

Cycling New Zealand
Paris 2024 Paralympic Games
Nomination Criteria

1 Application of this Criteria

- 1.1 This Criteria is issued by the Board of Cycling New Zealand and forms part of Schedule **G** of the PNZ Selection Regulation. A copy of the PNZ Selection Regulation is available on the [PNZ website](#).
- 1.2 This Criteria will take effect from 26 September 2023, or such other date specified by PNZ.
- 1.3 This Criteria applies to:
- 1.3.1 all Para athletes wishing to be considered for nomination to the Paralympic Games Team to compete in the Paralympic Games; and
- 1.3.2 Cycling New Zealand, including their Sport Specific Selectors that wish to nominate Para athletes to PNZ to be considered for selection to the Paralympic Games Team for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.

2 Definitions

Application Date	means 20 October 2023 , or any other date as specified by PNZ, by which Para athletes must submit a completed Para athlete Application to PNZ in accordance with the PNZ Selection Regulation.
Board	means the Board of Cycling New Zealand as constituted under the Constitution.
Board Members	means the members of the Board of Cycling New Zealand as defined in the Constitution.
Chief Executive	means the Chief Executive/Officer of Cycling New Zealand and includes their nominee.
Commencement Date	means the date this Criteria came into force, namely 26 September 2023 .
Constitution	means the Constitution of Cycling New Zealand.
Criteria	means this Criteria and is also known as the “Nomination Criteria”.

Cycling New Zealand	means Cycling New Zealand Incorporated.
Discipline Committee	means the Para Cycling Discipline Committee established by PNZ pursuant to clause 4.1.
DFSNZ	means Drug Free Sport New Zealand.
General Nomination Criteria	means the General Nomination Criteria set out in clause 5.3.
IF	means an International Sports Federation.
IPC	means the International Paralympic Committee.
Member	means a member of PNZ as specified in the Constitution.
Nominated Para athlete	means a Para athlete nominated by Cycling 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 24 June 2024, or any other date specified by PNZ, by which Cycling New Zealand must submit any Nominated Para athletes to PNZ.
Nomination Panel	the Nomination Panel established by Cycling New Zealand which is made up of the Sport Specific Selectors. The Nomination Panel is responsible for nominating Nominated Athletes to PNZ
NSO	means a National Sporting Organisation; and in the context of this Criteria, Cycling New Zealand.
Over-Riding Nomination Criteria	means the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria set out in clause 5.4.
Para athlete	means a person who wishes to be considered for nomination to the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games Team in an individual or team event.
Para athlete Agreement	means the agreement that must be completed by any Para athlete wishing to be considered for nomination and selection to the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games Team and which is attached to the PNZ Selection Regulation as Appendix 2 .

Para athlete Application	means the form that must be completed by any Para athlete applying to be nominated and selected to the Paris Paralympic Games Team and which is attached to the PNZ Selection Regulation as Appendix 1 .
Paralympic Games	means the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games to be held in Paris, France from 28 August – 8 September 2024.
Paralympic Games Team	means the New Zealand Paralympic Team selected in accordance with this Regulation to compete in the Paralympic Games and excludes any Para athletes selected as reserves.
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 Para athletes and NSOs the application, nomination and selection process to be used by PNZ in selecting Para athletes for the Paralympic Games Team to compete in the Paralympic Games.
Supporting Evidence	means the supporting evidence set out in clause 5.5
Specific Nomination Factors	means the Specific Nomination Factors set out in clause 5.6
Sport Specific Selectors	means sport specific selectors appointed by the Cycling New Zealand.
Team	means a group of Para athletes in a team event (as well as a Para athlete supported by pilot).
Technical Considerations	means the technical considerations set out in clause 5.7
UCI	means Union Cycliste Internationale
WADA	means the World Anti-Doping Agency.

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

3 Nomination Panel / Sport Specific Selectors

- 3.1 **Nomination Panel:** Cycling New Zealand will establish a Nomination Panel to review the performance of Para athletes / Teams and to determine which Para athletes / Teams will be nominated to PNZ for selection in the Paralympic Games Team.

3.2 **Composition of Nomination Panel:** The Sport Specific Selectors will be appointed by Cycling New Zealand to the Nomination Panel.

3.3 The Nomination Panel comprises:

3.3.1 **Ryan Hollows (Convenor)**

3.3.2 **Robyn Wong**

3.3.3 **Graeme Hunn**

3.3.4 **David Bennett**

3.4 Members of the Nomination Panel may be replaced by Cycling New Zealand if a member should resign or vacate their role.

4 **Nomination Procedure and over-riding PNZ discretion**

4.1 **Discipline Committee:** PNZ will establish a Discipline Committee to oversee the initial assessment process in line with this Criteria. The Discipline Committee will recommend Para athletes / teams for nomination to the Nomination Panel.

4.2 **Nomination Panel:** The Nomination Panel will review the performance of Para athletes / Teams to be considered for nomination to PNZ pursuant to the terms of this Criteria.

5.1 **Nomination Procedure:** After consideration of the Criteria, and a decision as to the Para athletes / Teams that the Nomination Panel wishes to nominate, the Nomination Panel will follow the nomination procedure set out in the PNZ Selection Regulation.

4.3 **Over-riding PNZ discretion:** For the avoidance of doubt, PNZ has an absolute overriding discretion pursuant to the PNZ Selection Regulation to select (or not select) Para athletes / Teams (including those who may not meet the above criteria) for the Paralympic Games Team.

5 **Nomination Criteria**

5.1 **Nomination Criteria:** The Criteria for nomination to the Paralympic Games Team is made up of the following parts:

5.1.1 The Eligibility Requirements specified in clause 5.2;

5.1.2 the General Nomination Criteria specified in clause 5.3;

5.1.3 the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria specified in clause 5.4;

5.1.4 the Supporting Evidence specified in clause 5.5;

- 5.1.5 any Specific Nomination Factors specified in clause 5.6;
 - 5.1.6 any Technical Considerations specified in clause 5.7;
 - 5.1.7 any applicable quota specified in clause 5.8; and
 - 5.1.8 any extenuating circumstance specified in clause 5.9.
- 5.2 **Eligibility Requirements:** To be eligible, a Para athlete must:
- 5.2.1 hold a UCI License issued by Cycling New Zealand;
 - 5.2.2 be at least 14 years of age by 31 December 2024;
 - 5.2.3 have raced in at least one (1) sanctioned, international UCI Para cycling competition between 1 January 2022 and 15 July 2024; and
 - 5.2.4 be internationally classified with a 'Confirmed' or 'Review' sport class status with a review date after 31 December 2024 (not applicable to Tandem pilots).
- 5.3 **General Nomination Criteria:** The Nomination Panel must be satisfied that the Para athlete:
- 5.3.1 has met the conditions of nomination specified in the PNZ Selection Regulation;
 - 5.3.2 will, in the opinion of the Nomination Panel, be an effective and harmonious member of the Paralympic Games Team;
 - 5.3.3 has not acted in such a manner so as to bring the Para athlete, the sport, Cycling New Zealand or PNZ into public disrepute;
 - 5.3.4 in the opinion of the Nomination Panel, has acted and will continue to act, as a positive role model to all New Zealand Para athletes;
 - 5.3.5 Is not currently under any doping sanction as a result of a World Anti-Doping Code infraction;
- 5.4 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria:** The Nomination Panel must be satisfied overall that, in their opinion, that the Para athlete or Team has met the following:
- 5.4.1 **Individuals:** A Para athlete being considered for individual events, has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Nomination Panel that they are capable of:
 - a. achieving a medal placing in the Paralympic Games in their event; or
 - b. achieving a top eight (8) placing in the Paralympic Games in their event and a medal placing at the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games.

5.4.2 **Teams:** A Team has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Nomination Panel that the Team is capable of:

- a. achieving a medal placing in the Paralympic Games in their event; or
- b. achieving a top five (5) placing in the Paralympic Games in their event and a medal placing at the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games.

5.5 **Supporting Evidence:** In demonstrating a Para athlete or Team's capability, the Nomination Panel must assess the evidence showing tracking of the Para athlete's and Team's performances and results. Supporting evidence must include, but is not limited to, the Para athlete / Team achieving a top ten (10) finish at either: (i) the 2023 UCI Para Cycling Road and Track World Championships; or (ii) at the 2024 UCI Para Cycling Track World Championships.

Note:

Some Para cycling events at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games will be multi classification events (combined events) where different classifications will race against each other for one set of medals. Some of these events will have a factor applied to provide for fairer competition whereas others will be a 'straight' combined event with no factor applied.

At UCI Para Cycling Track and Road World Championships some events are not combined, meaning athletes only compete against other athletes in their own class for one set of medals.

When applying this Clause 5.5, the Nomination Panel must consider the combined events condition (and any factor applied) to determine whether an athlete achieved a top ten (10) finish at the 2023 or 2024 UCI Para cycling Track or Road World Championships.

5.6 **Specific Nomination Factors:** When considering the General Nomination Criteria and the Over-riding Nomination Criteria above, the Nomination Panel must also take into account any one or more of the following factors about a Para athlete and a Team:

5.6.1 the performance and results of the Para athlete, or Team in which the Para athlete was a member, including consistency of performance and results at events (particularly internationally), competitions, and activities (such as camps and trials), during the previous two (2) years;

5.6.2 adequate fitness and a commitment to maintain a fitness and training programme as agreed with the applicable coach(es);

5.6.3 demonstrated good behaviour, including a commitment to training and attendance at training camps;

5.6.4 demonstrated compatibility with others in a team environment;

5.6.5 demonstrated compliance with the rules of events and competitions;

- 5.6.6 understanding and respect for the position on the Team and/or when competing in the Paralympic Games Team at the Paralympic Games, including respect for team members and officials;
- 5.6.7 willingness to promote PNZ in a positive manner;
- 5.6.8 demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results;
- 5.6.9 proven ability to be reliable; and
- 5.6.10 any other factor(s) the Nomination Panel considers relevant.

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

The Nomination Panel may give weight to any one or more of the Specific Nomination Factors set out above (and may apply such weighting to one or more Para athletes). No particular factor will be weighted more or less significantly by reason only of the order in which that factor appears.

5.7 Technical Considerations: When considering the General Nomination Criteria and the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria the Nomination Panel must take into account the following factors:

- 5.7.1 the athlete's technical ability including their racing approach, bike handling skills, racing skills and tactical skills
- 5.6.2 where applicable, the nature of the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games Para cycling road race course.

5.8 Quota: PNZ will be awarded 'quota allocations' per gender based on the amount of UCI points athletes have secured at recognised competitions. Therefore, PNZ will only be able to select Para athletes / Teams up to the number of these 'quota allocations'. The Nomination Panel will therefore use the following factors when nominating Para athletes / Teams who have met the Criteria

- 5.8.1 **Performance History:** The Para athlete's / Teams history of performance at a Paralympic Games, UCI Para Cycling Track World Championships, UCI Para Cycling Road World Championships and UCI Para Cycling Road World Cups since 2020.
- 5.8.2 **Gap to Podium:** The gap between a Para athlete or Team's performance and their capability to win a medal at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games based off results at the 2023 and 2024 UCI Para Cycling Road World Championships or the 2023 and 2024 Para Cycling Track World Championships.

- 5.8.3 **Number of events:** The number of events a Para athlete is deemed to be tracking towards in respect of winning a medal at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.
- 5.8.4 **Classification change** – Any classification change.
- 5.8.5 **Event Ring Fence** – In the event where the UCI may ring fence a Para athlete / Team sport class at the end of the qualifying UCI points period, the nomination of the Para athlete / Team still remains the sole consideration of the Nomination Panel (with the Para athlete / Team still needing to demonstrate capability pursuant to clause 5.4).
- 5.8.6 **Rate of Progression of the Para athlete:** The rate of a Para athlete or Team's progression and anticipated placing at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games;
- 5.8.7 **Rate of Progression of other Para athletes / Teams:** The rate of progression of other Para athletes / Teams from other nations in the relevant event.
- 5.8.8 **Nations Selection:** The likelihood of Para athletes / Teams from other nations being selected for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games, or Para athletes / Teams missing from one of the last World Championship events as set out in clause 5.4.1 above.
- 5.9 **Extenuating Circumstance:** 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 a Para athlete's / Team's progress. For the purpose of this Criteria, "extenuating circumstances" means the inability of a Para athlete or Team to compete or perform to an optimum level due to factors such as:
- 5.9.1 injury or illness of a Para athlete;
 - 5.9.2 equipment failure;
 - 5.9.3 travel delays;
 - 5.9.4 family bereavement; and
 - 5.9.5 any other circumstances that the Chief Executive accepts as an "extenuating circumstance".

Para athletes / Teams unable to compete at events, trials, or other attendances required under this Criteria, must advise the Chief Executive of the extenuating circumstance(s), and reasons, in writing, as soon as reasonably practical (but within 7 days of the occurrence of the extenuating circumstance). The Chief Executive will then inform the Nomination Panel accordingly. If the Chief Executive is not notified of any extenuating circumstances in

accordance with this Criteria, then the Nomination Panel has no obligation to consider such circumstances. In the case of injury or illness, Para athletes may be required by the Chief Executive to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the Chief Executive, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the Chief Executive (for passing through to the Nomination Panel). Any failure to agree to such a request may result in the Nomination Panel being unable to consider the injury or illness as an extenuating circumstance.

In the case of any extenuating circumstance/s, the Nomination Panel will make a nomination decision on a case by case basis.

6 Appeal Procedure

- 6.1 **Nomination Appeals:** Any Para athlete / Team who has complied with the terms of this Criteria, but has not been nominated pursuant to Nomination Procedure, may appeal to PNZ against their non-nomination by the Nomination Panel 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 will prevail.
- 7.2 If this Criteria imposes a higher qualification standard or a lesser number of participants than stated by the IPC this will 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 (subject to approval from PNZ).
- 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.