

NOMINATION CRITERIA

Snow Sports New Zealand Incorporated

Beijing 2022 Paralympic Winter Games

Nomination Criteria

1. Application of this Criteria

- 1.1 This Criteria is issued by the Board of **Snow Sports New Zealand** and forms part of the PNZ Selection Regulation. A copy of the PNZ Selection Regulation is available at www.paralympics.org.nz.
- 1.2 This Criteria shall take effect from 12 August 2020 or such other date specified by PNZ.
- 1.3 This 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 New Zealand** including their Sport Specific Selectors (“SSS”), that wish to nominate Athletes to PNZ to be considered for selection to the Games Team for the Games

2. Definitions

Application Date	means 30 November 2020, or any other date as specified by PNZ, by which Athletes must submit a completed Athlete Application to PNZ in accordance with the PNZ Selection Regulation.
Athlete	means a person who wishes to be considered for nomination to the Games Team.
Athlete Agreement	means the agreement that must be completed by any Athlete wishing to be considered for nomination and selection to the Games Team and which is attached to the PNZ Selection Regulation as Appendix 2 .
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 to the PNZ Selection Regulation as Appendix 1 .
Board	means the Board of Snow Sports New Zealand as constituted under the Constitution.
Board Members	means the members of the Board of Snow Sports New Zealand as defined in the Constitution.

Chief Executive	means the Chief Executive Officer of Snow Sports New Zealand and includes his/her nominee.
Commencement Date	means the date this Criteria came into force, namely 1 November 2020 .
Constitution	means the Constitution of Snow Sports New Zealand .
Criteria	means this Criteria and is also known as the “Nomination Criteria”.
DFSNZ	means Drug Free Sport New Zealand.
Games	means the Beijing 2022 Paralympic Winter Games to be held in Beijing, China from 4 – 13 March 2022.
Games Team	means the New Zealand Paralympic Team selected in accordance with this Regulation to compete in the Games and excludes any Athletes selected as reserves.
General Nomination Criteria	means the criteria set out in clause 5.3.
IF	means an International Sports Federation.
IPC	means the International Paralympic Committee.
Member	means the members of PNZ as specified in the Constitution.
Nominated Athlete	means an Athlete nominated by Snow Sports New Zealand in accordance with the PNZ Selection Regulation.
Nomination Criteria	means the criteria made up of the General Nomination Criteria, the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria and the Specific Nomination Factors, and is also referred to as “this Criteria”.
Nomination Date	means 15 June 2021 or any other date specified by PNZ, by which Snow Sports New Zealand must have submitted any Nominated Athletes to PNZ.
NSO	means a National Sports Organisation. Snow Sports New Zealand (SSNZ).

Over-Riding Nomination means the criteria set out in clause 5.4.

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PNZ means Paralympics New Zealand Incorporated.

PNZ Selection Regulation means the regulation adopted by the PNZ Board to clearly document and make available to all Athletes and Sports Organisations the application, nomination and selection process to be used by PNZ in selecting Athletes for the Games Team to compete in the Games.

Supporting Evidence means the supporting evidence set out in clause 5.5

SSNZ means the NSO **Snow Sports New Zealand Incorporated**

Specific Nomination Factors means the nomination factors set out in clause 5.6

Sports Organisation means any NSO that is a Member of PNZ.

SSS means sport specific selectors appointed by **Snow Sports New Zealand**.

Team means a group of Athletes in a team event.

Technical Considerations means the technical considerations set out in clause 5.8

WADA means the World Anti-Doping Agency.

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

3. **Sport Specific Selectors**

3.1 **Composition:** The Sport Specific Selectors from **Snow Sports New Zealand** shall be appointed by **Snow Sports New Zealand CEO and ratified by the Snow Sports New Zealand Board**. The SSS from **Snow Sports New Zealand** who will consider nomination of Athletes to PNZ to be considered for selection in the Games Team are:

- Greg Knowles (head Winter Olympic selector)
- Jono Eaton QC (head Winter Olympic selectors)

- Rebecca Ewert (SSNZ Adaptive specific selector).

4. **Nomination Procedure**

4.1 **Nomination if Criteria met:** If the conditions of nomination set out in the PNZ Selection Regulation are met to the satisfaction of the SSS, the SSS shall then nominate those Athletes it considers meet the Nomination Criteria set out below.

5. **Nomination Criteria**

5.1 **Nomination Criteria:** The **Snow Sports New Zealand** Nomination Criteria for nomination to the Games Team is made up of the following parts:

- a. the General Criteria specified in clause 5.3;
- b. the Over-Riding Criteria specified in clause 5.4; and
- c. the Supporting Evidence specified in clause 5.5

5.2 In determining the General Nomination Criteria and the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria the SSS must also take into account:

- a. any Specific Nomination Factors specified in clause 5.6 of these criteria; **and**
- b. **any Technical Considerations specified in clause Error! Reference source not found.** of this criteria.

5.3 **General Nomination Criteria:** Firstly, taking into account the Specific Nomination Factors **and Technical Considerations**, the SSS **must** be satisfied that the Athlete:

- a. has met the conditions of nomination specified in clause 8.2 of the PNZ Selection Regulation;
- b. will, in the opinion of the SSS, be an effective and harmonious member of the Games Team;
- c. has not acted in such a manner so as to bring the Athlete, the sport, **Snow Sports New Zealand** or PNZ into public disrepute; and
- d. in the opinion of the SSS, has acted and will continue to act, as a positive role model to all New Zealand athletes.

5.4 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria:** Secondly, taking into account the Specific Nomination Factors, the SSS **must** be satisfied overall that, in their opinion, that the Athlete or Team has met the following:

5.4.1 Individuals: An Athlete being considered for individual events, has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the SSS that he or she is capable of:

- a. achieving a medal placing in the Games in their event; or
- b. achieving a top eight (8) placing in the Games in their event and a medal placing at

the Milan 2026 Paralympic Games.

5.4.2 Teams: A Team has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the SSS that the Team is capable of:

- a. achieving a medal placing in the Games in their event; or
- b. achieving a top five (5) placing in the Games in their event **and** a medal placing at the Milan 2026 Paralympic Games.

5.5 Supporting Evidence: In demonstrating an Athlete's or Team's capability, the SSS must assess the evidence showing tracking of the Athlete's and Team's performances and results. This evidence may include, but is not limited to, the following information:

- a. The shortfall, if any, in performance to achieve a medal placing based on the performances and results to date;
- b. The rate of the Athlete's or Team's progression and forecasted placing at the Games;
- c. The rate of the Athlete's or Team's progression and forecasted placing at the Milan 2026 Paralympic Winter Games;
- d. The rate of progression of other athletes and teams from other nations in that event; and
- e. The likelihood of athletes or teams from other nations being selected for the Games (based on that nation's selection criteria).

5.6 Specific Nomination Factors: When considering the General Nomination Criteria and the Over-riding Nomination Criteria above, the SSS **shall** also take into account any one or more of the following factors about an Athlete and a Team:

- 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 (2) years preceding the possible selection of the Nominated 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 Games Team at the Games, 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 SSS considers relevant.

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

5.7 Weight to be given to Specific Nomination Factors: The SSS **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 Criteria.

5.8 Technical Considerations: When considering the General Nomination Criteria and the Over-riding Nomination Criteria the SSS shall ensure that:

- a) the Athlete is a New Zealand citizen and holds a current New Zealand passport: and
- b) the Athlete is a current member of Snow Sports NZ : and
- c) the Athlete holds an active IPC License for the 2020/2021 and 2021/ 2022 season: and
- d) the Athlete must be internationally classified before 1 November 2021, 'Confirmed' or 'Review' sport class status with a review date after 1 June 2022; and
- e) the Athlete must have met the IPC minimum qualification criteria.

https://www.paralympic.org/sites/default/files/2020-05/2020_05_20_QC_Beijing2022_v1.2_0.pdf

- Meeting this minimum qualification criteria does not guarantee nomination to PNZ.

- 5.10 Nomination Procedure:** After consideration of the Nomination Criteria the SSS shall follow the procedure set out in the PNZ Selection Regulation.
- 5.11 Overriding Discretion:** Notwithstanding the criteria, in considering Athletes and Teams for selection, PNZ has an absolute overriding discretion to select (or not select) Athletes or Teams (including those who may not meet the above criteria) for the Games Team. In doing so it may take into account factors such as, but not limited to, compatibility of Athletes, Athletes prior conduct, or factors that may affect the Games Team as a whole.
- 5.12 Extenuating Circumstances:** PNZ may in its sole discretion take into account extenuating circumstances and therefore waive or vary some or all of the above criteria. Detailed evidence must be provided with any nomination seeking consideration of extenuating circumstances which has affected an athlete's/team's progress. For the purpose of this Policy, "extenuating circumstances" means the inability of an Athlete or Team to compete or perform to an optimum level due to factors such as:
- a. injury or illness of an athlete;
 - b. equipment failure;
 - c. travel delays;
 - d. bereavement or personal misfortune; and
 - e. such other circumstances as the selectors reasonably consider constitute "extenuating circumstances."
 - f. selectors will make a decision on a "case by case" basis
- 5.13** Athletes unable to compete at events, trials, or other attendances required under this Criteria, must advise the Chief Executive of the extenuating circumstances, and reasons, in writing, with as much advance notice as possible and ideally 5 working 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 Criteria, then the SSS will be unable to consider such circumstances. In the case of injury or illness, Athletes will be required by the SSS to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the SSS, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the SSS. Any failure to agree to such a request may result in the SSS being unable to consider the injury or illness as an extenuating circumstance.
- 5.14** In the case of any extenuating circumstance/s, the SSS will make a nomination decision on a case by case basis.

6 Appeal Procedure

- 6.1 Nomination Appeals:** Any Athlete who has applied for nomination and selection to the Games Team and who has returned a completed Athlete Application to PNZ by the Application Date and an Athlete Agreement to PNZ by the Nomination Date may appeal to **Snow Sports New Zealand** against their non-nomination to PNZ by the SSS of **Snow Sports New Zealand** in accordance with the procedures set out in the PNZ Selection Regulation.

7 Inconsistencies

- 7.1** In the event there is any inconsistency between this Criteria and the PNZ Selection Regulation, the PNZ Selection Regulation shall prevail.
- 7.2** If this Criteria imposes a higher qualification standard or a lesser number of participants than stated by the IPC this shall not be regarded as an inconsistency.

8 Amendments to this Criteria

- 8.1** This Criteria may be amended or supplemented from time to time by the Board.
- 8.2** 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.
- 8.3** This Criteria includes any amendments to the IPC rules, regulations, policies and codes.