

**AMENDED 2016 RIO OLYMPIC GAMES NOMINATION CRITERIA**  
**FOR DIVING 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 **30 January 2015**.
- 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 a Diving 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. Selection Panel**

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

**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 Diving NZ prior to the Application Date in the form prescribed by the NZOC; and
  - (b) returned a completed Athlete Agreement 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 Anti-Doping Bylaw; and

- (f) is born before 1 January 2003. Athletes younger than 14 years on 31 December 2016 are not permitted to compete at the Games; and
- (g) from 5 February 2016 has provided their name and contact address details to the NZOC for the purpose of out of competition drug testing by DFSNZ.

3.2 **Qualification:** New Zealand must qualify for places in an event(s) in accordance with the International Federation's Qualification System – Games of the XXXI Olympiad – Rio 2016 ("IF Qualification System") 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 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.

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

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4.1 **Nomination Criteria:** The Diving NZ Nomination Criteria for nomination to the Games Team is made up of two parts:

- (a) the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria specified in clause 4.2; 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 (or group of athletes) to the Games Team in the Diving Event(s), the Diving NZ Selectors must be satisfied overall that:

- i. the Athlete (or group of Athletes) is or are capable of achieving a top 16 placing at the Games in the Event(s), with the potential to win an Olympic Diploma (top 8 placing); and
- ii. the Athlete (or group of Athletes) has or have a track record of sufficient quality and depth that Diving NZ believes demonstrates the Athlete (or group of Athletes) will be competitive at the Games and will perform credibly in the Event(s).

(b) **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 clause 4.2(a) above, the Diving NZ Selectors shall consider 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 **1 April 2015 to 1 June 2016 (inclusive):**

- i) FINA Diving Grand Prix Events scheduled during the period between **1 April 2015 and 1 June 2016 (inclusive)**. Any Athlete(s) wishing to be considered for nomination to the Games Team in a Diving Event must attend a minimum of two FINA Grand Prix Events in the period specified.

- ii) The FINA Diving World Championships, Kazan, Russia, 24 July to 9 August 2015. [*Attendance at this event is not mandatory.*]
  - iii) The Oceania Championships/Continental Olympic Qualification Event, Melbourne, Australia, 12 to 13 December 2015. [*Attendance at this event is not mandatory.*]
  - iv) The FINA Diving World Cup, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 19 to 24 February 2016. Any Athlete(s) wishing to be considered for nomination to the Games Team in a Diving Event must attend this event.
- c) Ranking: New Zealand Athletes will be ranked alongside their international counterparts by FINA, after competing in the relevant Key Events specified in 4.2(b)i), 4.2(b)ii), 4.2(b)iii) and 4.2(b)iv) in order to obtain a world ranking. These rankings may be used as evidence that an Athlete is capable of achieving a top 16 placing at the Games, with the potential to win an Olympic Diploma (top 8 placing).

4.3 **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 NZ 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, including, but not limited to, the age, rate of improvement, world ranking, and potential of an Athlete; and
- (k) ability and willingness to prepare, commit and perform 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 focus on that individual Diving Event in respect of which that Athlete has qualified).

- 4.4 **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.
- 4.5 **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.
- 4.6 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In any decision regarding the nomination of Athletes to the Team, the Diving NZ 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 Diving NZ Selectors shall follow the procedure set out in clause 7 of the NZOC / Diving NZ Agreement.

## 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 Chairperson of Diving NZ 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 Chairperson of Diving NZ 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 of Diving NZ that the Athlete has returned a completed:
- (a) Athlete Application to Diving NZ by the Application Date (that has been certified by Diving NZ); and
  - (b) Athlete Agreement in the manner directed by 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 11 of the NZOC / Diving NZ Agreement.

## 7. Inconsistencies

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- 7.1 **NZOC / Diving NZ Agreement:** In the event there is any inconsistency between this Nomination Criteria and the NZOC / Diving NZ Agreement, the NZOC / Diving NZ Agreement shall prevail.
- 7.2 **IF Qualification System:** If this Nomination Criteria imposes a higher qualification standard or a lesser number of participants than stated by the IF Qualification System, 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 30 July 2015.
- 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 / Diving NZ 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 / Diving NZ Agreement.
- 9.5 **Board** means the Board of Diving NZ as constituted under the Constitution.

- 9.6 **Chairperson** means the Chairperson of Diving NZ and includes his / her nominee.
- 9.7 **Constitution** means the Constitution of Diving NZ.
- 9.8 **Diving Event** means the following events in the Games in which an Athlete competes either alone or in a pair with another Athlete:
- Men's individual 3m springboard;
  - Men's individual 10m platform
  - Women's individual 3m springboard;
  - Women's individual 10m platform;
  - Men's synchronized 3m springboard;
  - Men's synchronized 10m platform;
  - Women's synchronized 3m springboard; and/or
  - Women's synchronized 10m platform.
- 9.9 **Diving NZ** means Diving New Zealand Incorporated.
- 9.10 **Diving NZ Selectors** means the selectors appointed by Diving NZ in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.
- 9.11 **Games** means the 2016 Olympic Games to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 5 August 2016 to 21 August 2016.
- 9.12 **Games Team** means the New Zealand Team at the Games selected in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games.
- 9.13 **Key Events** means an international, continental or national competition which is a major or pinnacle event for the sport or are at least the equivalent of a World Cup or World Championship, and have an equivalent field of competitors to that which is likely to occur at the Games.
- 9.14 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated to the NZOC by Diving NZ.
- 9.15 **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".
- 9.16 **Nomination Date** 5 June 2016, (or any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and Diving NZ by which Diving NZ must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.)
- 9.17 **NZOC / Diving NZ Agreement** means the agreement entered between NZOC and Diving NZ for the Application, Nomination and Selection Process for the Games.
- 9.18 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 4.2.
- 9.19 **Specific Nomination Factors** means the nomination factors set out in clause

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

- Agreement between NZOC and Diving NZ for the 2016 Olympic Games;
- NZOC Selection Policy;
- Athlete Application Form; and
- Athlete Agreement