



Paralympics New Zealand Incorporated

Selection Regulation for the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games

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(Regulation)

1. Objectives of this Regulation

1.1 The objectives of this Regulation are to clearly document and make available to all Para athletes and National Sports Organisations (NSOs) the application, nomination and selection process to be used by Paralympics New Zealand (PNZ) in selecting Para athletes for the New Zealand Paralympic Team (NZPT) to compete at the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games to be held in Milano Cortina, Italy 6–15 March 2026.

2. Application of this Regulation

2.1 This Regulation is issued by the PNZ Board in accordance with the Constitution.

2.2 This Regulation shall take effect from 18 March 2025.

2.3 This Regulation applies to:

- a. all Para athletes wishing to be considered for nomination and selection to the NZPT;
- b. the NSO, including their SSS, that wishes to nominate Para athletes to PNZ to be considered for selection to the NZPT; and
- c. the PNZ Selectors appointed to select nominated Para athletes to the NZPT.

3. Definitions

Application Date means 2 May 2025 or any other date as specified by PNZ, by which Para athletes must submit a completed Para athlete Application to PNZ in accordance with clause 6.1.

Board Members means the members of the Board of PNZ as defined in the Constitution.

CAS means the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Chief Executive Officer means the Chief Executive Officer of PNZ and includes their nominee.

Commencement Date means the date this Regulation came into force, namely 18 March 2025.

Constitution means the Constitution of PNZ.

General Selection Criteria means the selection criteria as set out in clause 10.2.

IF means an International Sports Federation.

IPC means the International Paralympic Committee.

Member means a member of PNZ as specified in the Constitution.

New Zealand Paralympic Team means the New Zealand Paralympic Team (NZPT) selected in accordance with this Regulation to compete in the Paralympic Games and excludes any Para athletes selected as reserves.

Nomination Appeal means an appeal against non-nomination brought in accordance with the provisions of clause 13.

Nominated Para athlete means a Para athlete nominated by the NSO in accordance with clause 8.

Nominated Team means a group of Para athletes who together are nominated as a team by the NSO in accordance with clause 8.

Nomination Criteria means the Nomination Criteria as set out in clause 7.

Nomination Date means the date specified by PNZ which the NSO submits any Nominated Para athletes to PNZ for consideration by the Panel, or the date by which the NSO notifies a Para athlete of their non-nomination to PNZ.

Notice of Appeal means a Para athlete has not been nominated or selected for a Paralympic Games and wishes to appeal the decision.

NSO means any New Zealand National Sporting Organisation that is a Member of PNZ, any other New Zealand national NSO that has signed an agreement with PNZ to be bound by this Regulation or PNZ (in circumstances where it acts as a national NSO for certain Para sports).

Over-Riding Selection Criteria means the criteria set out in clause 10.3.

Panel means the PNZ Selection Panel established as a sub-committee of the Board in accordance with clause 4.

Para athlete means a person who wishes to be considered for nomination and selection to the NZPT under this Regulation.

New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreement means the agreement that must be completed by any Para athlete wishing to be considered for nomination and selection to the NZPT and which is attached to this Regulation as **Appendix 2**.

Para athlete Application means the application that must be completed by any Para athlete applying to be nominated and selected to the NZPT and which is attached to this Regulation as **Appendix 1**.

Paralympic Games means the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games to be held in Milano Cortina, Italy from 6-15 March 2026, or any other such dates as the Games may be moved to by the IPC.

PNZ means Paralympics New Zealand Incorporated.

PNZ Board means the Board of PNZ as constituted under the Constitution.

PNZ Code of Conduct means any code of conduct issued by the PNZ Board.

PNZ Selector means a person that is a member of the Panel.

Selected Para athlete means a Para athlete selected by the Panel in accordance with clause 9.

Selected Team means a Team selected by the Panel in accordance with clause 9.

Selection Appeal means an appeal by a Para athlete against their non-selection brought in accordance with clause 13.

Selection Criteria means the criteria and factors set out in clause 10.

Selection Date means the date on which the Chief Executive Officer publicly announces which Para athletes have been selected to the NZPT in accordance with this Regulation.

Sport Integrity Commission means Sport Integrity Commission Te Kahu Raunui established under the Integrity Sport and Recreation Act 2023.

Sports Tribunal means the Sports Tribunal of New Zealand established under the Sports Anti-Doping Act 2006.

SSS means sport specific selectors appointed by each NSO.

Supporting Evidence means the supporting evidence set out in clause 10.4.

Team means a group of Para athletes in a team event.

WADA means the World Anti-Doping Agency.

Working Days means any day excluding Saturdays, Sundays and statutory public holidays (excluding any day in the period beginning on 25 December in any year and ending on 3 January in the following year).

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

4. PNZ Selection Panel

4.1 **Sub-Committee:** In accordance with the Constitution and this Regulation, the Board shall appoint a sub-committee to be known as the PNZ Selection Panel (or Panel) to select the NZPT from amongst the Nominated Para athletes.

4.2 **Composition:** The Panel shall comprise of a minimum of three and a maximum of four, 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 Officer. All applications must be submitted by the date specified by the Chief Executive Officer, unless otherwise agreed with the Chief Executive Officer. The Board and/or the Chief Executive Officer may invite any person to make an application to be a PNZ Selector. Board Members are eligible for consideration. Once the

applications have been received by the Chief Executive Officer, they will make recommendations to the Board of the persons (if any) they consider 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 Officer) 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 (especially Para-sport) generally.
- 4.5 **Chairperson:** A chairperson of the Panel shall be appointed by the Board from amongst the PNZ Selectors appointed to the Panel.
- 4.6 **Quorum:** The quorum for all meetings and decisions of the Panel (including meetings decisions made held by teleconference or by electronic means) is three PNZ Selectors.
- 4.7 **Term of office:** All PNZ Selectors will be appointed until the conclusion of the Paralympic Games by 31 March 2026, 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 Officer.
- 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 a Nominated Para athlete(s) or Nominated Team to the NZPT they must declare such a conflict, or potential conflict, immediately to the Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer shall decide whether the PNZ Selector is able to deliberate and/or vote on the selection or otherwise of that Nominated Para athlete(s) or Nominated Team (as the case may be) 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 policy, Code of Conduct and/or any PNZ regulation; or
- d. the PNZ Selector has brought PNZ (including any staff member, official or Member) into disrepute (or acted in a manner which, in the Board's reasonable opinion, has the potential to bring PNZ into disrepute).

Before removing any PNZ Selector from the Panel, the Board must notify the PNZ Selector of its proposal to remove them 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 Officer.

4.11 **Role and Responsibilities:** The role of the Panel is to select from amongst the Nominated Para athletes and Nominated Teams those Para athletes and Teams it considers will be selected to the NZPT. The responsibilities of the Panel are to:

- a. agree in writing to adhere to this Regulation and any other rules, regulations, policies or reasonable directions of the Board;
- b. select those Nominated Para athletes and Nominated Teams who it considers should be selected to the Paralympic Games 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, 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 Officer.
- b. The chairperson of the Panel shall ensure that minutes are taken of all meetings and decisions of the Panel (including all meetings held and decisions made by teleconference or other electronic means). All minutes are to be kept confidential to the Panel, the Chief Executive Officer, and the Board, unless otherwise determined by the Chief Executive Officer.
- 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 Nominated Para athletes and Nominated Teams to the NZPT. All such documentation and communications are to be kept confidential to the Panel, the Chief Executive Officer, and the Board, unless otherwise determined by the Chief Executive Officer.

- d. The Panel shall use its best efforts to achieve its decisions by consensus however, if any decision is not unanimous, the decision of the majority (i.e. 50% plus 1) of PNZ Selectors will be sufficient. If there is a tied vote, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote, and the fact a casting vote has been made shall be reported to the Board when the Panel notifies its decision to the Board under clause 9.4.
- e. Any public comments regarding the selection or non-selection of any Nominated Para athletes and Nominated Teams to the NZPT will be made by the Chief Executive Officer as determined by the Chief Executive Officer, and no other person, on behalf of PNZ. For avoidance of doubt, this clause does not prevent any PNZ Selector from 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 with prior written approval from the Chief Executive Officer.
- f. All discussions between a PNZ Selector(s) and a Nominated Para athlete(s) or Nominated Team (s) regarding the selection or non-selection of a Nominated Para athlete(s) to the NZPT prior to or after the selection or non-selection shall only occur with the prior written approval of the Chief Executive Officer.

4.13 **Expenses:** The Chief Executive Officer may, in their sole discretion, reimburse PNZ Selectors for their actual and reasonable expenses incurred in the conduct of their responsibilities.

5. Application, Nomination and Selection Process

5.1 **Application, Nomination and Selection Process:** The process for application, nomination and selection of the NZPT shall be as follows:

- a. **Application:** the completion and return to PNZ of a Para athlete Application and New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreement in accordance with clause 6 (Para athlete Application and New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreement – Eligibility for Nomination and Selection Procedure); and
- b. **Nomination:** the nomination of Para athletes and Teams in accordance with clause 7 (Nomination Procedure); and
- c. **Selection:** the selection of Nominated Para athletes and Nominated Teams in accordance with clause 9 (Selection Procedure).

6. Application - Para athlete Application and New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreement

6.1 Para athlete to complete and submit Para athlete Application and New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreement: Any Para athlete wishing to be considered for nomination and selection to the NZPT must:

- a. fully complete and return to PNZ, prior to the Application Date, a Para athlete Application form, details included as **Appendix 1** to this Regulation;
- b. fully complete and return to PNZ, prior to the Nomination Date, the New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreement attached as **Appendix 2** to this Regulation;
- c. meet the IPC sport-specific classification and have a designated IPC classification status (set out on the [IPC website](#)).

6.2 Effect of submission of Para athlete's Application and New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreement: By completing the Para athlete Application and the New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreement and returning such documents to PNZ the Para athlete warrants that they have met, or will by the Nomination Date have met, the obligations and requirements of the Para athlete Application and the New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreement.

6.3 Distribution of Para athlete Application and New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreement: PNZ will make the Para athlete Application and New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreement available to all Para athletes by publishing them on PNZ's website. PNZ will also provide such documents on request to any Para athlete wishing to apply for nomination and selection to the NZPT and make available the Para athlete Application and New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreement to the NSO.

6.4 Para athlete to submit Para athlete Applications by Application Date: Para athletes shall submit their Para athlete Application to PNZ by the Application Date. PNZ may accept a Para athlete Application after the Application Date, in its discretion.

6.5 PNZ to certify Para athlete Application: Upon receipt of each completed Para athlete Application, PNZ shall assess the following matters and if satisfied, certify that:

- a. the Para athlete is a member of a Principal Member or Affiliate Member of PNZ;
- b. to the knowledge of PNZ (and in consultation with the NSO) the Para athlete has not breached, nor under investigation for breaching, any rules and regulations of the NSO, the IF, the IPC, or WADA;
- c. to the knowledge of PNZ (in consultation with the NSO) the Para athlete has not committed, nor is under any investigation in relation to, any other offence under any applicable rules, regulations and/or policies of the relevant NSO, IF, PNZ, or IPC; and
- d. the Para athlete is not currently under disqualification or suspension under the rules of the NSO, the IF, the IPC or WADA.

- 6.6 **Non-certified Para athletes:** If PNZ does not certify that the requirements in clause 6.5 (PNZ to certify Para athlete Application) have been met, then subject to applying its discretion in clause 8.2, it shall notify the Para athlete of such non-certification. A Para athlete whose Para athlete Application has not been certified may re-apply for nomination and selection by completing a new Para athlete Application, provided they do so before the Application Date, unless otherwise agreed in writing by PNZ.
- 6.7 **PNZ to notify NSO:** Upon certifying each completed Para athlete Application in accordance with clause 6.5, (PNZ to certify Para athlete Application) PNZ shall notify the NSO accordingly.
- 6.8 **Distribution and Completion of New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreement:** After notifying the NSO in accordance with clause 6.7 (PNZ to notify NSO), PNZ shall notify each Para athlete of the procedure for obtaining a copy of the New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreement from the PNZ website for completion by the Para athlete and return to PNZ. PNZ may accept a New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreement after the Nomination Date at its discretion.
- 6.9 **Amendment of New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreement:** PNZ may amend the New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreement at any time prior to the Nomination Date, provided the applicable Para athlete(s) are notified of such amendment. If a Para athlete has already signed and returned the New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreement prior to the Nomination Date, then they will be required to sign an amended New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreement and return it prior to the Nomination Date to remain eligible for nomination. After the Nomination Date, PNZ may amend the New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreement in respect of a Para athlete provided that no such amendments to the New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreement will be effective until signed by or on behalf of the affected Para athlete.

7. Nomination Criteria

- 7.1 **NSO to submit proposed Nomination Criteria:** Each NSO must submit proposed Nomination Criteria to PNZ by 14 April 2025 or any other date specified by PNZ.
- 7.2 **Format of Nomination Criteria:** The proposed Nomination Criteria shall be in the format prescribed in **Appendix 3**.
- 7.3 **Approval of Nomination Criteria:** Upon receipt PNZ shall determine whether the proposed Nomination Criteria is satisfactory to PNZ and if so, satisfied shall notify the NSO of its approval of the Nomination Criteria.
- 7.4 **Revision of Nomination Criteria:** If not satisfied with the proposed Nomination Criteria PNZ shall notify the NSO of such fact, identify the matters which it considers require amendment, and shall consult with the NSO about its content. PNZ shall notify the NSO of the date by which any revised proposed Nomination Criteria must be submitted to PNZ. Upon receipt of any revised proposed Nomination Criteria, the procedure in this clause will apply.

- 7.5 **No amendment to Nomination Criteria after approval by PNZ:** No amendment or alteration shall be made to the Nomination Criteria after PNZ has approved the proposed Nomination Criteria, without the prior written approval of PNZ.
- 7.6 **Failure to Submit Nomination Criteria:** If the NSO fails to submit the proposed Nomination Criteria to PNZ by the agreed nomination date, or such other date as specified by PNZ, or if the proposed Nomination Criteria is not, after revision, in a form satisfactory to PNZ, PNZ may publish Nomination Criteria determined by it and select Para athletes in accordance with such Nomination Criteria and this Regulation. Alternatively, PNZ may decline to select Para athletes from the NSO sport for the NZPT or take such other steps as it considers appropriate in the circumstances.
- 7.7 **Publication of Nomination Criteria by PNZ:** PNZ shall publish the approved Nomination Criteria (and any subsequent amendments to it) together with the Selection Criteria, as widely as possible, including on the [PNZ website](#)).
- 7.8 **Publication of Nomination Criteria and Selection Criteria by NSO:** The NSO shall distribute the approved Nomination Criteria (and any subsequent amendments to them) together with the Selection Criteria in such manner as is agreed between PNZ and the NSO including publication on the NSO website (if applicable).
- 7.9 **Nomination Criteria:** Provided the requirements set out in clause 8.2 (Conditions of Nomination) are met, the SSS of the NSO may nominate Para athletes and Teams who have met the relevant Nomination Criteria set out in the Schedule specified below:
- a. Schedule A - Para Alpine Skiing and Para Snowboard (Snow Sports)

8. Nomination Procedure

- 8.1 **Nomination of Para athletes and Teams:** The SSS of each NSO may nominate Para athletes and Teams to PNZ to be considered for selection in the NZPT.
- 8.2 **Conditions of Nomination:** The SSS of each NSO may only nominate a Para athlete (whether as an individual or part of a Team) who:
- a. has returned a completed Para athlete Application to PNZ by the Application Date which has been certified by PNZ in accordance with clause 6.5 (PNZ to certify Para athlete Application) of this Regulation;
- b. has returned a completed New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreement to PNZ prior to the Nomination Date;
- c. has met the Nomination Criteria set out in this Regulation;
- d. has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the NSO (in consultation with PNZ) that the Para athlete is not suffering any physical or mental health impairment (other than the known impairments for which the Para athlete has been classified pursuant to the

IPC's classification system) that would prevent them from competing in the Paralympic Games to no less than the standard specified in the Nomination Criteria for their Para sport and the Over-Riding Selection Criteria;

- e. to the knowledge of the NSO, has not acted in such a manner which has brought or has the potential to bring the Para athlete, the particular sport, the NSO or PNZ into disrepute;
- f. to the knowledge of the NSO (in consultation with PNZ) has not committed, nor is under any investigation in relation to, any anti-doping offence as defined in the anti-doping rules, regulations and/or policies of the relevant NSO, IF, PNZ, or IPC;
- g. from the date specified by PNZ has had their name, contact address details registered with Sport Integrity Commission for the purposes of out-of-competition drug testing;
- h. has agreed to be available for drug testing by Sport Integrity Commission and/or any other recognised drug testing authority; to comply with the Sports Anti-Doping Rules issued by Sport Integrity Commission 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;
- i. has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the NSO that they will maintain the designated level of fitness and standard of competitiveness as set out in the New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreement; and
- j. in the case of a team event or disciplines the relevant Team has qualified a place under the applicable IF/IPC qualification criteria and the individual members of those teams have met the Nomination Criteria.

Sub-clauses 8.2f and g of this clause shall not apply to any anti-doping offence or other offence for which a Para athlete has been sanctioned where such sanction has been satisfied in full.

PNZ may, in its discretion, permit a Para athlete who has committed an offence under sub-clause 8.2 to be eligible for nomination, depending on the nature of the offence and the surrounding facts, which must be provided in full to PNZ by the Para athlete and NSO.

- 8.3 **Failure to comply:** Failure to comply with, or maintain compliance with, any part of clause 8.2 (Conditions of Nomination) may result in the Para athlete not being eligible for consideration for selection, or, if selected, being removed from the NZPT.
- 8.4 **Number of Nominated Para athletes:** Subject to clause 8.10 (Reserves), the SSS of each NSO may only nominate the number of Para athletes permitted by the IPC for that sport's participation in the Paralympic Games, unless otherwise agreed in writing with PNZ. This clause does not prevent the SSS of an NSO nominating less than the number of Para athletes permitted by the IPC for that sport.

- 8.5 **No Obligation to fill available Number of Nominations:** There is no obligation on the SSS of an NSO to nominate the number of Para athletes permitted by the IPC if they do not consider that sufficient Para athletes meet the Nomination Criteria.
- 8.6 **Notification of Nomination:** The SSS of each NSO must advise PNZ of their Nominated Para athletes and Nominated Teams by the Nomination Date and notify the Nominated Para athletes and Nominated Teams of any additional preconditions they must satisfy in accordance with clause 9.2 (Conditions of Selection). Any nomination made after the Nomination Date will be invalid, subject to clause 8.8 (PNZ may accept late Nomination).
- 8.7 **Verification of Performance:** The SSS of each NSO must provide satisfactory evidence to PNZ of the results, performances and standards and any other information reasonably requested including conditions of performances achieved by any Nominated Para athletes and Nominated Teams, as well as those of the Para athletes from other nations and/or the field of competition they are likely to be competing against at the Paralympic Games, and considered by the SSS of the NSO in determining the nomination of the Para athlete and any Team.
- 8.8 **PNZ may accept late Nomination:** PNZ may accept a nomination after the Nomination Date where it is made as a result of a Nomination Appeal brought in accordance with the Nomination Appeal procedures set out in clause 13.5 (Procedure for Nomination Appeals).
- 8.9 **PNZ to inform Para athletes of nomination or non-nomination:** By the Nomination Date, PNZ must advise each Para athlete who returned a completed Para athlete Application prior to the Application Date, of their nomination or non-nomination.
- 8.10 **Reserves:** The SSS of each NSO shall apply the Nomination Criteria in determining Para athletes who may be nominated to PNZ as reserves, should any Nominated Para athlete withdraw or not be selected by PNZ.
- 8.11 **Nomination no Guarantee of Selection:** Nomination of any Nominated Para athlete and Nominated Team to PNZ does not guarantee or secure selection of that Para athlete or Team by the Panel to the NZPT.

9. Selection Procedure

- 9.1 **Panel to Select Para athletes:** The Panel shall be solely responsible for selecting from amongst the Nominated Para athletes and NZPT Games Team. Any decision regarding the selection of the NZPT is at the complete discretion of PNZ.
- 9.2 **Conditions of Selection:** The Panel shall, in considering the selection of any Nominated Para athlete and Nominated Team to the NZPT, be satisfied that the Nominated Para athlete or Para athlete in any Nominated Team:
- a. has met and, where relevant, is continuing to meet the conditions of nomination in clause 8.2 (Conditions of Nomination) of this Regulation;

- b. has met the Nomination Criteria and is continuing to train and achieve results consistent with such criteria;
- c. if requested by the Panel, has undertaken medical and/or fitness assessment/s with results which satisfy the Panel that they are not physically or mentally impaired (other than the known impairments for which the Para athlete has been classified pursuant to the IPC's classification system) so as to prevent them from competing in the Paralympic Games to no less than the standard specified in the Nomination Criteria for their Para sport and the Over-Riding Selection Criteria; and
- d. has satisfied any additional preconditions advised in writing to the Nominated Para athlete by PNZ or the NSO, if requested to do so, on its behalf.

9.3 **Selection if Criteria met:** If the conditions of selection set out in clause 9.2 (Conditions of Selection) are met to the satisfaction of the Panel in respect of those Nominated Para athletes and any Nominated Teams, the Panel shall then select from amongst those Nominated Para athletes those Para athletes, and for Nominated Teams those Teams, it considers meet the Selection Criteria set out in clause 10 (Selection Criteria).

9.4 **Notification to the Board:** The Panel will notify the selection decisions in respect of the selection or otherwise of all Nominated Para athletes and Nominated Teams to the NZPT, to the Board, and prior to any other announcements. This notification will be recorded in a report to the Board which shall specify the names of all the Nominated Para Athletes and Nominated Teams, the selected athletes and Teams, the process undertaken, the information relied upon and the reasoning for its decision.

9.5 **Review:** If the Board has significant concerns about any selection or non-selection decision made by the Panel it may require the Panel to review its decision. For the purposes of this clause "significant concerns" means concerns that could impact on the success or otherwise of the NZPT at the Paralympic Games or which may impact on the reputation of PNZ. They may include concerns related to the process undertaken by the Panel or the information (or lack of information) on which the Panel's decisions were made. The Board must decide, and notify the Panel of, the need to undertake a review, within 48 hours of it receiving the selection decisions from the Panel. The Board must inform the Panel of the specific matters of significant concern to be taken into account in the Panel's review. The Panel must undertake the review and inform the Board whether it has changed its original decision, within 3 days of receiving the Board's request.

10. Selection Criteria

10.1 **Selection Criteria:** The Selection Criteria for selection to the NZPT is made up of the following parts:

- a. the General Selection Criteria specified in clause 10.2;
- b. the Over-Riding Selection Criteria specified in clause 10.3; and

- c. the Supporting Evidence specified in clause 10.4.
- 10.2 **General Selection Criteria:** Firstly, the Panel **must** be satisfied that the Nominated Para athlete or Nominated Team:
- a. has met the requirements specified in clause 9.2 (Conditions of Selection) of this Regulation;
 - b. will, in the opinion of the Panel, be an effective and harmonious member of the NZPT;
 - c. has not acted in such a manner so as to bring the Nominated Para athlete, the Nominated Team, the sport, the NSO or PNZ into public disrepute; and
 - d. in the opinion of the Panel, has acted and will continue to act, as a positive role model to all New Zealand Para athletes.
- 10.3 **Over-Riding Selection Criteria:** In addition to the General Selection Criteria, the Panel **must** also be satisfied overall that:
- 10.3.1 **Individuals:** A Nominated Para athlete being considered for individual events, has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the 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 French Alps 2030 Paralympic Winter Games.
- 10.3.2 **Teams:** A Nominated Team has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Panel that the Nominated 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 French Alps 2030 Paralympic Winter Games.
- 10.4 **Supporting Evidence:** In demonstrating a Para athlete's or Team's capability, every nomination must be supported by evidence showing tracking of the Para athlete's and Team's performances and results up to the date of nomination. 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 Para athlete's or Team's progression and forecasted placing at the Paralympic Games;
 - c. The rate of the Para athlete's or Team's progression and forecasted placing at the French Alps 2030 Paralympic Winter Games;

- d. The rate of progression of other Para athletes and teams from other nations in that event; and
 - e. The likelihood of Para athletes or teams from other nations being selected for the Paralympic Games (based on that nation's selection criteria).
- 10.5 **No Obligation:** There is no obligation on the Panel to fill any or all of the available places on the NZPT for the Paralympic Games.
- 10.6 **Selection may be subject to conditions:** The Panel may, in its discretion, add to, or remove, any Selected Para athlete or Selected Team from the NZPT at any time based on the Selection Criteria. It may also select a Nominated Para athlete or Nominated Team with conditions to be satisfied by a date prior to the commencement of the Paralympic Games as determined by PNZ. If such conditions are met to the satisfaction of the PNZ Selectors by the specified date, that Para athlete shall be selected to the NZPT.
- 10.7 **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, apply them to one or more of the Nominated Para 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.
- 10.8 **Reasons for decisions:** The Panel shall provide reasons for its decisions.
- 10.9 **Selection following Nomination or Selection Appeal:** As a result of an appeal under clause 13 (Appeal Procedure), the Panel may decide not to select a Nominated Para athlete or Nominated Team or to recommend to the Chief Executive Officer to terminate the New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreement of a Selected Para athlete and in place of that Para athlete select a reserve or another Nominated Para athlete or Nominated Team, as the case may be.

11. Extenuating Circumstances and Overriding Discretion

Extenuating Circumstances:

- 11.1 The Panel may in its sole discretion take into account extenuating circumstances and therefore waive or vary some or all of the above Selection 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 Policy, "extenuating circumstances" means the inability of a Para athlete or Team to compete or perform to an optimum level due to factors such as:
- a. injury or illness of a Para 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.”
- 11.2 Para athletes unable to compete at events, trials, or other attendances required under this Regulation and attached Appendices and Schedules, must advise the Chief Executive Officer of the extenuating circumstances, and reasons, in writing, with as much advance notice as possible and ideally five Working Days prior to the commencement of the event, trial or other attendance. If the Chief Executive Officer is not notified of any extenuating circumstances in accordance with this Regulation, then the Panel has no obligation to rely on such circumstances.
- 11.3 In the case of injury or illness, Para 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 in respect of a Para athlete’s selection.
- 11.4 In the case of any extenuating circumstance/s, the Panel will make a decision on a case by case basis.
- 11.5 **Overriding Discretion:** Notwithstanding the Selection Criteria, in considering Nominated Para athletes and Nominated Teams for selection, the Panel has an absolute overriding discretion to select (or not select) Nominated Para athletes or Nominated Teams (including those who may not meet the above criteria) for the NZPT. In doing so it may take into account factors such as, but not limited to quota: allocations in accordance with the IF Qualification System; where the individual or team has demonstrated to the Panel’s satisfaction they have a strong record of international competition; compatibility of Para athletes, or factors that may affect the NZPT or future NZPTs.

12. Notification of Selection

12.1 Notification of Selection:

- a. Once the Panel has determined the Nominated Para athletes and Teams to be selected to the Paralympic Games Team (and the Board has been notified in accordance with clause 9.4 (Notification to the Board)) each NSO who has nominated a Para athlete or Team, will be advised verbally and then in writing by the Chief Executive Officer on whether or not they have been selected. In the case of non selection the NSO will be provided reasons for non selection.
- b. Once the Chief Executive Officer has advised each NSO of each Nominated Para athlete and Team selection, the Chief Executive Officer will advise each Nominated Para athlete and Team verbally and then in writing whether or not they have been selected. In the case of non selection the Nominated Para athlete or Team will be provided reasons for their non selection.

- c. The notifications of selection and non selection specified under 12.1a and 12.1b are to remain confidential until the announcement of selection detailed in 12.2 has been made.
- 12.2 **Announcement of Selection:** After notification of selection (clause 12.1), the NZPT will be publicly announced by the Chief Executive Officer.
- 12.3 **Commencement of New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreement:** Upon the announcement being made in clause 12.2 (Announcement of Selection), the New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreements that have been duly signed by the Selected Para athletes and Para athletes in Selected Teams shall come into force.

13. Appeal Procedure

- 13.1 **Nomination Appeals:** Any Para athlete who has applied for nomination and selection to the NZPT and who has returned a completed a Para athlete Application to PNZ by the Application Date and a New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreement to PNZ by the Nomination Date may appeal against their non-nomination to PNZ by the SSS of the NSO in accordance with the procedures set out in this Regulation.
- 13.2 **Selection Appeals:** Any Nominated Para athlete may appeal against their non-selection to the NZPT by the Panel in accordance with the procedures set out in this Regulation.
- 13.3 **Grounds for Nomination Appeals:** A Nomination Appeal may be made on any one or more of the following grounds that:
 - a. the applicable Nomination Criteria was not properly followed and/or implemented;
 - b. the Para athlete was not afforded a reasonable opportunity by the SSS of the NSO to satisfy the applicable Nomination Criteria;
 - c. the nomination decision was affected by actual bias;
 - d. there was no material on which the nomination decision could reasonably be based;
 - e. natural justice was denied.
- 13.4 **Grounds for Selection Appeals:** A Selection Appeal may be made on any one or more of the following grounds that:
 - a. the applicable Selection Criteria was not properly followed and/or implemented;
 - b. the selection decision was affected by actual bias;
 - c. there was no material on which the selection decision could be reasonably be based;
 - d. natural justice was denied.
- 13.5 **Procedure for Nomination Appeals:** The procedure for a Nomination Appeal by a Para athlete is as follows:

- a. The Para athlete wishing to appeal must notify the Chief Executive Officer of the NSO in writing of their wish to appeal the decision not to nominate them ("Notice of Appeal"). This notice may be sent by email or post and must be received by the NSO within two Working Days of the Nomination Date.
- b. The Notice of Appeal must set out the following:
 - the decision regarding their non-nomination in question;
 - the grounds on which the appeal is made; and
 - the reasons or circumstances supporting the alleged grounds of appeal.
- c. Within two Working Days of receiving the Notice of Appeal, the Chief Executive Officer of the NSO shall, in consultation with the Para athlete, arrange a confidential meeting between the parties and their representatives (if any) at which the parties shall endeavour to resolve the Nomination Appeal by discussion on a without prejudice basis. Such a meeting (which may be held in person; video or telephone) shall be held as soon as possible, and within seven Working Days after the date the Notice of Appeal is received by the NSO. The purpose of such a meeting is to allow the NSO to explain the nomination decision and to discuss the concerns of the Para 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 nomination 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 13.5c 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 13.5c and the Para athlete wishes to proceed they 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 13.5c or within seven Working Days of the Nomination Date (whichever is the later) and copied to the NSO.
- 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 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.

13.6 Procedure for Selection Appeals: The procedure for a Selection Appeal by a Nominated Para athlete is as follows:

- a. The Nominated Para athlete wishing to appeal must notify the Chief Executive Officer in writing of their wish to appeal ("Notice of Appeal"). This notice may be sent by email or post and must be received by the Chief Executive Officer within two Working Days of the Selection Date.
- b. The Notice of Appeal must set out the following:
- the decision regarding their non-selection in question;
 - the grounds on which the appeal is made; and
 - the reasons or circumstances supporting the alleged grounds of appeal.
- c. Within two Working Days of receiving the Notice of Appeal, the Chief Executive Officer shall in consultation with the Para 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, video or telephone) shall be held as soon as possible, and within seven Working Days after the date the Notice of Appeal is received by the Chief Executive Officer. The purpose of such a meeting is to allow the Panel to explain the selection decision and to discuss the concerns of the Para 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 13.6c 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 13.6c and the Para athlete wishes to proceed they 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 13.6c or within seven Working Days of the Nomination Date or Application Date (whichever is the later) and copied to the Chief Executive Officer and the applicable NSO, SSS or 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 a Para athlete against the decision of the applicable NSO or SSS regarding their non-nomination or 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 clauses 13.3 (Grounds for Nomination Appeals) and 13.4 (Grounds for Selection Appeals) and CAS shall be vested with the powers of the Sports Tribunal.

14. Removal / Withdrawal from Selection

14.1 A Selected Para athlete or Para athlete in a Selected Team may be withdrawn from the NZPT by the Chief Executive Officer if they:

- a. breach or fail to comply with this Regulation or any term of the New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreement;
- b. breach or fail to comply with:
 - the Constitution;
 - the regulations and policies of PNZ (including committing any violation of the Sports Anti-Doping Rules);
 - the rules of any event, competition or activity in which the Para athlete has been selected to participate; or
 - any reasonable instruction or request by the Chief Executive Officer, or the applicable coach(es);
- c. bring themselves, another Para athlete, the Selected Team, the NZPT, an official, or PNZ into disrepute (or act in a manner that has the potential, in the reasonable opinion of PNZ, to bring the aforementioned into disrepute);
- d. have a significant illness or injury which in the opinion of the Panel will prevent the Selected Para athlete from continuing to meet the Selection Criteria on which they were selected; and/or
- e. fail to consistently maintain the level of performance and/or results or to maintain the Selection Criteria.

14.2 Before withdrawing a Selected Para athlete or Para athlete in Selected Team under clause 14.1, the Chief Executive Officer shall notify the Para athlete of the alleged breach or grounds on which it is proposed to withdraw the Para athlete. The Para athlete will be given a reasonable opportunity to provide reasons as to why they should not be withdrawn, and if the Chief Executive Officer considers it appropriate, they may grant the Para athlete time to show improvement (in accordance with any conditions the Chief Executive Officer considers appropriate).

- 14.3 A Selected Para athlete or Para athlete in Selected Team may withdraw from the NZPT by informing the Chief Executive Officer of this decision in writing, provided such notice is given no later than twenty Working Days prior to the Paralympic Games.
- 14.4 If a Selected Para athlete or Para athlete in Selected Team is withdrawn from selection, the Panel (or in cases of urgency, the applicable coach(es) and the Chief Executive Officer or their nominee) may select a reserve or another Nominated Para athlete who, in the opinion of the Panel, meets the Selection Criteria, subject to clause 13 (Appeal Procedure).

15. Inconsistencies

- 15.1 In the event there is any inconsistency between the requirements of the IPC and this Regulation, this Regulation shall prevail.
- 15.2 In the event there is any inconsistency between the Nomination Criteria for a NSO and this Regulation, this Regulation shall prevail.
- 15.3 If the Nomination Criteria or 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.

16. Amendments to this Regulation

- 16.1 This Regulation, including the Appendices and Schedules, may be amended or supplemented from time to time by the Board.
- 16.2 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.
- 16.3 This Regulation includes any amendments to the IPC rules, regulations, policies and codes.

APPENDIX ONE

(This form will be digital – below is the content contained within the digital form; Para athletes under 18 will be provided with a hard copy due to parent/ guardian consent required.)

MILANO CORTINA 2026 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES

PARA ATHLETE APPLICATION FORM

PARALYMPICS NEW ZEALAND - MILANO CORTINA 2026 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES TEAM -
PARA ATHLETE APPLICATION FORM FOR NOMINATION / SELECTION

To be considered for nomination and selection for the NZ Paralympic Team to compete at the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games, this form must be completed by **2 May 2025**.

If you need any assistance please contact Sacha Wright - Games Campaign and Sports Co-ordinator
– pnzgamescampaign@paralympics.org.nz or +64 21 448 969.

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

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

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

I apply to be considered for nomination and selection to compete at the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games in the sport of _____ (Sport).

Declaration

In applying to be considered for nomination and selection to the New Zealand Paralympic Team (NZPT) to compete at the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games, I acknowledge, agree and declare that:

- I have been provided with access to a copy of:
 - the Paralympics New Zealand Inc.(PNZ) Selection Regulation for the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games (PNZ Selection Regulation); and
 - the Nomination Criteria (as set out in the PNZ Selection Regulation) for my Sport; via the [PNZ website](#), and I agree to be bound by the terms of these documents.
- 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-nomination or non-selection must be exercised in accordance with the procedures set out in the PNZ Selection Regulation.
- If PNZ (in consultation with the relevant National Sports Organisation (NSO) certifies that this Para Athlete Application is correct, I agree to complete, sign and return to PNZ prior to the Nomination Date a New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreement which will come into effect only if and when I am selected by PNZ to the NZPT.

- The decision whether or not to nominate me to PNZ for selection to the NZPT is subject to the Nomination Criteria for my Sport and is at the discretion of the sport specific selectors of my Sports Organisation (“SSS”).
- In the event that the SSS nominates me to PNZ for selection to the NZPT, I acknowledge that I am not guaranteed to be selected. The decision of whether or not to select me in the NZPT is subject to the PNZ Selection Regulation and is at the discretion of the PNZ Panel.
- I am a member of my Sports Organisation.
- I have met all the eligibility requirements of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) as specified on the [IPC website](#), including the sport-specific classification and designated classification, and any other applicable International Federation (IF) requirements for participation in the Paralympic Games.
- I am a New Zealand citizen and hold a New Zealand passport.
- I have not breached, nor am I under investigation for breach of, any rules and regulations of my Sports Organisation, PNZ, the IF, the IPC, World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) or Sport Integrity Commission.
- I have not committed, nor am I under investigation for, any anti-doping offence as defined in the anti-doping policies of my Sports Organisation, PNZ, the IF, the IPC or Sport Integrity Commission.
- I am not currently disqualified or suspended under the rules of PNZ, the IF, the IPC or WADA.
- I consent to having my name and contact address details registered with Sport Integrity Commission for the purpose of out of competition drug testing.
- I have agreed to be available for drug testing by Sport Integrity Commission and/or any other recognised drug testing authority, and have, and will, comply with the Sports Anti-Doping Rules issued by Sport Integrity Commission 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 can obtain the Sports Anti-Doping Rule and copies of the anti-doping rules, regulations and policies of my Sports Organisation, PNZ, Sport Integrity Commission the IF and the IPC and I agree to be bound by them.
- Subject to the Criminal Records (Clean State) Act 2004, I have not been convicted of a criminal offence punishable by a term of imprisonment.
- 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 have not acted in any manner to bring myself, my Sport, my NSO or PNZ into public disrepute.
- I am not currently suffering any physical or mental health impairment (other than the known impairments for which I have been classified pursuant to the IPC’s classification system) that might prevent me from competing in the Paralympic Games to no less than the standard specified in the Nomination Criteria for my Para sport and the Over-Riding Selection Criteria.
- 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 nomination and selection of the NZPT will be notified of 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 my nomination (if any) by my NSO and selection (if any) 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.

In the case you HAVE been convicted of a criminal offence punishable by a term of imprisonment, please outline the nature and date of the offence(s).

I acknowledge and agree with all of the above conditions outlined in this Para Athlete Application Form.

Minor Application

In the case of a Para athlete under 18 years of age as at the date of signing this Para athlete Application, it must be acknowledged/ signed by the parent or guardian of the Para athlete.

Name of the parent or guardian

I confirm I am the parent/ guardian of the Para athlete, and I acknowledge and agree to the acknowledgment and conditions specified in this form.

Name _____ Date _____

APPENDIX TWO



NEW ZEALAND PARALYMPIC TEAM AGREEMENT

MILANO CORTINA 2026 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES

To be considered for nomination and selection to the New Zealand Paralympic Team (NZPT) to compete at the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games, this New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreement must be signed, dated and returned to Paralympics New Zealand by **30 May 2025**.

PARTIES

BETWEEN: PARALYMPICS NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED (PNZ) an incorporated society having its registered office at 7b Antares Place, Rosedale, Auckland 0632.

AND: **NAME at **E-mail address** (You)**

BACKGROUND

1. PNZ is affiliated to the International Paralympic Committee as the National Paralympic Committee in New Zealand.
2. You have submitted a Para Athlete Application Form, in accordance with the PNZ Selection Regulation for the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games, and that Para Athlete Application Form has been submitted to PNZ by the application date and certified by PNZ (in consultation with the National Sports Organisation (NSO) of your sport).
3. PNZ is the appointed guardian of the Intellectual Property owned by the IPC and the Milano Cortina 2026 Organising Committee of Games (OCOG) in New Zealand. This Agreement has been drafted to protect this Intellectual Property, and Intellectual Property owned or controlled by PNZ, against commercial use by organisations that are not official sponsors or partners of these various entities.
4. PNZ relies on a mix of donations, government grants and support from sponsors or partners to fund sport and community programmes for Para athletes in New Zealand, including the significant costs of preparing and taking a New Zealand team to the Paralympic Games. This Agreement is designed to protect PNZ's commercial interests, including sponsorships and fundraising activities, to ensure that the NZPT is fully funded and the Para athletes traveling to the Paralympic Games are provided the best opportunity and environment possible to secure medals.
5. It is a condition of eligibility for nomination and selection to the NZPT that you agree to the terms of this Agreement by completing and returning this Agreement to PNZ prior to the Nomination Date.
6. By signing and dating this Agreement you acknowledge that you are not guaranteed to be selected by PNZ to the NZPT.
7. This Agreement only comes into effect if you are selected by PNZ to the NZPT. If you are selected to the NZPT, this Agreement comes into effect upon such selection and if you are not selected to the NZPT, this Agreement does not come into effect.
8. This Agreement is an appendix to the PNZ Selection Regulation, and the terms of the Regulation are incorporated into this Agreement.

DEFINITIONS:

In this Agreement unless the context indicates otherwise:

Agreement means this New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreement and includes the background and all schedules.

Application Date means the date by which Para athletes must submit a completed Para Athlete Application Form to PNZ in accordance with the PNZ Selection Regulation.

CAS means the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Chief Executive Officer means the Chief Executive Officer of PNZ and includes their nominee.

Constitution means the Constitution of PNZ.

IF means International Federation.

Intellectual Property means all ideas, processes, systems, methods, discoveries, innovations, inventions, improvements, devices, equipment, specifications, characteristics, designs, plans, drawings, original works of authorship, copyright works, trade secrets, know-how, experience, data, technical or other information, confidential information, trade or service marks and the like capable of ownership or protection at law and including all things protectable under copyright, patent, designs, trade mark, trade secrets and confidential information laws and similar laws.

IPC means the International Paralympic Committee.

Member means a member of PNZ as specified in the Constitution.

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

New Zealand Broadcast Rights-holder means the organisation(s) holding the exclusive rights, as awarded by IPC, to create content and distribute it across various media platforms in the buildup, during and post the Paralympic Games.

Nominated Para athlete means a Para athlete nominated by the National Sports Organisation in accordance with the PNZ Selection Regulation.

Nomination Appeal means an appeal against non-nomination brought in accordance with the provisions set out in the PNZ Selection Regulation.

Nomination Criteria means the Nomination Criteria as set out in the PNZ Selection Regulation.

Nomination Date means the date, as specified by PNZ (and includes any alternative date as agreed between PNZ and the National Sports Organisation), by which the National Sports Organisation must submit any Nominated Para athletes to PNZ for consideration by the Panel.

NSO means any New Zealand National Sporting Organisation that is a Member of PNZ, any other New Zealand national NSO that has signed an agreement with PNZ to be bound by this Regulation or PNZ (in circumstances where it acts as a national NSO for certain Para sports).

NZ Paralympic Team means the New Zealand Paralympic Team selected in accordance with the PNZ Selection Regulation to compete in the Paralympic Games.

Panel means the PNZ Selection Panel established in accordance with the PNZ Selection Regulation.

Para athlete means an athlete who is selected to the NZ Paralympic Team.

Para Athlete Application Form means the application form that must be completed by any Para athlete applying to be nominated and selected to the NZ Paralympic Team in accordance with the PNZ Selection Regulation.

Paralympic Games mean the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games to be held in Milano Cortina, Italy from 6-15 March 2026.

Paralympic Games Period means the period from 25 February to 19 March 2026, that is nine days prior to the opening ceremony of the Paralympic Games through to the end of the third day after the closing ceremony inclusive (or any other period as may be otherwise notified by IPC or PNZ).

Milano Cortina 2026 OCOG means the Milano Cortina 2026 Organising Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Personal Sponsors means any commercial organisation that a Para athlete may have entered into an agreement with to exchange image and other rights for cash or contra.

PNZ means Paralympics New Zealand Incorporated.

PNZ Board means the Board of elected members which governs PNZ.

PNZ Code of Conduct means any code of conduct issued by the PNZ Board.

PNZ Intellectual Property means all Intellectual Property owned or under the guardianship of PNZ and includes the words and logos set out in **Schedule 3** of this Agreement.

PNZ Partners means sponsors or partners supporting PNZ as shown in **Schedule 1** of this Agreement and updated on the PNZ website from time to time during and after the Term as required.

PNZ Selection Regulation means the PNZ Selection Regulation for the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games.

Selection Appeal means an appeal by a Para athlete against their non-selection brought in accordance with the PNZ Selection Regulation.

Selection Date means the date on which the Chief Executive Officer publicly announces which Para athletes have been selected to the NZPT in accordance with the PNZ Selection Regulation.

Sport Integrity Commission means Sport Integrity Commission Te Kahu Raunui.

Sports Tribunal means the Sports Tribunal of New Zealand established under the Sports Anti Doping Act 2006.

Term has the meaning set out in clause 1.

Uniform means any item of apparel issued, or instructed to be worn, by PNZ (or with PNZ's approval) in connection with your participation in the NZPT and includes competition, podium, training, traveling, casual, and formal apparel and accessories, as supplied by PNZ or PNZ Partners.

WADA means the World Anti-Doping Agency.

1. TERM OF AGREEMENT

- 1.1 **Term:** Subject to clause 2 below, this Agreement will commence on the date of execution by both parties and will, subject to you being selected to the NZPT (and subject to the rights of early termination in this Agreement set out in clause 13 and clause 14), terminate on 30 June 2026. For the avoidance of doubt, this Agreement will terminate on the Selection Date if you are not selected to the NZPT; subject to clause 23 continuing to apply.

2. CLAUSES THAT WILL COME INTO EFFECT UPON EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT

- 2.1 **Eligibility:** Notwithstanding clause 1, You acknowledge and agree to be bound by clauses 7, 8, 9 and 22 from the date of execution of this Agreement to the Selection Date.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION

- 3.1 By completing and returning this Agreement, you confirm that the Para Athlete Application Form completed by you is accurate and that no matter has arisen that may, or does, affect the declarations made by you in the Para Athlete Application Form.

4. YOUR OBLIGATIONS

- 4.1 For the Term of this Agreement you agree to:
- a. comply with the terms of this Agreement;
 - b. if applicable (Para athlete is a minor), parent or guardian to complete the PNZ Parental Consent. Emergency Contacts and Risk Disclosure for Minors Form;
 - c. comply with all rules, regulations and policies of your National Sporting Organisation (NSO), PNZ, the IF, the IPC, the Milano Cortina 2026 OCOG and WADA;
 - d. train and keep yourself in the best possible physical and mental conditions from the Selection Date until the end of the Paralympic Games Period to enable you to compete in the Paralympic Games to no less than the standard specified in the Nomination Criteria;
 - e. disclose to the Chief Executive Officer any matter which could or does affect the declarations made by you in the Para Athlete Application Form immediately upon your becoming aware of any such matter;
 - f. observe and comply with all reasonable directions given by PNZ, through its Chef de Mission and any person appointed by them;
 - g. during the Paralympic Games Period, be subject to the control, management and reasonable direction of PNZ, through the Chef de Mission and any person appointed by them;
 - h. comply with the PNZ Code of Conduct;
 - i. conduct yourself in a proper manner so as not to bring yourself, the NZPT or PNZ into public disrepute;

- j. not make, comment, issue, authorise, offer or endorse any public criticism or statement having or designed to have a prejudicial effect on the interests of PNZ, the IPC, the Paralympic Games or the Paralympic Games generally as an event, including any officers or staff of PNZ and the IPC;
- k. not bet or accept, give or in any way be involved in any inducement or bribe in relation to your own performance at the Paralympic Games or the performance of any other Para athlete at the Paralympic Games;
- l. not do or omit to do anything that does or may undermine or damage the reputation or profile of the IPC, PNZ, the Paralympic Games, the Milano Cortina 2026 OCOG or any of their sponsors;
- m. live inside the Paralympic Games village or official satellite villages provided by the OCOG for the Paralympic Games Period; and
- n. complete a comprehensive evaluation survey and return it to PNZ as per the prescribed timeframes determined by PNZ at the conclusion of the Paralympic Games.

5. OBLIGATIONS OF PNZ

5.1 For the Term of this Agreement, PNZ will:

- a. through the Panel, select the NZPT to represent New Zealand at the Paralympic Games in accordance with the PNZ Selection Regulation;
- b. appoint the Chef de Mission and all other PNZ support personnel to attend and represent PNZ at the Paralympic Games;
- c. for the Paralympic Games Period, ensure you are provided access to medical, massage and physiotherapy treatment and facilities in the Paralympic Games village and, where or when available, at other Paralympic Games venues;
- d. for the Paralympic Games Period, ensure you are provided with administrative and other support staff to facilitate your participation in the Paralympic Games, including accreditation and obtaining access to training and competition venues for your sport;
- e. obtain relevant information from you and complete your entry requirements for the Paralympic Games;
- f. determine and arrange your travel to and from the Paralympic Games (by the route determined by PNZ to and from your usual place of residence), and ground transport at the Paralympic Games as determined by PNZ;
- g. determine and arrange your accommodation at the Paralympic Games village or official satellite villages provided by the OCOG during the Paralympic Games Period;
- h. determine and arrange travel insurance (and other insurances e.g. equipment) for you to attend the Paralympic Games as agreed with you, the details of which will be supplied to you;
- i. determine and supply to you clothing to be worn as directed by PNZ or the Chef de Mission;

- j. inform you of the necessary arrangements referred to in this Agreement by various means, including providing you with regular newsletters regarding preparations for the Paralympic Games, inviting you to briefings, and providing you with written documentation;
 - k. provide advice and assistance to you for public relations and media and sponsorship matters which may arise during the Term of this Agreement; and
 - l. provide access to tickets to events at the Paralympic Games subject to availability and at the discretion of the Chef de Mission or any other person appointed by them.
- 5.2 Where at any time during the Term of the Agreement the Chef de Mission is not available, input on any matter can be sought from the Chief Executive Officer (or their nominee).

6. MEDIA

6.1 For the Term of this Agreement you will:

- a. be entitled to make public comment or communicate with the media in relation to your personal performance in training or competition, relating to the Paralympic Games, as long as it complies with clauses 6.1b to d below;
- b. not make, support or endorse any public statement that has or may have a negative effect on the interests of your NZPT members, the NZPT, PNZ, the Paralympic Games, the Milano Cortina 2026 OCOG or the IPC generally;
- c. ensure that any media interviews or personal blogs/websites/social media statements or statements on other internet or mobile platforms do not directly or indirectly represent that your Personal Sponsors or any Connected Parties are sponsors of, associated with, or otherwise have the approval of, or are affiliated with, the NZPT, PNZ, the IPC or the Paralympic Games (including by the use of any PNZ Intellectual Property) and adhere to PNZ and IPC social media guidelines and policies; and
- d. not make any arrangements in advance of the Paralympic Games Period, for execution within the Paralympic Games Period, or, unless at the request of PNZ, organise to carry out any such arrangements for:
 - i. any media interviews;
 - ii. being or acting as a journalist or author in any published media such as a blog, web page, website article, diary, journal for any commercial party (including media organisations), whether for reward or not (unless any rules, regulations or policies of the IPC regarding blogging otherwise apply);
 - iii. any interview for payment or other reward; and
 - iv. any personal website that creates an actual or implied connection between any of your Personal Sponsors or any Connected Parties and the NZPT, PNZ, the IPC or the Paralympic Games, without the prior written consent of the Chief Executive Officer or their nominated representative (which shall be advised to you within seven days of receiving your written request for approval). Approved requests and any requests for you received by PNZ during the Paralympic Games Period will be referred to the PNZ media team to manage.

- 6.2 You agree to make yourself available for any media arranged by PNZ or PNZ Partners in accordance with this clause 6 for up to a total of 20 hours during the Term (this may include answering questions, making comments, and/or participating in media events and activities), provided that:
- a. your appearance relates to your being a member of the NZPT;
 - b. PNZ has given you reasonable notice that your involvement or attendance is required. Reasonable notice shall ordinarily be 24 hours notice for media interviews and five days' notice for media events or activities, unless an urgent situation arises in which case you are required to use your best efforts to attend; and
 - c. such involvement does not unreasonably interfere with your training or any other prior commitments you have which you have notified to PNZ or if participation would detrimentally affect your preparation for, or competition at, the Paralympic Games. The Chief Executive Officer or her nominated representative will consider requests for your exclusion from media on a case by case basis.
- 6.3 Your obligation to be available for media under this Agreement is limited to official media activities proactively arranged by PNZ, including during the Paralympic Games Period, and excludes media which third parties, including the New Zealand Broadcast Rights-holder, may request you to attend or provide (even if those requests are conveyed to you by PNZ).
- 6.4 You acknowledge that the New Zealand Broadcast Rights-holder is a separate organisation tasked with creating broadcast content and distributing programming pre, during and post the Paralympic Games Period. You recognise that you may be approached, both directly and through PNZ, for involvement and that any media hours used on these requests are above those committed to PNZ in clause 6.2. Your involvement is encouraged and all requests for your time should be directed or re-directed to PNZ, which will facilitate your involvement provided that:
- a. your appearance relates to your being a member of the NZPT;
 - b. reasonable notice that your involvement is requested has been provided. Reasonable notice shall ordinarily be five days' notice, unless it is during the Paralympic Games Period and you are answering questions regarding the Paralympic Games (for example, about your preparation, performance or results), or an urgent situation arises in which case you are required to use your best efforts to attend;
 - c. the timing of such involvement does not unreasonably interfere with your training or any other prior commitments you have which you have notified to PNZ or if participation would detrimentally affect your preparation for, or competition at, the Paralympic Games. PNZ will work with you to find an alternative time or location to involve you or will manage your exclusion with the New Zealand broadcast rights-holder;
 - d. your involvement does not contravene any sponsorship arrangements in place in support of the NZPT, PNZ, the IPC, Milano Cortina 2026 OCOG or the Paralympic Games generally; and
 - e. the New Zealand Broadcast Rights-holder agrees to cover the cost of any reasonable travel and accommodation incurred by your involvement in the activity.
- 6.5 You must wear the Uniform, or such other items of clothing as directed by PNZ for all media activity, unless otherwise agreed.

- 6.6 You acknowledge that your appearance at media commitments under this clause 6 may be as an individual and not with other members of the NZPT but in each case, it will relate to you being a member of the NZPT.
- 6.7 PNZ or PNZ Partners will cover the cost of any reasonable travel and accommodation incurred by you in attending any PNZ media activity (i.e. excluding any commitments under clause 6.4).
- 6.8 You agree and understand that:
- a. the spokesperson on all matters concerning the NZPT will be the Chief Executive Officer or the Chef de Mission who may, in their discretion, delegate responsibility for this role to any other official of the NZPT; and
 - b. no person other than the Chief Executive Officer or the Chef de Mission may comment on the arrangements for or the venues of the Paralympic Games, the management of the NZPT or fellow NZPT members or coaches.

7. PROMOTIONS AND SPONSORSHIP

- 7.1 As a member of the NZPT (or as a Para athlete seeking to be selected to the NZPT), from the date of execution of this Agreement, during and after the Term, you agree to protect the Intellectual Property of PNZ, the IPC, Milano Cortina 2026 OCOG and the Paralympic Games and related sponsors and will not assist, support, promote or encourage any persons or entities (including your Personal Sponsors or Connected Parties) to create an association with yourself (in your capacity as a member of the NZPT) in a way that implies that they are an official sponsor or partner of the NZPT, PNZ, the IPC, Milano Cortina 2026 OCOG or the Paralympic Games, and to not yourself do or omit to do anything which may imply such an association.
- 7.2 You acknowledge that PNZ owns, controls all rights in, has the right to use or is the guardian of the PNZ Intellectual Property and all other Intellectual Property related to the IPC, the Milano Cortina 2026 OCOG and the Paralympic Games. You agree that you may not, and shall procure that your Personal Sponsors or Connected Parties do not, at any time from the date of execution of this Agreement, during and after the Term, use, or allow or assist any third party to use or reproduce in any manner, any of the PNZ Intellectual Property including images or film of you in Uniform except as permitted under this Agreement or any other agreement entered into directly with the owner of the Intellectual Property. If your Personal Sponsor or Connected Parties are also an IPC, Paralympic Games or Milano Cortina 2026 OCOG sponsor then the rights granted to your Personal Sponsor or Connected Parties will be set out in an agreement directly between those parties. For the avoidance of doubt, it is acknowledged that the Uniform may include IPC, Paralympic Games or Milano Cortina 2026 OCOG Intellectual Property owned by third parties and this clause is not intended to prohibit your use of the Uniform, including photographs of you wearing the Uniform, for personal/non-commercial purposes.
- 7.3 From the date of execution of this Agreement, during and after the Term you can use such of the PNZ Intellectual Property, (including PNZ images and film) as is notified to you in writing by PNZ, on your website or social media channels to represent yourself as a member of the NZPT as long as such use does not show, or imply (in PNZ's reasonable opinion) an association between PNZ and your Personal Sponsors or Connected Parties and the usage is approved in advance in writing by PNZ or conforms to brand and IP policies issued by the IPC and the Milano Cortina 2026 OCOG from time to time.

- 7.4 From the date of execution of this Agreement, during the Term you agree to assist and co-operate with PNZ and the PNZ Partners to enable PNZ and the PNZ Partners to maximise the promotional benefits from the sponsorship arrangements.
- 7.5 After the Application Date and during the Term of this Agreement (but outside the Paralympic Games Period), you may appear or participate in any advertising, sponsorship, endorsement, fundraising, or promotional activity for Personal Sponsors or Connected Parties, where such activity:
- a. is the subject of an agreement entered into by you with a sponsor prior to the Application Date, is disclosed in your Para athlete Application and where written approval has been obtained from the Chief Executive Officer;
 - b. does not relate to or reference in any way whether by Uniform or otherwise, your membership of the NZPT or your athletic performance at the Paralympic Games or any previous Paralympic Games in which you have competed;
 - c. does not use, associate with, or reproduce in any manner any PNZ Intellectual Property or other Intellectual Property under the guardianship of PNZ;
 - d. does not directly or indirectly represent that the person or body for whom the advertising, promotion or marketing activities are conducted or the goods or services to be advertised, promoted or marketed, are sponsors of, associated with, or otherwise have the approval of or are affiliated with, the NZPT, PNZ, the IPC, Milano Cortina 2026 OCOG or the Paralympic Games; and
 - e. for the avoidance of doubt, use of the words "Paralympian", "Paralympic Para athlete" and "Para athlete" and iterations related to your sport, for example, "Para skier", are permitted when describing yourself, but may not be used by your Personal Sponsors or Connected Parties if such use suggests any association with, endorsement by, or sponsorship of, PNZ, IPC, Milano Cortina 2026 OCOG, the Paralympic Games or the NZPT.
- 7.6 During the Paralympic Games Period you agree:
- a. not to allow your name, picture, image, likeness, voice, person, performance or other representation of you ("Your Identity") to be used by any party, including your Personal Sponsors or any Connected Party, for advertising, sponsorship, endorsement, fundraising, or promotional purposes, including on their websites, without the prior written approval of the Chief Executive Officer (which shall be advised to you within seven days of receiving your written request for approval);
 - b. not to carry any other marks on any sporting equipment, other than the manufacturer's name/logo, within the IPC specifications.
- 7.7 You agree to be, and on request to make yourself available to be, televised, photographed and otherwise have Your Identity recorded during the Term of this Agreement under the conditions and for the purposes determined from time to time by PNZ, the IPC and the Milano Cortina 2026 OCOG and related sponsors.
- 7.8 You agree to inform all your Personal Sponsors, your coach or manager (if applicable) and any Connected Parties, of the limitations imposed upon you, and them as it relates to your participation at the Paralympic Games or as a member of the NZPT, during the Term of this

Agreement. Failure to do so may lead to ambush marketing, in which case PNZ reserves the right to take any action against your Personal Sponsors or any Connected Party.

- 7.9 During the Term you agree to attend up to a total of five promotional appearances as a member of the NZPT (which may include events, marketing and fundraising activities but does not include media requirements as set out in clause 6) at the request of PNZ and PNZ Partners, complying with all reasonable directions and participating in a manner compatible with enhancing the reputation and maximising the promotional benefits for PNZ and PNZ Partners provided that:
- a. your appearance relates to you being a member of the NZPT;
 - b. your appearance and any related commercial collateral for PNZ Partners (i.e. advertisements, posters, digital platforms etc) is positioned as per clause 8.2;
 - c. PNZ has given you reasonable notice that your attendance is required. Reasonable notice shall ordinarily be five day's written notice, unless an urgent situation arises in which case you are required to use your best efforts to attend;
 - d. the timing of such appearances does not unreasonably interfere with your training or any other prior commitments you have which you have notified to PNZ. If participation would detrimentally affect your preparation for, or competition at, the Paralympic Games, PNZ will work with you to find an alternative time or location to involve you or will manage your exclusion with the PNZ Partner;
 - e. the duration of each individual appearance shall be no longer than five hours exclusive of travel, unless otherwise agreed with you; and
 - f. PNZ or PNZ Partners will cover the cost of any reasonable travel and accommodation incurred by you in attending any appearances.

For the avoidance of doubt, the promotional appearances as a member of the NZPT outlined above will be in addition to any promotional appearances or involvement in any marketing campaigns that you may be required to undertake for PNZ or a PNZ Partner (pursuant to any separate arrangement with PNZ or a PNZ Partner).

- 7.10 During the Term you agree to comply with all reasonable directions of PNZ in assisting PNZ and the PNZ Partners.
- 7.11 You acknowledge and agree to use your best efforts to support and protect PNZ and the PNZ Partners, the IPC, Milano Cortina 2026 OCOG and the Paralympic Games against third parties who are not official sponsors of these parties from seeking to be associated with these parties (or any of them) and will notify PNZ immediately if you become aware of any unauthorised use of Your Identity which may affect your obligations to PNZ, the IPC, Milano Cortina 2026 OCOG and the Paralympic Games under this Agreement.
- 7.12 In addition, you also agree to:
- a. return to New Zealand with the NZPT on the date set by PNZ and keep yourself available for media and promotional activity for a period of five consecutive days beginning the day after you land in New Zealand. PNZ or PNZ Partners will cover the cost of any reasonable travel and accommodation incurred by you if you are required to remain in Auckland or need to travel to another destination that is not your home residence;

- b. make yourself available for one celebratory event (using one of your promotional appearances per clause 7.9) at a venue in New Zealand to be confirmed and held within the term (domestic travel costs to be arranged and met by PNZ or PNZ Partners);
- c. sign memorabilia for promotional use by PNZ as reasonably requested by PNZ.

8. RIGHTS

- 8.1 You understand and accept that this Agreement restricts your freedom, and that of your Personal Sponsors or Connected Parties, to use Your Identity (as it relates to your participation at the Paralympic Games or as a member of the NZPT) to the extent set out in this Agreement. You agree to such restriction and understand that it is necessary and reasonable for the purposes of protecting PNZ, the IPC, the Paralympic Games, the Milano Cortina 2026 OCOG and each of their sponsors.
- 8.2 You grant PNZ a non-exclusive right to use Your Identity during the Term at any time, place and in any manner whatsoever in order to promote the NZPT and PNZ and to use and sublicense the use of Your Identity to PNZ Partners for the purposes of endorsing the brand and brand messages of the PNZ Partner in recognition of their role as a proud Partner of PNZ and/or the NZPT. It is agreed that such use will not imply a personal commercial endorsement of the PNZ Partner's products or services by you unless you have a separate personal or NSO agreement with the PNZ Partner, under which separate terms are agreed and of which PNZ is aware and has approved. You agree that PNZ and PNZ Partners may use Your Identity in this way in any advertisement, promotion, marketing activity, document or merchandise provided PNZ produces or obtains such material at its (or the PNZ Partner's) cost.
- 8.3 During and after the Term of this Agreement, you agree to allow PNZ and the PNZ Partners to use Your Identity to (a) promote New Zealand's participation in the Paralympic Games or any future Paralympic Games and/or (b) in any broadcast or communication of all or any part of the Paralympic Games, as long as such use is limited to Your Identity (whether alone or with others) being used factually as a member of the NZPT.
- 8.4 You agree that at any time during and after the Term PNZ may use, and may license third parties to use, Your Identity as part of current and historical records and publications concerning PNZ, the NZPT and New Zealand's participation in the Paralympic Games, to identify you as part of the NZPT.
- 8.5 You confirm and warrant that you have not and will not assign or license any rights to Your Identity to any person or organisation (such as a sponsor) in a way that would prevent PNZ or the PNZ Partners from publishing or otherwise using such material in the manner described in this Agreement.

9. UNIFORM

- 9.1 From the date of execution of this Agreement, you must comply with all requirements related to any Uniform or clothing supplied to you as a member of the NZPT (or as a Para athlete seeking selection to the NZPT) as notified to you by PNZ or as directed by the Chef de Mission, and not wear any clothing or accessories that PNZ or the Chef de Mission (in their discretion) deems inappropriate.

- 9.2 During the Term you must not wear any item of apparel branded or manufactured by any person or organisation other than the supplier of the Uniform or a PNZ Partner, when you are required to wear the Uniform unless approved in advance by PNZ or the Chef de Mission.
- 9.3 You must not at any time during and after the Term:
- a. wear the Uniform during any kind of event, appearance or activity (particularly where photographic or audio-visual images or content might be taken or created) involving Personal Sponsors or Connected Parties, unless they are also PNZ Partners or you have prior written permission from PNZ to wear the Uniform at such event, appearance or activity;
 - b. appear or be shown in any PR/media, promotions, advertising, images or film for Personal Sponsors or Connected Parties wearing the Uniform, unless such Personal Sponsors or Connected Parties are also PNZ Partners or you have received written permission from PNZ to wear the Uniform in such PR/media, promotions, advertising, images or film;
 - c. alter the Uniform in any way without written permission (including, but not limited to, removing sleeves, shortening or lengthening skirts, adding logos of Personal Sponsors or Connected Parties). PNZ, PNZ Partner, IPC and Milano Cortina 2026 OCOG branding must not be in any way obscured on any item of the Uniform;
 - d. exchange any items in the Uniform (if issued as part of the Uniform) for your own items when you are required to wear the Uniform, unless prior permission is given. For example, shoes cannot be exchanged for ugg boots, sneakers or any other footwear, and headwear and other accessories (e.g. sunglasses) cannot be exchanged for other headwear or other accessories. Any personal accessories (including belts, necklaces, earrings, wallet chains) should be kept to a tasteful minimum; or
 - e. wear any item of apparel branded or manufactured by any person or organisation other than the supplier of the Uniform or a PNZ Partner, when you are required to wear the Uniform.
- 9.4 During and after the Term, the Uniform can be worn for factual, Paralympic Games heritage or personal purposes, for example a conference or school visit, but cannot be worn or pictured in any way implying an endorsement by PNZ, the IPC or Milano Cortina 2026 OCOG of any Personal Sponsors or Connected Parties, nor can it be worn again in competition unless permission is given by PNZ.
- 9.5 You must comply with all requirements related to the Uniform as specified by PNZ. If you are unsure of your obligations you agree to seek clarification from PNZ prior to wearing any other clothing at any appearances, events or competitions and in any media.
- 9.6 You agree that both during and after the Term you cannot wear, provide, sell or use, for gain by any commercial party other than a PNZ Partner, any part of your Uniform including competition wear as provided by PNZ or PNZ Partners.
- 9.7 PNZ may, in its complete discretion, where it considers it appropriate to do so in exceptional circumstances, grant exemptions to the obligations set out in this clause by agreement with you. Such exemptions may apply for the Term of this Agreement or on a case by case basis for a specific occasion.

10. ANTI-DOPING

- 10.1 You must not engage in doping and in particular you agree that you are bound by and, must comply with all relevant anti-doping rules, regulations and policies including the following:
- a. the sports anti-doping rules, regulations and policies of your Sports Organisation and the Sports Anti-Doping Rules made under the Sports Anti-Doping Act 2006 as amended from time to time;
 - b. the PNZ Anti-Doping Regulation (available in **Schedule 2**) which consists of the Sports Anti-Doping Rules issued by Sport Integrity Commission and as amended from time to time;
 - c. the anti-doping rules, regulations and policies of the relevant IF;
 - d. the IPC Medical and Anti-Doping Code; and
 - e. the WADA Code as implemented in New Zealand by the Sports Anti-Doping Rules made under the Sports Anti-Doping Act 2006 (available at <https://sportintegrity.nz/>).
- 10.2 You consent to Sport Integrity Commission and any other national anti-doping organisation undertaking tests, carrying out other investigations and taking any other steps as permitted by the anti-doping rules of PNZ, your Sports Organisation, IPC or any other applicable anti-doping rules. In particular you must fully co-operate with Sport Integrity Commission, your Sports Organisation, PNZ, IPC and/or any other person or body undertaking any enquiries under any applicable anti-doping rules, into a possible or alleged anti-doping violation by you or any other person with whom you are associated. This may include attending interviews to answer questions, giving information and producing documents which you are required to do. You agree to Sport Integrity Commission, your Sports Organisation, PNZ, IPC and any other organisations or authorities permitted by any anti-doping rules, to collect, hold, use and disclose any personal information about you obtained from those tests, investigations or other steps, to the extent specified in the applicable rules.
- 10.3 You acknowledge and agree that if you are found to have committed a doping offence under any one or more of the rules described in clause 10.1, you may be penalised in accordance with those rules and that, in addition, this Agreement may be terminated in accordance with clause 13 or 14.
- 10.4 You must notify the Chief Executive Officer, in writing, of any pending doping infringement or case against you at the time you execute this Agreement or as soon as you become aware of one during the Term of this Agreement.

11. MATCH FIXING AND BETTING

- 11.1 You agree to comply with all laws, rules, policies and procedures that your NSO, PNZ, the relevant IF, IPC and any other applicable organisations, related to match fixing, betting and/or other forms of corruption and misconduct (including those issued by your NSO, PNZ, the relevant IF, IPC and any other applicable organisations) during the Term of this Agreement. You agree to disclose to your NSO and PNZ any activity you become aware of which you suspect may be in breach of such rules, laws, rules, policies and procedures.

12. MEDICAL

12.1 To enable PNZ to determine that you are not suffering from any physical or mental injury, illness, condition or impairment (other than the known impairments for which you have been classified pursuant to the IPC's classification system) that might prevent you from preparing for or competing in the Paralympic Games to the standard specified in the Nomination Criteria, you agree, on the basis that any recipient of personal medical information shall keep such information strictly confidential and disclose it only to necessary and appropriate persons in accordance with this clause or as authorised by you:

- a. to disclose to PNZ any illness, injury or condition that may prevent you preparing for, or competing in, the Paralympic Games as soon as you are aware of it;
- b. to provide any medical related information requested in a timely manner;
- c. to arrange and undertake such health examinations (at the expense of PNZ) with a medical professional determined by PNZ as may be required by PNZ or the Chef de Mission, to determine your fitness or otherwise to compete in the Paralympic Games, including but not limited to COVID-19 or other reasonable testing whether or not you display symptoms of that illness;
- d. that all information about you obtained from the health examination in clause 12.1c may be kept, made available and added to by the medical professional who examined you, and any other PNZ support personnel (as agreed with you);
- e. that any information obtained about you that relates to your physical and mental condition to satisfactorily compete in the Paralympic Games shall be made available to other members of your health and/or support team, particularly the Chief Executive Officer and the Chef de Mission; and
- f. to comply with all reasonable directions given by the Chef de Mission, or his/her nominee, in relation to your health and medical fitness.

13. DEFAULT/SANCTIONS

13.1 If at any time during the Term of this Agreement, the Chief Executive Officer or the Chef de Mission determines that you have:

- a. breached or failed to comply with this Agreement;
- b. breached or failed to comply with:
 - i. the Constitution;
 - ii. the regulations and policies of PNZ (including committing any violation of the PNZ Anti-Doping Regulation including the Sports Anti-Doping Rules);
 - iii. the rules of any event, competition or activity in which you have been selected to participate; or
 - iv. any reasonable instruction or request by the Chief Executive Officer or the Chef de Mission, or the applicable coach(es).

- c. brought yourself, another Para athlete, the NZPT, an official, or PNZ into disrepute;
- d. a significant illness or injury which in the opinion of the Chief Executive Officer or the Chef de Mission will prevent you from continuing to meet the Selection Criteria on which you were selected; and/or
- e. failed to consistently maintain the level of performance and/or results or to maintain the Selection Criteria;

each referred to as a default, the Chief Executive Officer may impose one or more of the sanctions listed in clause 13.3.

13.2 In order to determine whether or not a Default has occurred, the Chief Executive Officer or the Chef de Mission shall, as soon as reasonably practicable:

- a. undertake such enquiries as they consider appropriate, having regard to the nature of the alleged Default;
- b. inform you of the particulars of the alleged Default, any information obtained regarding the alleged Default, and the sanctions that may be imposed if it is determined that a Default has occurred.
- c. give you an opportunity within a reasonable time (which shall be no longer than 24 hours if it occurs between the Paralympic Games Period, and 48 hours if it occurs during the Term of this Agreement) to provide your response to the particulars of the alleged Default and any information disclosed to you; and
- d. determine whether a Default has occurred and inform you and the Chief Executive Officer of your Sports Organisation in writing of such determination, as soon as practicable.

13.3 Where it is determined that a Default has occurred, the Chief Executive Officer may impose one or more of the following sanctions:

- a. if the Default occurs prior to the opening of the Paralympic Games, withdraw your selection from the NZ Paralympic Team;
- b. terminate your membership of the NZPT;
- c. require you to leave the Paralympic Games venues (which may include the Paralympic Games village);
- d. exclude you from competition at the Paralympic Games;
- e. cancel and impound your Paralympic Games accreditation card to prevent you access to the Paralympic Games venues (including the Paralympic Games village);
- f. require you to return to your usual place of residence;
- g. impose a monetary fine by way of a penalty up to a maximum of NZ\$1,000 to be paid within a specified period to either PNZ or any other person determine by PNZ associated with such Default;

- h. where PNZ considers it appropriate, upon presentation of information from the Chef de Mission, and following due process, it may prevent you from being eligible for consideration for selection from future PNZ selected teams to Paralympic Games events;
- i. where PNZ considers it appropriate, and in accordance with the PNZ Selection Regulation, refer the matter regarding the Default to your Sports Organisation to be dealt with in accordance with applicable rules of the Sports Organisation; and/or
- j. impose such other sanctions on you as are considered appropriate in the circumstances.

13.4 If any of the sanctions in clause 13 are imposed on you, this Agreement, excluding clause 5 shall continue in force until its expiry.

14. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

14.1 This Agreement may be terminated prior to the end of the Term by:

- a. PNZ terminating this Agreement and withdrawing your selection to the NZPT, by giving you notice to that effect, where:
 - i. it is determined that a Default has occurred pursuant to clause 13.1;
 - ii. a decision of the Sports Tribunal following a Nomination Appeal or Selection Appeal affects your nomination or selection to the NZPT;
- b. you withdraw from the NZPT in accordance with clause 14.2; or
- c. written agreement between you and PNZ.

14.2 If you wish to withdraw from the NZPT you must give the Chief Executive Officer not less than twenty-one (21) days' written notice of your withdrawal, unless otherwise determined in writing by the Chief Executive Officer.

15. APPEALS

15.1 You may appeal against a determination of the Chief Executive Officer or the Chef de Mission made, or a sanction imposed upon you under clause 13, in accordance with the following procedure:

- a. You must notify the Chief Executive Officer in writing of your wish to appeal ("Notice of Appeal"). This notice may be sent by email or hand delivered and must be received by the Chief Executive Officer within 24 hours of your receipt of notice of the determination/sanction made or imposed. Emails are to be sent to the Chief Executive Officer at gwarnecke@paralympics.org.nz (or as otherwise specified).
- b. The Notice of Appeal must set out the following:
 - i. the Determination;
 - ii. the grounds on which the appeal is made; and
 - iii. the reasons or circumstances supporting the alleged grounds of appeal.

- 15.2 Within 48 hours of receiving the Notice of Appeal, the Chief Executive Officer shall appoint an Appeals Committee which shall comprise no less than two people, including:
- a. the Chairperson of the PNZ Board (or their nominee); and
 - b. a person independent of PNZ (who shall act as the Chairperson of the Appeals Committee).
- 15.3 The Chief Executive Officer shall then advise you of the composition of the Appeals Committee, the date, place and time for the hearing of your appeal which shall be held as soon as possible.
- 15.4 The Appeals Committee may determine its own procedure, provided it complies with the principles of natural justice, and may hear evidence from you, the Chef de Mission, the Chief Executive Officer and/or any other person it, in its discretion, considers relevant.
- 15.5 The Appeals Committee shall consider the evidence and make a determination as soon as practicable after the hearing. It shall then advise the Chief Executive Officer, the PNZ Board and you in writing of its decision.

16. INDEMNITY

- 16.1 You agree that PNZ will not be liable to you for any loss, damage, expense or injury of any kind to you or your property arising from or in connection with, directly or indirectly, any act, omission or fault of PNZ unless it arises as a direct result of a deliberate and wrongful act or omission by PNZ.
- 16.2 For the purposes of this clause, PNZ includes its members, officers, staff, support personnel, coaches, officials and members of the NZPT.
- 16.3 You indemnify PNZ and shall keep indemnified PNZ from and against all actions, suits, causes of action, proceedings, claims, demands, costs, expenses and damages (whether in respect of damage to property, personal injury or otherwise, and including all legal costs and other expenses suffered or incurred by you) which may be incurred by PNZ or taken or made against PNZ arising out of any act or omission by you during the Term of this Agreement.

17. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 17.1 If any dispute or difference arises between you and PNZ (including the Chef de Mission) in relation to the meaning and application of this Agreement (excluding clauses 13, 14 or 15), the parties agree that they will comply with the following procedure:
- a. use reasonable endeavours to resolve the difference or dispute by agreement between them; which may include the appointment, for that purpose, of a mutually agreeable mediator;
 - b. if agreement cannot be reached promptly by the process in clause 17.1a, either party may submit their difference or dispute to the Sports Tribunal (if outside the Paralympic Games Period) or the CAS (if within the Paralympic Games Period). Such a difference or dispute will be determined in accordance with the relevant rules of the Sports Tribunal or the CAS;
 - c. the decision of the Sports Tribunal or the CAS shall be final and binding on the parties and it is agreed that neither party may commence proceedings in any court or tribunal other than the Sports Tribunal or the CAS.

18. EFFECT OF OTHER DOCUMENTS

- 18.1 The Para Athlete Application Form completed by you is deemed to be incorporated into this Agreement.
- 18.2 To the extent of any inconsistency between the terms of this Agreement and the rules and regulations of the IPC, the latter shall prevail.

19. PRIVACY

- 19.1 PNZ will need to collect personal information from you including your contact details, performance results, Classification data and health/medical information ("Personal Information").
- 19.2 Where Personal Information relates to your health, such information will be collected, held, used and disclosed in accordance with clause 12.
- 19.3 Other Personal Information will be collected for the purposes of arranging accommodation, your Uniform, administrative matters associated with your membership of the NZPT and for a historical record of your participation in the Paralympic Games. In addition, your Personal Information will be used to contact you prior to your departure for the Paralympic Games and for promotional purposes including sponsorship promotions prior to and during the Paralympic Games.
- 19.4 By signing this Agreement, you agree to PNZ collecting your Personal Information, and using it and storing it indefinitely, for the purposes set out in this Agreement. You also agree to it passing on your Personal Information (excluding any Personal Information relating to your health) to PNZ Partners for the purposes set out in this clause.
- 19.5 Your Personal Information will be kept confidential and will not be collected, stored, used or shared, for any reason except as expressly provided in this Agreement.

20. STATUS

- 20.1 **Status:** You acknowledge and agree that by entering into this Agreement, you are not an employee of PNZ, and there is no relationship of employer/employee, principal/agent arising out of this Agreement.
- 20.2 **No Claim as Employee:** You acknowledge and agree that at no stage, either during the Term of following the termination of this Agreement, will you claim that you are/were an employee of PNZ.
- 20.3 **Acknowledgement of Advice:** You acknowledge that you have had an opportunity to seek advice about this Agreement and that you agree and acknowledge this arrangement to be one of an independent contract with PNZ.
- 20.4 **Fines:** You are responsible for the payment of any fine for failure by you to comply with any statute or regulation.

21. VARIATION TO AGREEMENT

- 21.1 The parties agree that, subject to the right of PNZ to amend this Agreement at any time prior to the Nomination Date in accordance with the PNZ Selection Regulation, any amendment to this Agreement will only be valid if it is in writing and signed by both parties.

22. CONFIDENTIALITY

- 22.1 The parties acknowledge that the terms of this Agreement are confidential.
- 22.2 The parties must take reasonable steps to ensure that they, their employees, advisers and agents do not use or disclose any part of this Agreement, any information in respect of this Agreement or any Confidential Information of the other party except to the extent that:
- a. it is required by law;
 - b. it is required for the performance of the party's obligations under this Agreement;
 - c. the other party has consented in writing to such disclosure or use; or
 - d. the party discloses any part of this Agreement or information in respect of this Agreement to that party's professional adviser(s).
- 22.3 Neither party may make any public announcement or press release relating to the existence or terms of this Agreement without the prior agreement of the other party as to the timing and the text of such announcement or press release.

23. SURVIVAL

- 23.1 The following clauses will survive the termination of this Agreement (to the extent that these clauses are necessary to give effect to the ongoing obligations contained therein): clauses 7, 8, 9, 19 and 22.

24. GOVERNING LAW

- 24.1 This Agreement shall be governed by and is to be construed in accordance with the laws of New Zealand.


SCHEDULE 1

PNZ PARTNERS

This may change from time to time, please refer to the [PNZ website](#) for regular updates.




Our Partners

Major Partner





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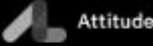
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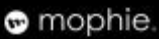

Community Partners



Media Partners









Team Supporters







Official Suppliers

Funding Partners

SCHEDULE 2

PNZ POLICIES

You acknowledge that you have read and agree to comply with the requirements outlined in the following PNZ Policies. All links included below.

- [Anti-Bullying, Harassment and Discrimination Policy](#)
- [Anti-Doping Regulation](#)
- [Anti-Match Fixing and Sports Betting Policy and Procedures](#)
- [Code of Conduct](#)
- [Complaints Procedure](#)
- [Health, Safety and Wellbeing Policy](#)
- [Media and Social Media Policy](#)
- [Privacy Policy](#)
- [Protected Disclosures \(Whistleblower\) Policy](#)
- [Representative Team Policy](#)
- [Safeguarding Policy](#)
- [Young Person Supervision Guidelines](#)

SIGNED by ****NAME****:

Signed:

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Full Name:

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Date:

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SCHEDULE 3
PNZ INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

TRADEMARKS

The following trademarks are owned by PNZ and can only be used according to the conditions of this Agreement.

1. Paralympics New Zealand Corporate Logo



2. New Zealand Paralympic Team



3. New Zealand Paralympic Team – Simplified



EXECUTION

SIGNED on behalf of
PARALYMPICS NEW ZEALAND
INCORPORATED by:

Greg Warnecke
Chief Executive Officer and Secretary General

Para athlete Acceptance

I, ****NAME**** have read and understand the terms of this Agreement.

I have had an opportunity to take independent advice regarding the terms of this Agreement.

I agree to be bound to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

I set out below my current sponsors (if any, include all details):

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Full Name.....

Signature..... Dated.....

Parent/Guardian Signature if under 18 years of age

In the case of a Para athlete under 18 years of age as at the date of signing this Agreement, it must **also** be signed by the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the Para athlete.

I/We are the parents/guardians of the Para athlete, and we acknowledge and agree to the acknowledgments and conditions specified in this Agreement.

Signature..... Dated.....

Full name.....

APPENDIX THREE

MILANO CORTINA 2026 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES

PRESCRIBED FORMAT OF NOMINATION CRITERIA

[Insert name of National Sporting Organisation] Incorporated

Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games

Nomination Criteria

***[Explanatory Note:** This template is designed for use by NSOs when determining the Nomination Criteria to be used to nominate Para athletes to Paralympics New Zealand Incorporated to be considered for selection to the New Zealand Paralympic Team (NZPT) for the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games.*

Once finalised, this Criteria will be included as a Schedule to the PNZ Selection Regulation for the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games.

Please delete all explanatory notes (including this note) and remove all highlighting from this Criteria before finalising and sending to PNZ for its approval.]

1 Application of this Criteria

- 1.1 This Criteria is issued by the Board of the **[insert NSO]** and forms part of Schedule **[to insert]** of the Paralympics New Zealand (PNZ) Selection Regulation. A copy of the PNZ Selection Regulation is available on the [PNZ website](#).
- 1.2 This Criteria shall take effect from **[insert date]**, or such other date specified by PNZ.
- 1.3 This Criteria applies to:
 - a all Para athletes wishing to be considered for nomination to the NZPT to compete in the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games; and
 - b **[insert name of NSO]**, including their Sport Specific Selectors that wish to nominate Para athletes to PNZ to be considered for selection to the NZPT for the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games.

***[Explanatory Note:** Please note that PNZ is happy to assist with the appointment of the Sport Specific Selectors for NSOs.]*

2 Definitions

Application Date means **2 May 2025**, 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 **[insert NSO]** as constituted under the Constitution.

Board Members means the members of the Board of **[insert NSO]** as defined in the Constitution.

Chief Executive/ Officer means the Chief Executive/ Officer of **[insert NSO]** and includes their nominee.

Commencement Date means the date this Criteria came into force, namely **[insert Date]**.

Constitution means the Constitution of **[insert NSO]**.

Criteria means this Criteria and is also known as the “Nomination Criteria”.

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.

New Zealand Paralympic 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.

Nominated Para athlete means a Para athlete nominated by **[insert NSO]** 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 **[insert Date]**, or any other date specified by PNZ, by which **[insert NSO]** must submit any Nominated Para athletes to PNZ.

NSO means any New Zealand National Sporting Organisation that is a Member of PNZ, any other New Zealand national NSO that has signed an agreement with PNZ to be bound by this Regulation or PNZ (in circumstances where it acts as a national NSO for certain Para sports).

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

Para athlete means a person who wishes to be considered for nomination to the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games Team.

New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreement means the agreement that must be completed by any Para athlete wishing to be considered for nomination and selection to the Milano Cortina 2026

Paralympic Winter 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 Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games Team and which is attached to the PNZ Selection Regulation as **Appendix 1**.

Paralympic Games means the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games to be held in Milano Cortina, Italy from 6-15 March 2026.

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 NZPT to compete in the Paralympic Games.

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

SSS means sport specific selectors appointed by the **[insert NSO]**.

Supporting Evidence means the supporting evidence set out in clause 5.5

Team means a group of Para athletes in a team event.

Technical Considerations means the technical considerations set out in clause 5.8

[Explanatory Note: If there are no technical considerations to be considered then the definition of Technical Considerations must be deleted.]

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 **[insert NSO]** shall be appointed by **[insert who appoints and any applicable rules regarding such appointment]**. The SSS from **[insert NSO]** who will consider nomination of Para athletes to PNZ to be considered for selection in the NZPT are:

a **[to insert the names of the SSS]**

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 Para athletes it considers meet the Nomination Criteria set out below.

5 Nomination Criteria

5.1 **Nomination Criteria:** The **[insert NSO]** Nomination Criteria for nomination to the NZPT is made up of the following parts:

- a the General Nomination Criteria specified in clause 5.3;
- b the Over-Riding Nomination 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 this criteria; and
- b any Technical Considerations specified in clause 5.8 of this criteria.

[Explanatory Note: If there are no technical considerations to be considered then the highlighted word “and” in clause 5.2a must be deleted and the rest of clause 5.2a must be added to clause 5.2. In addition, the highlighted clause 5.2b must be deleted.]

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

- a has met the conditions of nomination specified in clause 9.2 of the PNZ Selection Regulation;
- b will, in the opinion of the SSS, be an effective and harmonious member of the Paralympic Games Team;
- c has not acted in such a manner so as to bring the Para athlete, the sport, **[insert NSO]** 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 Para athletes.

[Explanatory Note: If there are no technical considerations to be considered then the highlighted words “and Technical Considerations” must be deleted.]

5.4 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria:** Secondly, taking into account the Specific Nomination Factors **and Technical Considerations**, the SSS **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 SSS that they are capable of:

- a. achieving a medal placing in the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games in their event; or
- b. achieving a top eight (8) placing in the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games in their event and a medal placing at French Alps 2030 Paralympic Winter 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 Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games in their event; or
- b. achieving a top five (5) placing in the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games in their event **and** a medal placing at the French Alps 2030 Paralympic Winter Games.

5.5 **Supporting Evidence:** In demonstrating a Para athlete or Team's capability, the SSS must assess the evidence showing tracking of the Para 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 Para athlete's or Team's progression and forecasted placing at the Paralympic Games;
- c The rate of the Para athlete's or Team's progression and forecasted placing at the French Alps 2030 Paralympic Games;
- d The rate of progression of other Para athletes and teams from other nations in that event; and
- e The likelihood of Para athletes or teams from other nations being selected for the Paralympic 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 a Para athlete and a Team:

- a 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), in the period two (2) years preceding the possible selection of the Nominated Para 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 NZPT at the Paralympic 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 Para athletes, or other persons, as it sees fit.

[Explanatory Note: A NSO may include additional factors for its SSS to take into account and it may also add to any of the existing factors above e.g. by inserting specific events, competitions and/or activities (i.e. World Championships and Paralympic Games) in clause 5.6.]

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 Para 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 also take into account the following factors:

- a [to insert any additional technical considerations]

[Explanatory Note: A NSO may also include any additional technical considerations in this clause e.g. “when considering the performance and results of a Para athlete in accordance with clause 5.6, wind-assisted performances shall not be considered”. If there are no technical considerations to consider clause 5.8 must be deleted.]

5.9 Extenuating Circumstances: In any decision regarding the nomination of Para athletes and Teams to PNZ for the NZPT, the SSS may, in their sole discretion, take into account any extenuating circumstances in accordance with clause 5.12 below.

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 Para athletes and Teams for selection, PNZ has an absolute overriding discretion to select (or not select) Para athletes or Teams (including those who may not meet the above criteria) for the NZPT. In doing so it may take into account factors such as, but not limited to, compatibility of Para athletes, Para athletes prior conduct, or factors that may affect the NZPT 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 a Para athlete's/team's progress. For the purpose of this Policy, "extenuating circumstances" means the inability of a Para athlete or Team to compete or perform to an optimum level due to factors such as:
- a injury or illness of a Para 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."
- 5.13 Para athletes unable to compete at events, trials, or other attendances required under this Criteria, must advise the Chief Executive Officer 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 Officer is not notified of any extenuating circumstances in accordance with this Criteria, then the SSS has no obligation to rely on such circumstances. In the case of injury or illness, Para athletes may 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 Para athlete who has applied for nomination and selection to the NZPT and who has returned a completed Para athlete Application to PNZ by the Application Date and a New Zealand Paralympic Team Agreement to PNZ by the Nomination Date may appeal to the **[insert NSO]** against their non-nomination to PNZ by the SSS of the **[insert NSO]** 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.