



## PNZ Athletes' Council Election Guidelines

<p><b>Introduction and Purpose</b></p>	<p>The PNZ Athletes' Council ("Council") is a consultative committee established by Paralympics New Zealand (PNZ) to act as the athletes' voice within PNZ, providing governance and management advice on matters impacting on Paralympians and Para athletes.</p> <p>The purpose of the Council is to represent New Zealand Paralympians and Para athletes whilst empowering athlete participation and voice within New Zealand and the Paralympic Movement internationally.</p> <p>This document clearly sets out the Council Election Guidelines.</p>
<p><b>Application, Election and Voting Process</b></p>	<p>PNZ will call for applications for vacant positions at least four (4) months prior to the Paralympic Games (summer and winter).</p> <p>The call for applications shall include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Athletes' Council Terms of Reference.</li> <li>b. Application form and application deadline.</li> <li>c. A code of conduct to be signed by applicants.</li> </ol> <p>All eligible Paralympians and Para athletes* may apply to be a candidate for election and vote in the election of Council members.</p> <p>*Eligible Paralympian &amp; Para athlete definition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Paralympian has represented New Zealand in at least one of the previous three Paralympic Games (summer or winter).</li> <li>• A Para athlete is a current or past carded athlete who has represented New Zealand at a World Championships, Commonwealth Games or other international competition within the past 12 years.</li> <li>• All Paralympians and Para athletes must be at least 18 years of age, reside in New Zealand, and have not received any sanctions in relation to World anti-doping, or any sports betting or breach of rules/regulations.</li> </ul> <p>PNZ will confirm receipt of all applications and publish a full list of all applicants following the closing date.</p> <p>The PNZ Board will conduct and monitor the vote count. Voting shall be by electronic voting. If the applications to the Council are equal to current number of vacant positions, no election will be necessary.</p> <p>The applicants shall be ranked in descending order with the applicant receiving the highest number of votes listed on top. The applicants having the highest number of votes shall be elected to the Council.</p> <p>The PNZ Board will confirm the elected and/or appointed Council members as soon as possible after voting and will announce the names of the elected AC members.</p> <p>The Council, at its first meeting after an election, must appoint a Chair. The term of appointment will be for a duration of two (2) years with a maximum of three (3) consecutive terms.</p>

