

**GOLD COAST 2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES**  
**NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM EVENTS**

**DIVING NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED**

**1. Application of this Nomination Criteria**

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- 1.1 This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board of Diving New Zealand Incorporated (**Diving NZ**).
- 1.2 This Nomination Criteria shall take effect from 25 June 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) Diving NZ, including its Diving NZ Selectors that wish to nominate Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection to the Games Team for the Games.

**2. Diving NZ Selectors**

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- 2.1 **Composition:** The Diving NZ Selectors shall be appointed by the Board. The Diving NZ Selectors who will consider nomination of Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection in the Games Team are:
- Simon Latimer (Convenor)  
Bruce Megget  
Dennis Gear

**3. Nomination Procedure**

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- 3.1 **Conditions of Nomination:** The Diving NZ 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 the Nomination Date; and
  - (c) demonstrated to the satisfaction of Diving NZ 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, Diving NZ or the NZOC into public disrepute; and

- (e) to Diving NZ'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 Diving NZ'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 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 Individual or Team Event(s) 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 Diving NZ Selectors shall nominate those Athletes it considers meet the Nomination Criteria set out below, subject to any quota restriction placed on the NZOC or Diving NZ
- 3.4 **Quota Restrictions:** Diving NZ acknowledges that the NZOC has placed an initial quota restriction on Diving NZ of two athletes. Diving NZ will not nominate more than two athletes otherwise than as part of the quota reallocation process notified by the NZOC.

#### **4. Nomination Criteria**

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- 4.1 **Nomination Criteria:** The Diving NZ 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.

These Nomination Criteria apply to any nominations made by Diving NZ, whether as part of the initial Diving NZ athlete quota allocation of two athletes or as part of the quota reallocation process notified by NZOC.

- 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):
    - (i) is or are capable of achieving a top 6 placing at the Games in the Diving Event(s); 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 Diving 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 Diving Events in clauses 4.2(a) and (b) above, the Diving NZ Selectors shall consider the following:

- (a) The Athlete's (or group of Athletes') performances and results in the Diving Event(s) at which they seek to be selected for the Games in the following Key Events during the period of 1 January 2017 to 25 January 2018.
  - (i) The 2017 Australian Open Championships and/or the 2017 Canadian Open Championships.
  - (ii) FINA Diving Grand Prix events scheduled during the period 1 March 2017 to 25 January 2018. Any Athlete wishing to be considered for nomination to the Games Team in a Diving Event(s) must attend a minimum of two FINA Diving Grand Prix events in 2017 - 2018 (prior to 25 January 2018).
  - (iii) The 2017 FINA Diving World Championships in Budapest, Hungary (14-30 July 2017). Any Athlete wishing to be considered for nomination to the Games Team in a Diving event(s) is expected to compete in the 2017 FINA Diving World Championships, which is the most prestigious event on the 2017 international diving calendar.
  - (iv) For the Open 1m Springboard Event only, a Top 4 placing in the 1m Open Springboard Event at either the Australian Open Championships or Canadian Open Championships in 2017.

N.B. For the sake of clarity, an Athlete (or group of Athletes) must attend sufficient number of the events listed above to demonstrate the Athlete (or group of Athletes) has or have met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria. The 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.

- (b) The Athlete (or group of Athletes') ranking(s) as follows:
  - (i) New Zealand Athletes will be ranked alongside their Commonwealth counterparts following the Key Events listed in clauses 4.3(a)(ii) and 4.3(a)(iii) in order to obtain a Commonwealth ranking list.

4.4 **Specific Nomination Factors:** When considering the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria above, the Diving NZ 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 Diving 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 Diving NZ Selectors consider relevant; and
- (k) ability and willingness to prepare, commit and perform (to a Top 6 Games capable standard) as a synchronised diving partnership (for instance it would be considered unfair and unacceptable for one Athlete, who qualifies for an individual Diving Event, to dissolve a synchronised diving partnership which has set a goal of being selected, in order to solely focus on that individual Diving Event in respect of which the Athlete has qualified).

4.5 **Own Enquiries:** In considering any one or more of the above factors, the Diving NZ 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 Diving NZ 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 Diving NZ 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 Diving NZ Selectors shall follow the procedure set out in clause 9 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

## **5. Extenuating Circumstances**

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5.1 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In considering the nomination of Athletes in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, the Diving NZ 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 Diving NZ 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 Convenor of Selectors 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 Convenor of Selectors is not notified of any extenuating circumstances in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, then the Diving NZ 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 Diving NZ Selectors to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the Diving NZ Selectors, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the Diving NZ Selectors. Any failure to agree to such a request may result in the Diving NZ 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 Diving NZ 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 Diving NZ against their non-nomination to the NZOC by the Diving NZ 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 the Nomination Date.

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

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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

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- 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

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- 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 Diving NZ as established under the Constitution.
- 9.6 **CGF** means the Commonwealth Games Federation.
- 9.7 **Chairperson** means the chairperson of Diving NZ and includes his / her nominee.
- 9.8 **Constitution** means the Constitution of Diving NZ.
- 9.9 **Diving Event** means the following events in the Games in which an Athlete is able to compete either alone or in which Athletes compete together in a synchronised diving event involving two athletes:

Men's Events	Women's Events
1m Springboard	1m Springboard
3m Springboard	3m Springboard
10m Platform	10m Platform
Synchronised 3m Platform	Synchronised 3m Platform
Synchronised 10m Platform	Synchronised 10m Platform

- 9.10 **Diving NZ** means Diving New Zealand Incorporated.
- 9.11 **Diving Selectors** means the selectors appointed by Diving NZ in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.

- 9.12 **Games** means the 2018 Commonwealth Games to be held in Gold Coast, Australia from 4 April – 15 April 2018.
- 9.13 **Games Team** means the New Zealand Team at the Games selected in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games.
- 9.14 **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 to that which is likely to occur at the Games.
- 9.15 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated to the NZOC by Diving NZ.
- 9.16 **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”.
- 9.17 **Nomination Date** means 30 January 2018 for nominations made by Diving NZ in relation to the initial quota allocation, and Monday 5 February 2018 for nominations made by Diving NZ in relation to the quota reallocation process. Nomination Date includes any alternative date as agreed in writing between NZOC and Diving NZ by which Diving NZ must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 9.18 **NZOC** means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.
- 9.19 **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](http://www.olympic.org.nz/nzoc/publications-and-reports-0).
- 9.20 **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.
- 9.21 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 4.2.

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

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