

GOLD COAST 2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES
AMENDED NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR SQUASH EVENTS

New Zealand Squash Incorporated (SNZ)

1. Application of this Nomination Criteria

- 1.1 This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board of **SNZ** on 19 August 2016 and amended on 20 October 2016.
- 1.2 This Nomination Criteria shall take effect from **19 August 2016**.
- 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 or Team Event; and
 - (b) **SNZ**, including its SNZ Selectors, that wish to nominate Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection to the Games Team for the Games.

2. SNZ Selectors

- 2.1 **Composition:** The SNZ Selectors shall be appointed by **the SNZ Board**. The SNZ Selectors who will consider nomination of Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection in the Games Team are:
- *Michel Galloway – Senior Selector*
 - *Shelley Kitchen – Senior Selector/High Performance Programme Manager*
 - *Glen Wilson – Senior Selector*
 - *Kashif Shuja – High Performance Programme Manager*

3. Nomination Procedure

- 3.1 **Conditions of Nomination:** The SNZ 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 the NZOC prior to the Application Date, in the form prescribed by the NZOC; and
 - (b) returned a completed Athlete Agreement to the NZOC in the manner prescribed by the NZOC prior to 25 January 2018; and
 - (c) demonstrated to the satisfaction of **SNZ** 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, **SNZ** or the NZOC into public disrepute; and
 - (e) to **SNZ'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 **SNZ's**, the International Federation's (IF's) or NZOC's Integrity Regulation; and
 - (f) from 4 October 2017 has provided their name and contact address details to NZOC for the purpose of out of competition drug testing with Drug Free Sport New Zealand.
- 3.2 **Qualification:** New Zealand must qualify for places in an event(s) in accordance with the Gold Coast Games Manual, other CGF rules and / or IF requirements for the Games. Qualification for a place in any Squash 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 a Squash Event at the Games.
- 3.3 **Nomination if Nomination Criteria Met:** Provided the requirements set out in clause 3.1 and 3.2 are met, the SNZ Selectors shall nominate those Athletes it considers meet the Nomination Criteria set out below on the Nomination Date, subject to any quota restriction placed on the NZOC or **SNZ**.
- 3.4 **Quota Restrictions:** SNZ acknowledges that the NZOC has placed an initial quota restriction on SNZ of six athletes. SNZ will not nominate more than six athletes otherwise than as part of any quota reallocation process notified by the NZOC.

4. Nomination Criteria

- 4.1 **Nomination Criteria:** The **SNZ** Nomination Criteria is made up of two parts:
- (a) the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria specified in clause 4.2, including the evidence required in clause 4.3; and
 - (b) the Specific Nomination Factors specified in clause 4.4.
- 4.2 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria:** In determining whether or not to nominate an Athlete (or group of Athletes) to the NZOC, the Selectors must be satisfied that:
- (a) the Athlete (or group of Athletes) is or are capable of achieving a top 6 placing at the Games in a Squash Event; and
 - (b) has or have a track record of sufficient quality and depth that the NZOC believes demonstrates that the Nominated Athlete(s) or group of Nominated Athlete(s) will be competitive at the Games and will perform creditably in that Squash Event.

- 4.3 **Evidence:** In determining whether or not the Athlete or group of Athletes has or have met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for a Squash Event in clauses 4.2(a) and (b) above, the SNZ Selectors shall consider the following Key Events:

Singles:

- (i) World Men's Individual Championships, October 2016
- (ii) World Women's Team Championships, November/December 2016
- (iii) World Women's Individual Championships, December 2016
- (iv) World Men's Team Championships, November/December 2017
- (v) World Men's Individual Championships, December 2017
- (vi) World Women's Individual Championships, December 2017
- (vii) PSA tour events.

Doubles:

- (i) World Doubles Championships, August 2016
- (ii) World Doubles Championships August 2017

N.B. For the sake of clarity, an Athlete (or group of Athletes) must attend sufficient number of the Key Events listed above to demonstrate the Athlete (or group of Athletes) has or have met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria. The Key Events relied upon must have also have sufficiently strong fields to assist in a determination of whether the Athlete (or group of Athletes) has or have met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria.

- 4.4 **Specific Nomination Factors:** When considering the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria above, the SNZ Selectors may also take into account any one or more of the following factors about an Athlete or group of Athletes:

Singles

- (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 **SNZ** 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 SNZ Selectors consider relevant;
- (k) tactical proficiency and awareness while on court; and
- (l) exposure at World Championship level events.

Doubles

As for singles above, plus the following:

- (a) demonstrated ability to adapt to the highly specialised doubles discipline;
- (b) demonstrated ability to play to a plan;
- (c) demonstrated ability to train to a plan;
- (d) competent racket skills;
- (e) demonstrated ability to play an error free game;
- (f) on-court compatibility with potential partners;
- (g) proven past performances in doubles; and
- (h) medal-winning prospects of the doubles teams at the Games.

In addition to the criteria identified above, **SNZ** will only nominate players who meet **SNZ's** expectations and obligations, as highlighted in **SNZ's** High Performance Program.

- 4.5 **Own Enquiries:** In considering any one or more of the above factors, the SNZ Selectors may make such enquiries of the Athlete, or other persons, as they see fit.
- 4.6 **Weight to be Given to Specific Nomination Factors:** The SNZ 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.
- 4.7 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In any decision regarding the nomination of Athletes to the Games Team, the SNZ Selectors may, in their sole discretion, take into account any extenuating circumstances in accordance with clause 5 below.
- 4.8 **Nomination Procedure:** After consideration of this Nomination Criteria, the SNZ Selectors shall follow the procedure set out in clause 9 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.
- 4.9 **Permission to Start:** In addition, at the sole discretion of the NZOC, Athletes who qualify for nomination in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, on SNZ's request to the NZOC and if they are selected to the Games Team by the NZOC, request permission to start in other Squash Events where there is an available place and where competing in this Squash Event will not have any detrimental effect on the Squash Event they have already been selected for.

4.10 **Tied Athletes:** If in the Nomination Criteria in clause 4.2 above, there are more Athletes who meet the criteria, than quota places available, nomination will be decided by the SNZ Selectors having regard to one or more of the following factors:

- (a) the Athletes' comparative performances in the Key Events which are likely to have similar circumstances to those in the Event at the Games;
- (b) developing the potential of an Athlete for the 2022 Commonwealth Games;
- (c) an Athlete's attendance, attitude, and conduct at past competitions, training sessions, training camps, trials and other events;
- (d) an Athlete's World Squash world ranking – extrapolated into Commonwealth rankings; and
- (e) any other information the SNZ Selectors consider relevant.

5. **Extenuating Circumstances**

5.1 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In considering the nomination of Athletes in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, the SNZ 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 SNZ Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.

5.2 **Athlete to Advise:** Athletes unable to compete at events, trials, or other attendances required under this Nomination Criteria, must advise the 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 Chief Executive is not notified of any extenuating circumstances in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, then the SNZ Selectors have no obligation to rely on such circumstances.

5.3 **Medical Certificate:** In the case of injury or illness, Athletes may be required by the SNZ Selectors to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the SNZ Selectors, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the SNZ Selectors. Any failure to agree to such a request may result in the SNZ Selectors being unable to consider the injury or illness as an extenuating circumstance.

5.4 **Case by Case:** In the case of any extenuating circumstance/s, the SNZ Selectors will make a decision on a case-by-case basis.

6. Appeal Procedure

- 6.1 **Nomination Appeals:** An Athlete may appeal to **SNZ** against their non-nomination to the NZOC by the SNZ Selectors provided that the Athlete has returned a completed:
- (a) Athlete Application to the NZOC by the Application Date; and
 - (b) Athlete Agreement to the NZOC by 25 January 2018.
- 6.2 **Procedures for Nomination Appeals:** Any appeal under paragraph 6.1 must be made in accordance with the procedures set out in clause 13 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

7. Inconsistencies

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

8. Amendments to this Nomination Criteria

- 8.1 **Prior to Nomination Date:** This Nomination Criteria may be amended or supplemented from time to time by the Board, before the Nomination Date, provided NZOC has prior approved the amendment/s and supplement/s.
- 8.2 **Notice:** 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

- 9.1 **Application Date** means 4 June 2017, (or such other dates as specified by NZOC), by which Athletes must submit a completed Athlete Application to the NZOC in accordance with clause 8.3 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.
- 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 8.4 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

- 9.4 **Athlete Application** means the form set by the NZOC that must be completed by any Athlete applying to be nominated and selected to the Games Team.
- 9.5 **Board** means the Board of **SNZ** as established under the Constitution.
- 9.6 **CGF** means the Commonwealth Games Federation.
- 9.7 **Chief Executive** means the Chief Executive Officer of **SNZ** and includes his / her nominee.
- 9.8 **Constitution** means the Constitution of **SNZ**.
- 9.9 **Games** means the 2018 Commonwealth Games to be held in Gold Coast, Australia from 4 April – 15 April 2018.
- 9.10 **Games Team** means the New Zealand Team at the Games selected in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games.
- 9.11 **Key Events** means an international, continental or national competition listed in clause 4.3 which is a major or pinnacle event for the sport or is at least the equivalent of a Commonwealth Championship, and have an equivalent or higher to that which is likely to occur at the Games.
- 9.12 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated to the NZOC by **SNZ**.
- 9.13 **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”.
- 9.14 **Nomination Date** means on or before 26 January 2018 for nominations made by **SNZ** in relation to the initial quota allocation and Tuesday 6 February 2018 for nominations made by **SNZ** in relation to any quota reallocation process. The Nomination Dates include any alternative dates as agreed between NZOC and **SNZ**), by which **SNZ** must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 9.15 **NZOC** means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.
- 9.16 **NZOC Integrity Regulation** means the regulation adopted by the NZOC, in particular in relation to anti-doping, a copy of which is available at www.olympic.org.nz/nzoc/publications-and-reports-0.
- 9.17 **NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation** means the regulation of NZOC relation to the nomination and selection Process for all Olympic and Commonwealth games, including the Games.
- 9.18 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 4.2.
- 9.19 **Squash Event** means a singles, doubles or mixed doubles event at the Games in which an Athlete competes either alone or with another Athlete.
- 9.20 **SNZ** means **Squash New Zealand Incorporated**.

9.21 **SNZ Selectors** means the selectors appointed by **SNZ** in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.

OTHER APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS (all located at www.olympic.org.nz)

- NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation;
- NZOC Selection Policy;
- Athlete Application Form; and
- Athlete Agreement.