has brought PNZ (including any employee, official or Member) into disrepute.

Before removing any PNZ Selector from the Panel, the Board must notify the PNZ Selector of its proposal to remove him/her and give the PNZ Selector an opportunity to make submissions on the proposed removal.

4.10 **Replacement Member:** If the circumstances in clause 4.9 (Removal) occur, the Board shall appoint a replacement PNZ Selector for the balance of the term on the recommendation of the Chief Executive.

4.11 **Role and Responsibilities:** The role of the Panel is to select from amongst the Athletes eligible under clause 6 (Eligibility for Selection) those Athletes it considers should be selected to a Team. The responsibilities of the Panel are to:

- a. agree in writing to adhere to this Regulation and any other rules, regulations or reasonable directions of the Board;

- b. select the Athletes who it considers should be selected to a Team in accordance with the applicable Selection Criteria and in accordance with this Regulation;
- c. follow the procedure set out in this Regulation;
- d. keep all deliberations and discussions regarding selection matters confidential to the Panel, unless authorised by the Board to disclose matters in accordance with this Regulation;
- e. support and promote the Selection Criteria and processes for selection as set out in this Regulation; and
- f. be positive advocates for PNZ and all of its activities.

**4.12 Procedures:**

- a. The Panel shall meet as and when required and on request by the chairperson of the Panel, or the Chief Executive.
- b. The chairperson of the Panel shall ensure that minutes are taken of all meetings of the Panel (including all meetings held by teleconference or other electronic means). All minutes are to be kept confidential to the Panel, the Chief Executive, and the Board, unless otherwise determined by the Chief Executive.
- c. The chairperson of the Panel shall also ensure that there is a record of all documents relied on by PNZ Selectors and all other communications regarding the selection and non-selection of Athletes to a Team. All such documentation and communications are to be kept confidential to the Panel, the Chief Executive, and the Board, unless otherwise determined by the Chief Executive.
- d. The Panel shall use its best efforts to achieve its decision by consensus however, if any decision is not unanimous, the decision of the majority of PNZ Selectors will be sufficient.
- e. All public comments regarding the selection or non-selection of any Athletes to a Team will be made by the Chief Executive as determined by the Chief Executive, and no other person, on behalf of PNZ. For avoidance of doubt, this clause does not prevent any PNZ Selector publicly discussing the selection processes generally or the content of this Regulation, provided that such comments are consistent with and supportive of this Regulation, and have prior written approval by the Chief Executive.

- f. All discussions between a PNZ Selector(s) and an Athlete(s) regarding the selection or non-selection of an Athlete(s) to a Team prior to or after the selection or non-selection shall only occur with the prior written approval of the Chief Executive.
- 4.13 **Expenses:** The Chief Executive may, in his/her sole discretion, reimburse PNZ Selectors for their actual and reasonable expenses incurred in the conduct of their responsibilities.

## **5. Application and Selection Process**

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- 5.1 **Application and Selection Process:** The process for application for and selection of a Team shall be as follows:
- a. **Application:** the completion and return to PNZ of an Athlete Application and Athlete Agreement in accordance with clause 6 (Eligibility for Selection); and
  - b. **Selection:** the selection of Athletes in accordance with clause 7 (Selection Procedure) and clause 8 (Selection Criteria).

## **6. Eligibility for Selection**

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- 6.1 **Eligibility:** To be eligible for selection to a Team an Athlete seeking selection must:
- a. be a current member of a Principal Member or Affiliate Member of PNZ;
  - b. be a New Zealand citizen;
  - c. have met all the eligibility requirements of the IPC and any other applicable IF requirements for participation in the relevant Major International Event;
  - d. fully complete and return to PNZ, prior to the Application Date, an Athlete Application in the form **attached** as **Schedule 1** to this Regulation;
  - e. have **either**:
    - i. signed a HP Athlete Agreement, prior to the Application Date; **or**
    - ii. agree to, if selected, fully complete and return to PNZ prior to a date determined by PNZ, the Athlete Agreement **attached** as **Schedule 2** to this Regulation;
  - f. sign, observe, comply and abide by the rules and regulations outlined in the IPC Eligibility Code (extract **attached** in **Schedule 3**) distributed to the Athletes by PNZ;



- g. meet the IPC sport-specific classification and have a designated IPC classification status (set out on the IPC website – [www.paralympic.org](http://www.paralympic.org));
- h. have not breached any rules, regulations or policies of the Sports Organisation, PNZ, the IF, the IPC or WADA;
- i. not currently be under disqualification or suspension under the rules, regulations or policies of the Sports Organisation, PNZ, the IF, the IPC or WADA;
- j. have demonstrated to the satisfaction of PNZ that the Athlete is not suffering any physical or mental health impairment that would prevent them from completing in the Major International Event to the highest possible standard;
- k. have acted in such a manner so as not to bring the Athlete, the particular sport, the Sports Organisation or PNZ into public disrepute;
- l. not be in breach of (or under investigation for) any anti-doping offence as defined in the anti-doping rules, regulations and/or policies of the relevant Sports Organisation or IF, PNZ, IPC, or WADA;
- m. from the date specified by PNZ have had their name, contact address details registered with DFSNZ for the purposes of out-of-competition drug testing;
- n. have agreed to be available for drug testing by DFSNZ and/or any other recognised drug testing authority; to comply with the Sports Anti-Doping Rules issued by DFSNZ and adopted by PNZ; to register with WADA for out-of-competition drug testing; and to provide accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code; and
- o. have demonstrated to the satisfaction of PNZ that they will maintain the designated level of fitness and standard of competitiveness as set out in the Athlete Agreement.

Sub-clause 6.1l of this clause shall not apply to any anti-doping offence for which the Athlete has been sanctioned where such sanction has been satisfied in full.

- 6.2 **Failure to comply:** Failure to comply with, or maintain compliance with, any part of clause 6.1 (Eligibility) may result in the Athlete not being eligible for consideration for selection, or, if selected, being removed from a Team

## **7. Selection Procedure**

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- 7.1 **Panel to Select Athletes:** The Panel shall be solely responsible for selecting those Athletes who will be members of each Team in accordance with the Selection Criteria

and this Regulation. Any decision regarding the selection of the Team is at the complete discretion of the Panel.

## 8. Selection Criteria

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8.1 **Selection Criteria:** The Selection Criteria for selection to a Team to compete in a Major International Event is made up of the following parts:

- a. the Specific Criteria specified in clause 8.2; and
- b. the General Criteria specified in clause 8.4.

8.2 **Specific Criteria:** Provided the Panel is satisfied that the eligibility requirements in clause 6 (Eligibility for Selection) are met, the Panel **may** select Athletes who have met the relevant Sport Specific Criteria.

8.3 **Achievement of Sport Specific Criteria no Guarantee of Selection:** Achievement of the Specific Criteria by an Athlete does not guarantee or secure selection of the Athlete by the Panel to that particular Team.

8.4 **General Selection Criteria:** The Panel **may** also take into account any one or more of the following factors about an Athlete:

- a. the performance and results of the Athlete, or team in which the Athlete was a member, including consistency of performance and results at events (particularly internationally), competitions, and activities (such as camps and trials), in the period two years preceding the possible selection of the Athlete;
- 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 position on the Team and/or when competing in the Team at the Major International Event, including respect for team members and officials;
- g. willingness to promote PNZ 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 Panel considers relevant.

In considering any one or more of the above factors, the Panel may make such enquiries of the Athletes, or other persons, as it sees fit.

- 8.5 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In any decision regarding the selection of Athletes to a Team, the Panel may, in its sole discretion, take into account any Extenuating Circumstances in accordance with clause 9.1 (Extenuating Circumstances).
- 8.6 **No Obligation:** There is no obligation of the Panel to fill any or all of the available places on a Team for a Major International Event.
- 8.7 **Selection may be subject to conditions:** The Panel may, in its discretion, add to, or remove, any Athlete from a Team at any time based on the Selection Criteria. It may also select an Athlete with conditions to be satisfied by a date prior to the commencement of the Major International Event as determined by the Panel. If such conditions are met to the satisfaction of the PNZ Selectors by the specific date, that Athlete shall be selected to the Team.
- 8.8 **Weight to be given to factors:** The Panel may give weight to any one or more of the factors specified in the Selection Criteria and, if it does, to apply them to one or more of the Athletes. No particular factor shall be weighted more or less significantly by reason only of the order in which that factor appears in this Regulation.
- 8.9 **Reasons for decisions:** The Panel may, in its discretion, provide reasons for its decisions, but there is no obligation to do so.
- 8.10 **Selection following Selection Appeal:** As a result of either an appeal under clause 11 (Appeal Procedure), or new evidence being provided at any stage during an appeal under clause 11 (Appeal Procedure) the Panel may decide not to select an Athlete or to recommend to the Chief Executive to terminate the Athlete Agreement of a Selected Athlete and in place of that Athlete select a reserve or another Athlete.

## **9. Extenuating Circumstances**

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- 9.1 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In considering the selection of Athletes in accordance with this Regulation, the Panel may in its sole discretion, give weight to any extenuating circumstances which 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 PNZ Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.

9.2 **Athletes to Advise:** Athletes unable to compete at events, trials, or other attendances required under this Regulation and attached Schedules, must advise the Chief Executive of the extenuating circumstances, and reasons, in writing, with as much advance notice as possible and ideally seven 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 Regulation, then the Panel has no obligation to rely on such circumstances.

9.3 **Medical Certificate:** In the case of injury or illness, Athletes may be required by the Panel to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo a medical examination by a medical practitioner/s nominated by PNZ, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the Panel. Any failure to agree to such a request may result in the Panel being unable to consider the injury or illness as an extenuating circumstance.

9.4 **Decision:** In the case of any extenuating circumstance/s, the Panel will make a decision on a case by case basis.

## 10. **Notification of Selection**

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10.1 **Notification of Selection:** Once the Panel has determined the Athletes to be selected to a Team, each Athlete will be advised verbally and then in writing by the High Performance Director if they have been selected. Each Selected Athlete who has not already signed a HP Athlete Agreement must then fully complete and return to PNZ, prior to the date determined by PNZ, a PNZ Athlete Agreement.

10.2 **Announcement of Selection:** After notification in accordance with clause 10.1 (Notification of Selection), a Team will be publicly announced by the Chief Executive, and at the same time the relevant Sports Organisations will be notified in writing of the Selected Athletes to the Team.

## 11. **Appeal Procedure**

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11.1 **Selection Appeals:** An Athlete may appeal against their non-selection to a Team in accordance with the procedures set out in this Regulation.

11.2 **Selection Appeals:** A Selection Appeal may be made on any one or more of the following grounds, that:

- a. there were no applicable Selection Criteria to follow;

- b. the Selection Criteria was not properly followed and/or implemented;
- c. there was a breach of natural justice; and/or
- d. there was no material on which the selection decision could reasonably be based.

**11.3 Procedure for Selection Appeals:** The procedure for a Selection Appeal by an Athlete is as follows:

- a. The Athlete wishing to appeal must notify the Chief Executive in writing of his or her wish to appeal ("Notice of Appeal"). This notice may be sent by email, facsimile or post, and must be received by the Chief Executive within two days from the date the selection or non-selection was notified to the Athlete, or the Announcement Date (whichever is the earlier).

b. The Notice of Appeal must set out the following:

- i. the decision regarding the Athlete's non-selection in question;
- ii. the grounds on which the appeal is made; and
- iii. the reasons or circumstances supporting the alleged grounds of appeal.

c. Within two days of receiving the Notice of Appeal, the Chief Executive shall in consultation with the Athlete arrange a confidential meeting between the parties and their representatives (if any) at which the parties shall endeavour to resolve the appeal by discussion on a without prejudice basis. Such a meeting (which may be held in person or by telephone) shall be held as soon as possible, and within ten days after the date the Notice of Appeal is received by the Chief Executive. The purpose of such a meeting is to allow the Panel to explain the selection decision and to discuss the concerns of the Athlete. Any person participating in the meeting may, with the agreement of the other parties to the meeting, ask any other person(s) who has been involved or connected with the selection decision to contribute to the meeting. All participants must agree to be bound by the without prejudice and confidential basis of the meeting.

d. Any meeting conducted in accordance with clause 11.3c shall be held on a confidential and without prejudice basis. The content of any matters discussed during such meeting may not be used by either party in respect of any hearing of any subsequent appeal or legal proceedings.

e. If the appeal is not resolved at the meeting referred to in clause 11.3c and the Athlete wishes to proceed he or she may appeal the decision by submitting it to the Sports Tribunal. Such an appeal must be filed with the Tribunal within

five working days of the date of the meeting in clause 11.3c and copied to the Chief Executive and the Panel.

- f. The appeal shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of the Sports Tribunal.
- g. The decision of the Sports Tribunal shall be final and binding on the parties and subject to any rights of review and/or appeal as set out in the Rules of the Sports Tribunal and this Regulation. No party may institute or maintain proceedings in any other Court or Tribunal other than as specified in this Regulation.
- h. If the parties agree, and with leave of the Sports Tribunal, an appeal by an Athlete against the decision of the Panel regarding their non-selection, may be referred directly to CAS in which case the grounds of appeal shall be as set out in clause and 11.2 (Selection Appeals) and CAS shall be vested with the powers of the Sports Tribunal.

## **12. Removal / Withdrawal from Selection**

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**12.1 Withdraw by Chief Executive:** A Selected Athlete may be withdrawn from a Team by the Chief Executive if s/he:

- a. breaches or fails to comply with this Regulation or any term of the Athlete Agreement;
- b. breaches or fails to comply with:
  - i. the Constitution;
  - ii. the regulations and policies of PNZ (including committing any violation of the Sports Anti-Doping Rules);
  - iii. the rules of any event, competition or activity in which the Athlete has been selected to participate;
  - iv. any reasonable instruction or request by the Chief Executive, or the applicable coach(es);
- c. brings him/herself, another Athlete, a Team, an official, or PNZ into disrepute;
- d. has a significant illness or injury which in the opinion of the Panel will prevent the Selected Athlete from continuing to meet the Selection Criteria on which he or she was selected; and/or

- e. fails to consistently maintain the level of performance and/or results or to maintain the Selection Criteria.

12.2 **Notification of Withdrawal:** Before withdrawing a Selected Athlete under clause 12.1, the Chief Executive shall notify the Selected Athlete of the alleged breach or grounds on which it is proposed to withdraw the Selected Athlete. The Selected Athlete will be given a reasonable opportunity to provide reasons as to why he or she should not be withdrawn, and if the Chief Executive considers it appropriate, s/he may grant the Selected Athlete time to show improvement (in accordance with any conditions the Chief Executive considers appropriate).

12.3 **Voluntary Withdrawal:** A Selected Athlete may withdraw from the Team by informing the Chief Executive of this decision in writing, provided such notice is given no later than twenty-one days prior to the relevant Major International Event.

12.4 **Reserves:** If a Selected Athlete is withdrawn from selection, the Panel (or in cases of urgency, the applicable coach(es) and the Chief Executive or his/her nominee) may select a reserve who, in the opinion of the Panel, meets the Selection Criteria, subject to clause 11 (Appeal Procedure).

### 13. **Inconsistencies**

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13.1 **IPC Inconsistency:** In the event there is any inconsistency between the requirements of the IPC and this Regulation, this Regulation shall prevail.

13.2 **Specific Criteria Inconsistency:** In the event there is any inconsistency between the Specific Criteria and this Regulation, this Regulation shall prevail.

13.3 **Selection Criteria Inconsistency:** If the Selection Criteria set out in this Regulation imposes a higher qualification standard or a lesser number of participants than stated by the IPC this shall not be regarded as an inconsistency.

### 14. **Amendments to this Regulation**

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14.1 **Amendments:** This Regulation, including the Schedules, may be amended or supplemented from time to time by the Board.

14.2 **Notice of Amendments:** The Board will give as much notice as possible of any amendment/s or supplement/s to this Regulation, to persons it considers may be affected by any such amendment/s or supplement/s.

14.3 **Deemed Amendment:** This Regulation includes any amendments to the IPC rules, regulations, policies and codes.

## SCHEDULE 1



### ATHLETE APPLICATION FORM FOR SELECTION TO THE NEW ZEALAND TEAM TO ATTEND [insert Major International Event] –

*Please download and fill in the sport specific application form which is available on the  
PNZ website at <http://paralympics.org.nz/selectioninformation.htm>*

To be considered for selection to the New Zealand Team (“Team”) to compete at the  
[insert Major International Event] (“Event”) this form must be completed, signed and  
returned to:

Malcolm Humm  
High Performance Director  
Paralympics New Zealand  
Suite 2.10, Axis Building  
1 Cleveland Road  
Parnell  
Auckland 1052

No later than \_\_\_\_\_



**Please print or type**

**Full name as per passport**

1. SURNAME: ..... FIRST NAME(S): .....

**Full preferred name (as to be displayed on results, accreditation, website etc)**

2. SURNAME:..... FIRST NAME: .....

3. ADDRESS: .....

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4. DATE OF BIRTH: ..... E-MAIL: .....

5. TELEPHONE:..... (HOME)..... (MOBILE)

I apply to be considered for selection to the Team to compete at the Event in the sport of:

.....  
("Sport")

in the following events (e.g. shot put):

.....

I confirm that I have the following classification status (*please ✓ the appropriate box*):

- Provisional
- National
- International (Review)
- International (Confirmed)

In applying to be considered for selection to the Team to compete at the Event, I acknowledge, agree and declare that:

- I have been provided with access to a copy of the Paralympics New Zealand Inc. ("PNZ") General Selection Regulation for PNZ Managed Sports ("PNZ Selection Regulation") via the PNZ website ([www.paralympics.org.nz](http://www.paralympics.org.nz)), and I agree to be bound by its terms.

- My application will be considered and determined in accordance with the PNZ Selection Regulation.
- Any right of appeal and the process for such an appeal in relation to my non-selection must be exercised in accordance with the procedures set out in the PNZ Selection Regulation.
- I am a member of my Sports Organisation.
- I am a New Zealand citizen and hold a New Zealand passport.
- I have met all the eligibility requirements of the International Paralympic Committee (“IPC”) (as specified on the IPC website ([www.paralympic.org](http://www.paralympic.org))), including the sport-specific classification and designated classification, and any other applicable International Federation (“IF”) requirements for participation in the Event.
- I have signed and agree to comply with the IPC Eligibility Code.
- I have not breached any rules and regulations of my Sports Organisation, PNZ, the IF, the IPC or the World Anti-Doping Agency (“WADA”).
- I am not currently disqualified or suspended under the rules of PNZ, the IF, the IPC or WADA.
- I am not currently suffering any physical or mental health impairment that might prevent me from competing in the Event to the highest possible standard.
- I have not acted in any manner to bring myself, my Sport, my Sports Organisation or PNZ into public disrepute.
- I have not committed (and am not under investigation for) any anti-doping offence as defined in the anti-doping policies of my Sports Organisation, PNZ, the IF, the IPC or Drug Free Sport New Zealand (“DFSNZ”).
- I have registered my name and contact address details with DFSNZ for the purpose of out of competition drug testing.
- I have agreed to be available for drug testing by DFSNZ and/or any other recognised drug testing authority, and have, and will, comply with the Sports Anti-Doping Rules issued by DFSNZ and adopted by PNZ, including (if requested) registering with WADA and providing accurate up-to-date whereabouts information in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code.
- I have access to obtain the Sports Anti-Doping Code and copies of the anti-doping rules, regulations and policies of my Sports Organisation, PNZ, DFSNZ, the IF and the IPC and I agree to be bound by them.
- I will maintain the designated level of fitness and standard of competitiveness as set out in the PNZ Selection Regulation.

- I have / have not (*strike out as appropriate*) been convicted of a criminal offence punishable by a term of imprisonment. The offence concerned was as follows (*complete nature and date of offence(s) where applicable*):

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- I further declare that no charge in respect of any criminal offence punishable by a term of imprisonment, or anti-doping violation, is pending against me.
- I will notify PNZ of any changes to my contact details as set out above. Any failure by me to do so may be to my detriment as any announcement regarding the selection of the Team will be notified to these details.
- I agree to the collection of personal information about me, including size of clothing, biographical details, photos and associated imagery, the results of any health/medical examinations undertaken to assess my fitness, and the usage and storage of such information, for the purposes of consideration of selection by PNZ.
- I have been invited to take independent advice on the terms of this Athlete Application and its implications, and I have been given reasonable opportunity to so.

**Signed:**

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NAME

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SIGNATURE

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DATE

In the case of an athlete under 18 years of age as at the date of signing this Athlete Application, it must be signed by the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the Athlete.

**I/We are the parents/guardians of the Athlete, and we acknowledge and agree to the acknowledgments and conditions specified in this form.**

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NAME (Parent/Guardian)

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