

## **SCHEDULE B1 – INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

### **NANJING 2014 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES** **NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

#### **SWIMMING NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED**

#### **1. Application of this Nomination Criteria**

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- 1.1 This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board of Swimming New Zealand.
- 1.2 This Nomination Criteria shall take effect from **23<sup>rd</sup> October 2013**, the date on which the Board of Swimming New Zealand adopted this Nomination Criteria.
- 1.3 This Nomination Criteria applies to:
- (a) all athletes wishing to be considered for nomination to the Games Team to compete in the Games in an Individual Event; and
  - (b) Swimming New Zealand, including its NSO Selectors, that wish to nominate athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection to the Games Team for the Games.

#### **2. NSO Selectors**

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- 2.1 **Composition:** The NSO Selectors from Swimming New Zealand shall be appointed by the Swimming New Zealand Board and adhere to the Swimming New Zealand Selectors Terms of Reference. The NSO Selectors from Swimming New Zealand who will consider nomination of Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection in the Games Team are:
- 1. Darryl Follows (Chair)
  - 2. John West
  - 3. Rebecca Perrott

#### **3. Nomination Procedure**

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- 3.1 **Conditions of Nomination:** The NSO Selectors may only consider an athlete for nomination if the athlete has satisfied the following conditions of nomination:
- (a) returned a completed Athlete Application to Swimming New Zealand prior to the Application Date [31<sup>st</sup> January 2014], in the form prescribed by the NZOC; and
  - (b) returned a completed Athlete Agreement to Swimming New Zealand prior to the Nomination Date [10<sup>th</sup> June 2014]; and
  - (c) demonstrated to the satisfaction of Swimming New Zealand that they are not suffering any physical or mental impairment that would prevent them from competing in the Games to the highest possible standard; and
  - (d) acted in such a manner so as not to bring the athlete, the sport, Swimming New Zealand or the NZOC into public disrepute; and

- (e) to Swimming New Zealand's knowledge has not used or administered any substance which, if it had been detected as being present in the Athlete's body tissue or fluids, would have constituted doping, or used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offence as defined in the NSO's, the International Federation's (IF's) or NZOC's Anti-Doping By-law; and
- (f) Be a New Zealand citizen who is eligible to represent New Zealand in the Competition as per FINA General Rule 2 (GR2).
- (g) Be a registered member of Swimming New Zealand in good standing.
- (h) Have a signed current Swimming New Zealand Athlete Agreement.
- (i) Compete in the 2014 New Zealand National Age Group Championships unless granted an exemption under the provisions of the criteria by the Swimming New Zealand Selectors. This exemption will only be granted due to extenuating circumstances. On request of Swimming New Zealand, evidence shall be provided of the extenuating circumstances, prior to the exemption being considered.
- (j) Be born between 1st January 1996 and 31 December 1999.
- (k) Be available to fulfil the Nominated Athlete Commitments as listed below and any additional commitments following nomination and selection.

3.2 **Qualification:** New Zealand must qualify for places in an event(s) in accordance with the Nanjing Games Manual, other IOC rules and / or IF requirements for the Games. Qualification for a place in any event(s) by an athlete (or group of athletes) does not guarantee that athlete (or group of athletes) will be nominated or selected to compete in the Swimming event(s) at the Games.

- (a) Team size for individual events will be in accordance with the NZOC rules. If the number of athletes meeting the Nomination criteria exceeds the NZOC limit, the highest ranked FINA points who satisfy the selection criteria will be nominated.

3.3 **Nomination if Nomination Criteria Met:** Provided the requirements set out in clause 3.1 and 3.2 are met, the NSO Selectors shall nominate those athletes it considers meet the Nomination Criteria set out below.

#### 4. Nomination Criteria

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4.1 **Nomination Criteria:** The Swimming New Zealand Nomination Criteria for nomination to the Games Team is made up of two parts:

- (a) the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria specified in clause (b); and
- (b) the Specific Nomination Factors specified in clause 4.3.

4.2 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria:**

- (a) In determining whether or not to nominate an athlete to the Games team in the Swimming "Event(s)", the NSO Selectors must be satisfied overall that the athlete:

- i. has or have a track record of sufficient quality and depth that the NSO believes demonstrates the athlete (or group of athletes) will be competitive at the Games and will perform credibly, and with distinction, in the Event(s), and
  - ii. is or are nationally competitive. It is expected that the highest ranked available athletes will be nominated for the Games. All nominees are expected to have a high national ranking (eg top 3) or will have placed in the top 3 at the most recent National age group championships (in the age group and discipline that the athlete is seeking nomination for), and
  - iii. is or have competed at a recognized international event for their sport finishing with a competitive result, and
  - iv. has or have a programme developed and endorsed by the NSO and/or HPSNZ to prepare them for the Games, and whether they are progressing to the agreed plan.
- (b) **Evidence:** In determining whether or not the athlete has or have met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for Individual Events in clause 4.2(a) above, the NSO Selectors shall consider the athlete's performances and results in the Individual Event(s) at which they seek to be selected for the Games at the following Key Event:

2014 New Zealand National Age Group Championships, Wellington, 30th April – 4th May, 2014 (“New Zealand Age Group Championships” or “Nomination Event”).

### Individual events:

To be nominated for individual events at the Games, athletes are required to:

1. Be the first or second ranked male and female athlete with the highest FINA points (LCM 2014) in an event noted below at the Nomination Event, having achieved a time equal to or better than the times detailed below.

Men	Event	Women
00:23.65	50 free	00:26.68
00:51.46	100 free	00:57.38
01:53.57	200 free	02:04.12
04:01.68	400 free	04:20.23
08:22.84	800 free	09:02.71
00:57.96	100 back	01:04.66
02:07.48	200 back	02:19.77
01:04.79	100 breast	01:11.99
02:22.24	200 breast	02:35.17
00:55.43	100 fly	01:02.62
02:04.10	200 fly	02:24.75
02:06.57	200 IM	02:21.48

Note: There is **no** 400 IM or 1500 freestyle at the 2014 Youth Olympics

2. Only times achieved in the A final in each event at the Nomination Event will be considered.
3. Should two or more athletes achieve the same FINA points at the Nomination Event then the athlete's heat time in that event at the Selection Event will be used to determine which athlete is nominated.
4. Relay splits and other split times will not be considered for nomination for an individual event.

#### **Nomination for Other Events:**

1. At the sole discretion of SNZ, swimmers who qualify for an event on the above basis may, on request, if they are the first ranked swimmer in another event (based on a time they have swum at the Nomination Event), be able to swim in other events where there is an available position.

#### **Relays:**

1. Selection for relays for the Games will be made from within the team selected for the Games as the relays are mixed events.
2. The final composition of the relay teams will be determined by the coaching staff and team management at the Games in their sole discretion.
3. The Swimming New Zealand Selectors philosophy is to ensure the best possible Relay Team is on the blocks representing New Zealand at the Games.

4.3 **Specific Nomination Factors:** When considering the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria above, the NSO Selectors may also take into account any one or more of the following factors about an athlete:

- (a) any other performances or results in competitions / events in addition to the Key Events;
- (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 obligations that accompany being a member of a New Zealand team when competing at the Games, including respect for team members and support staff;
- (g) willingness to promote Swimming New Zealand in a positive manner;
- (h) demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results;
- (i) proven ability to be reliable;
- (j) any other factor(s) the NSO Selectors consider relevant; and

- (k) If an athlete is unable to satisfy Swimming New Zealand requirements after nomination or selection and needs to withdraw from the team, Swimming New Zealand may at their discretion nominate the next athlete who has met this Nomination Criteria (including performance requirement). An athlete's nomination is subject to selection by NZOC. The Swimming New Zealand Selectors reserve the right to request that any athlete being considered for nomination under the provisions of this clause undertakes a fitness test, the parameters of which will be determined by the Swimming New Zealand High Performance Director at his sole discretion.
  - (l) Attendance at the 2014 New Zealand National Age Group Championships is on a user pays basis.
  - (m) Participation at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games, Nanjing, China, is on a user pays basis.
- 4.4 In considering any one or more of the above factors, the NSO Selectors may make such enquiries of the athlete, or other persons, as they see fit.
- 4.5 **Weight to be given to Specific Nomination Factors:** The NSO Selectors may give weight to any one or more of the Specific Nomination Factors and, if it does, to apply such weighting to one or more athletes. No particular factor shall be weighted more or less significantly by reason only of the order in which that factor appears in this Nomination Criteria.
- 4.6 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In any decision regarding the nomination of athletes to the Games Team, the NSO Selectors may, in their sole discretion, take into account any extenuating circumstances in accordance with clause 5 below.
- 4.7 **Nomination Procedure:** After consideration of this Nomination Criteria, the NSO Selectors shall follow the procedure set out in clause 6 and 7 of the NZOC / NSO Agreement.

## 5. Extenuating Circumstances

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- 5.1 In considering the nomination of athletes in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, the NSO Selectors may, in their sole discretion, give weight to any extenuating circumstances which may include, but are not limited to, the following:
- (a) injury or illness;
  - (b) travel delays;
  - (c) equipment failure;
  - (d) bereavement or personal misfortune; and/or
  - (e) any other factors reasonably considered by the NSO Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.
- 5.2 Athletes unable to compete at events, trials, or other attendances required under this Nomination Criteria, must advise the Swimming New Zealand Chief Executive of the extenuating circumstances and reasons, in writing, with as much advance notice as possible and ideally seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the event, trial or other attendance. If the Swimming New Zealand Chief Executive is not notified of any extenuating circumstances in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, then the NSO Selectors have no obligation to rely on such circumstances.

- (a) In the event that an athlete is unable to compete at the Nomination Event due to extenuating circumstances, the previous performances in a long course event at a competition acceptable to Swimming New Zealand Selectors and Swimming New Zealand High Performance Director, during the period between 1st January 2014 and the Nomination Event may be considered by the Swimming New Zealand Selectors. If the previous performance is to be considered, then the highest FINA points (LCM 2014) (subject to meeting the qualifying standard), irrespective of where it was achieved, shall have priority.
- 5.3 In the case of injury or illness, athletes may be required by the NSO Selectors to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the NSO Selectors, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the NSO Selectors. Any failure to agree to such a request may result in the NSO Selectors being unable to consider the injury or illness as an extenuating circumstance.
- (a) Nomination of an athlete, as outlined above, will be subject to confirmation of their satisfactory return to training. This process is to include a test (under legitimate competitive conditions i.e. starter, turn judges and electronic timing) in the event selected. This test must be performed by a designated date decided by the Swimming New Zealand High Performance Director in consultation with the Swimming New Zealand High Performance Development Coach. A target time indicating satisfactory progress will be decided and announced to the swimmer by the designated date.
- 5.4 In the case of any extenuating circumstance/s, the NSO Selectors will make a decision on a case-by-case basis.

## 6. Appeal Procedure

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- 6.1 **Nomination Appeals:** An athlete may appeal to Swimming New Zealand against their non-nomination to the NZOC by the NSO Selectors of Swimming New Zealand provided that the athlete has returned a completed:
- (a) Athlete Application to the NSO by the Application Date; and
- (b) Athlete Agreement to the NSO by the Nomination Date.
- 6.2 **Procedures for Appeals:** Any appeal under clause 6.1 must be made in accordance with the procedures set out in clause 10.3 of the NZOC / NSO Agreement.

## 7. Inconsistencies

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- 7.1 In the event there is any inconsistency between this Nomination Criteria and the NZOC / NSO Agreement, the NZOC / NSO Agreement shall prevail.
- 7.2 If this Nomination Criteria imposes a higher qualification standard or a lesser number of participants than stated by the IOC, this shall not be regarded as an inconsistency.

## 8. Amendments to this Nomination Criteria

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- 8.1 This Nomination Criteria may be amended or supplemented from time to time by the Board, provided NZOC has prior approved the amendment/s and supplement/s.
- 8.2 The Board will give as much notice as possible of any amendment/s or supplement/s made under clause 8.1 to this Nomination Criteria, to persons it considers may be affected by any such amendment/s or supplement/s.

## 9. Definitions

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- 9.1 **Application Date** means the date, as specified by NZOC, by which athletes must submit a completed Athlete Application to NZOC in accordance with clause 6.1(a) of the NZOC / NSO Agreement.
- 9.2 **Athlete** means a person who wishes to be considered for nomination to the Games Team.
- 9.3 **Athlete Agreement** means the agreement that must be completed by any athlete wishing to be considered for nomination and selection to the Games Team in accordance with clause 6.1(b) of the NZOC / NSO Agreement.
- 9.4 **Athlete Application** means the form that must be completed by any athlete applying to be nominated and selected to the Games Team and which is attached as Schedule A to the NZOC / NSO Agreement.
- 9.5 **Board** means the Board of Swimming New Zealand as constituted under the Constitution.
- 9.6 **Chief Executive** means the Chief Executive Officer of Swimming New Zealand and includes his / her nominee.
- 9.7 **Constitution** means the Constitution of Swimming New Zealand.
- 9.8 **Games** mean the 2014 Youth Olympic Games to be held in Nanjing, China from 16 to 28 August 2014.
- 9.9 **Games Team** means the New Zealand Team at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games selected in accordance with the NZOC Selection Criteria for the Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games.
- 9.10 **Individual Event** means an event in the Games in which an athlete competes either alone or in which up to a maximum of 9 athletes compete together in a game, race, heat or event (for example as a pair, crew, or relay team).
- 9.11 **IOC** means the International Olympic Committee.
- 9.12 **Key Events** means an international, continental or national competition which is a major or pinnacle event for the sport, and have an equivalent or higher field of competitors to that which is likely to occur at the Games.
- 9.13 **Nominated Athlete** means an athlete who has been nominated to the NZOC by Swimming New Zealand.
- 9.14 **Nomination Criteria** means the criteria made up of the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria and the Specific Nomination Factors, and is also referred to as “this Criteria”.

- 9.15 **Nomination Date** means the date, as specified by the NZOC (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and Swimming New Zealand), by which Swimming New Zealand must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 9.16 **NSO** means a National Sports Organisation.
- 9.17 **NSO Selectors** means the selectors appointed by Swimming New Zealand.
- 9.18 **NZOC / NSO Agreement** means the agreement entered between NZOC and Swimming New Zealand for the Application, Nomination and Selection Process for the Games.
- 9.19 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 4.1(b).
- 9.20 **Specific Nomination Factors** means the nomination factors set out in clause 4.3.

**OTHER APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS (all located at [www.olympic.org.nz](http://www.olympic.org.nz))**

- Agreement between NZOC and NSO for the Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games;
- NZOC Selection Policy; and
- Athlete Application Form.