LA 28 OLYMPIC GAMES

NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR DIVING EVENTS

Diving New Zealand Incorporated (Diving NZ)

1. Application of this Nomination Criteria

1.1 Status: This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board of Diving New Zealand Incorporated and shall take effect from 16 August 2026. This Nomination Criteria supersedes any previous correspondence, discussions and representations (whether written or oral) by Diving NZ regarding nomination and selection for the Games.

1.2 Scope: 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 Selectors, that wishes to nominate Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection to the Games Team for the Games.

1.3 Process: Selection to the Games Team is a four-step process:

(a) each Athlete must be eligible in accordance with clause 3 of this Nomination Criteria;

(b) a quota place must be qualified for New Zealand in a Diving Event;

(c) Diving NZ nominates Athletes to the NZOC in accordance with this Nomination Criteria and the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation; and

(d) the NZOC selects Athletes to the Games Team in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy and the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

2. Selectors

2.1 Composition: The Selectors have been appointed by the Diving NZ Board. The Selectors who will consider nomination of Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection in the Games Team are:

Ellie Price (Convenor)
Rebecca Jameson
Bruce Megget

2.2 **Change of Selectors:** The Board reserves the right to change a Selector at any time in its absolute discretion prior to the Nomination Date. In such case, it will publish the change of Selector on the Diving NZ website.

3. Eligibility

3.1 Athlete Eligibility: To be eligible to be nominated to the NZOC by Diving NZ, an Athlete must:

(a) have returned a completed Athlete Application to the NZOC, in the form prescribed by the NZOC, by the following dates (Application Date):

(i) no later than 5.00pm, 12 July 2027 where an Athlete is not a regular member of Diving NZ at this date; and

(ii) no later than 5.00pm, 10 November 2027 where an Athlete is a regular member of Diving NZ at this date; and

(iii) in exceptional circumstances before 5.00pm, 14 January 2028 (or such extended date as agreed by the NZOC Board) where Diving NZ provides the NZOC with evidence that demonstrates that Athlete could not have been reasonably in contemplation on 10 November 2027; and

(b) have returned a completed Team Agreement in the manner prescribed by the NZOC to NZOC prior to the Nomination Date; and

(c) be a member of Diving NZ or one of its affiliates; and

(d) be a New Zealand citizen and have a New Zealand passport; and

(e) have demonstrated to the satisfaction of Diving NZ they are not suffering any physical or psychological condition that would compromise the Athlete's ability to compete at the Games to the selection standard set out in the NZOC Selection Policy or which may compromise the health and safety of themselves, a NZ Team member or another participant at the Games; and

(f) have acted in such a manner as not to bring the Athlete, the sport, Diving NZ or the NZOC into public disrepute; and

(g) not be sanctioned or under investigation for any breach of any part of Diving NZ's rules and World Aquatics rules and regulations (including anti-doping regulations, the Sports Anti-Doping Rules and/or the NZOC Integrity Regulation) and not be sanctioned or under investigation by the Sports Integrity Commission; and

(h) no later than 14 January 2028 (or such extended date as agreed by the NZOC Board) have provided their name and contact address details to NZOC for the purpose of out of competition drug testing with the Sport Integrity Commission; and

(i) have been born on or before 31 December 2014, being at least 14 years old or reaching this age on 31 December 2028, with the date validated by the passport used for accreditation registration; and

(j) be eligible to participate at official World Aquatics competitions in accordance with World Aquatics rules and the World Aquatics Qualification System; and

(k) obtain a performance standard in Individual Diving Events as follows

- Men's 3m Springboard: 330 points;

- Men's 10m Platform: 310 points;

- Women's 3m Springboard: 230 points; and

- Women's 10m Platform: 210 points.

3.2 **Qualification:** New Zealand must qualify for places in a Diving Event(s) in accordance with the World Aquatics Qualification System for the Games and/or World Aquatics requirements for the Games. Qualification for a quota place in any Diving Event(s) by an Athlete, or pair of Athletes does not guarantee that Athlete or pair of Athletes will be nominated or selected to compete in the Diving Event(s) at the Games. Quota places for individual and synchronised Diving Events are allocated to an NOC, and not to a specific Athlete.

3.3 **Nomination if Nomination Criteria Met:** Provided the requirements set out in clauses 3.1 and 3.2 are met, the Selectors shall nominate to NZOC for consideration of selection those Athletes it considers meet the Nomination Criteria set out below.

3.4 **Reserve Athletes:** The Selectors may nominate Reserve Athletes to the NZOC.

4. Nomination Criteria

4.1 Nomination Criteria: In considering any Athlete for nomination to the NZOC, the Selectors shall consider:

(a) the Over-riding Nomination Criteria specified in clause 5.1; or

(b) the Secondary Nomination Criteria specified in clause 5.2; and

(c) the evidential requirements in clause 5.3; and

(d) the Specific Nomination Factors specified in clause 5.4; and

(e) any Extenuating Circumstances in accordance with clause 6.

4.2 **Relevance and Weighting:** The Selectors may determine the relevance and weight they wish to place on any Specific Nomination Factor(s) and any Extenuating Circumstance(s) as they consider appropriate. No Specific Nomination Factor shall be weighted more or less significantly based on the order in which it appears in this Nomination Criteria unless expressly specified.

4.3 **Permission to Start:** At the sole discretion of the NZOC, Nominated Athletes may, on Diving NZ's request to the NZOC, if selected to the Games Team by the NZOC, request permission to start in another Diving Event where there is an available place and competing in this Diving Event will not have any detrimental effect on the Diving Event the Nominated Athlete has already been selected to the Games Team for.

4.4 **Own Enquiries:** In considering the Specific Nomination Factors, the Selectors may make such enquiries of the Athlete, coach(es), medical practitioners or other persons as they see fit.

4.5 **Conditions:** In considering any results and performances of an Athlete at any Key Events, the Selectors may, but are not obliged to, take into account the conditions in which the results and performances were obtained, including but not limited to the strength of the field of competitors, competition format, judging panel, travel conditions, preparation environment and any other relevant factors.

4.6 **Extenuating Circumstances**: In any decision regarding the nomination of Athletes to the Games Team, the Selectors may, in their sole discretion, take into account any Extenuating Circumstances in accordance with clause 6 below.

5. Over-riding Nomination Criteria, Secondary Nomination Criteria, Evidence and Specific Nomination Factors

5.1 Over-riding Nomination Criteria: In determining whether or not to nominate an Athlete or pair of Athletes to a Diving Event, the Selectors must be satisfied overall that the Athlete or pair of Athletes:

(a) is or are competing in a Diving Event where a quota place at the Games has been qualified in accordance with the World Aquatics Qualification System; and

(b) is or are capable of achieving a top 16 placing in the Games in that Diving Event, with consideration given to any demonstrated potential to achieve an Olympic Diploma (top 8 placing); and

(c) has or have a track record of sufficient quality and depth that the Selectors believe demonstrates the Nominated Athlete(s) will be competitive at the Games.

5.2 Secondary Nomination Criteria: Where a quota place has been qualified at the Games in accordance with the World Aquatics Qualification System, but where no Athlete has met the Over-riding Nomination Criteria in clause 5.1(b) and clause 5.1(c), then the Selectors may consider nominating an Athlete to a Diving Event provided the Selectors are satisfied

overall that the Athlete has demonstrated they are capable of achieving an Olympic Diploma (top 8 placing) in a Diving Event at the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games, provided they:

(a) have not previously competed at an Olympic Games; and

(b) are aged 23 years or younger on 31 December 2028; and

(c) have a positive track record of sufficient quality and depth in elite events internationally that demonstrates the Nominated Athlete(s) will be competitive in the Diving Event at the Games.

5.3 Evidence: In determining whether or not the Athlete or pair of Athletes satisfies the Over-riding Nomination Criteria in clause 5.1 or the Secondary Nomination Criteria in clause 5.2, the Selectors shall have regard to:

(a) **Results and Performances:** any the results and performances in the Diving Event at the following Key Events during the Qualification Period:

(i) Budapest 2027 World Aquatics Championships, for Individual Diving Events only. The Budapest 2027 World Aquatics Championships are scheduled from 26 June 2027 to 18 July 2027, with diving scheduled from 26 June 2027 to 4 July 2027.

(ii) Continental Olympic Qualification Event 2027 (date and location TBA)(iii) World Aquatics Diving World Cup Stop 1 and Stop 2 in 2028. World Aquatics Diving World Cup Stop 1 and Stop 2 are scheduled to take place between February and May 2028, with dates and locations to be confirmed.

Note: An Athlete or Pair of Athletes must compete in a minimum of three (3) Key Events in the Qualification Period of which two (2) must be outside of Oceania in order to be eligible for Nomination.

(b) **Demonstrated International Competitiveness:** performances at Key Events should demonstrate that the Athlete is capable of achieving the standards outlined in clause 5.1 or clause 5.2, including but not limited to:

(i) progression through rounds at major international competitions;

(ii) finals and semi-final performances at World Aquatics events;

(iii) consistency of scoring and performances across multiple international competitions;

(iv) performances achieved against internationally competitive fields;

(v) demonstrated repeatability of internationally competitive performances; and

(vi) a sustained level of performance throughout the Qualification Period.

(c) Performance Benchmarking: World Aquatics rankings and performances at Key Events may be used as evidence that an Athlete is capable of achieving a top 16 placing at the Games, with consideration given to any demonstrated potential to achieve an Olympic Diploma (top 8 placing). Where World Aquatics ranking systems are subject to change, incomplete, or not available for a relevant event, the Selectors may utilise alternative performance benchmarking measures, including comparative scoring analysis, field strength analysis, historical international results, and results from World Aquatics sanctioned competitions.

5.4 Specific Nomination Factors: When considering the Over-riding Nomination Criteria or Secondary Nomination Criteria above, the Selectors may also take into account any one or more of the following factors about an Athlete within the Qualification Period:

(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 Games Team members;

(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) which the Selectors reasonably consider to be relevant; and

(k) for synchronised Diving Events, ability and willingness to prepare, commit and perform as a synchronised diving partnership, including demonstrated commitment to a shared training and competition plan and a willingness to compete in a synchronised Diving Event for which the Athlete has been nominated and/or selected, subject to injury, illness, welfare or other Extenuating Circumstances.

6. Extenuating Circumstances

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

6.2 **Athlete to Advise:** Athletes unable to compete at Key Events, Trials, or other attendances required under this Nomination Criteria, must advise the Chair 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 Key Event, Trial or other attendance. If the Chair is not notified of any Extenuating Circumstances in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, then the Selectors have no obligation to rely on such circumstances.

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

6.4 **Case by Case:** In the case of any Extenuating Circumstance/s, the Selectors will make a decision on a case-by-case basis.

7. Nomination and Selection

7.1 **Nomination to NZOC:** Diving NZ will nominate Athletes (Nominated Athletes) and any Reserve Athletes to the NZOC by the Nomination Date.

7.2 **Nomination with Conditions:** Diving NZ may nominate an Athlete with any conditions, for example, conditions relating to recovery from injury or continuing to meet specified performance levels. If the conditions are not met to the satisfaction of the Selectors, they will not be eligible for selection, unless the NZOC decides to select the Nominated Athlete subject to those or other conditions.

7.3 **Selection by NZOC:** Selection to the Games Team by the NZOC will be made in accordance with the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

8. Appeal Procedure

8.1 Non-Nomination Appeals: An Athlete may appeal to Diving NZ against their non-nomination to the NZOC by Diving NZ provided that the Athlete:

(a) is on the Diving NZ long list for the Games; and

(b) meets the eligibility criteria under clause 3 of this Nomination Criteria.

8.2 **Procedures for Non-Nomination Appeals:** Any appeal under clause 8.1 of this Criteria must be made in accordance with clause 13 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

8.3 Procedures for Non-Selection Appeals: If a Nominated Athlete is not selected by the NZOC, the Nominated Athlete may appeal the non-selection in accordance with clause 14 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation, provided the Nominated Athlete:

(a) is on the Diving NZ long list for the Games; and

(b) meets the eligibility criteria under clause 3 of this Nomination Criteria.

9. Inconsistencies

9.1 **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.

9.2 **World Aquatics Qualification System:** If this Nomination Criteria imposes a higher qualification standard or a lesser number of participants than stated by the World Aquatics Qualification System, this shall not be regarded as an inconsistency.

10. Amendments to this Nomination Criteria

10.1 **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 approved the amendment/s and supplement/s.

10.2 **Notice:** The Board will give as much notice as possible of any amendment/s or supplement/s made under clause 10.1 to this Nomination Criteria, to persons it considers may be affected by any such amendment/s or supplement/s.

11. Definitions

11.1 **Application Date** means the dates set out in clause 3.1(a) of this Criteria, by which Athletes must submit to NZOC a completed Athlete Application in accordance with clause 8.3 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

11.2 **Athlete** means a person who wishes to be considered for nomination to the Games Team.

11.3 **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.

11.4 **Board** means the Board of Diving NZ as constituted under the Constitution.

11.5 **Chair** means the Chairperson of Diving NZ and includes his / her nominee.

11.6 **Constitution** means the Constitution of Diving NZ.

11.7 Diving Event means an event in the Games in which an Athlete competes either alone or as part of a synchronised diving pair in one of the following events:

Men's Diving Events:
- 3m Springboard;
- 10m Platform;
- Synchronised 3m Springboard; and
- Synchronised 10m Platform.

Women's Diving Events:
- 3m Springboard;
- 10m Platform;
- Synchronised 3m Springboard; and
- Synchronised 10m Platform.

11.8 **Diving NZ** means Diving New Zealand Incorporated.

11.9 **Extenuating Circumstances** means the inability to perform at an optimum level arising from one or more of the reasons set out in clause 6.1.

11.10 **Games** means the Games of the XXXIV Olympiad to be held in Los Angeles, the United States of America from 14 July to 30 July 2028.

11.11 **Games Team** means the Athletes selected in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games and the team support appointed by the NZOC to the New Zealand Team to the Games.

11.12 **Key Events** means an international competition listed in clause 5.3.

11.13 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated by Diving NZ to the NZOC for consideration of selection to the Games Team.

11.14 **Nomination Criteria** means the criteria made up of the Over-riding Nomination Criteria or Secondary Nomination Criteria, the evidential requirements and the Specific Nomination Factors, and is also referred to as this Criteria.

11.15 **Nomination Date** means on or before 31 May 2028 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and Diving NZ), by which Diving NZ must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.

11.16 **NZOC** means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.

11.17 **NZOC Integrity Regulation** means the NZOC Integrity Regulation available here.

11.18 **NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation** means the regulation of NZOC in relation to the nomination and selection process for all Olympic and Commonwealth Games, including the Games, available here.

11.19 **NZOC Selection Policy** means the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games, available here.

11.20 **Over-riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 5.1.

11.21 **Qualification Period** means the period between 26 June 2027 and 29 May 2028.

11.22 **Reserve Athletes** means travelling and/or non-travelling reserve(s), as designated by the Selectors and in accordance with the World Aquatics Qualification System and the LA28 Sport Entry Manual.

11.23 **Secondary Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 5.2.

11.24 **Specific Nomination Factors** means the factors listed in clause 5.4 which the Selectors may take into account when applying the Over-riding Nomination Criteria or Secondary Nomination Criteria.

11.25 **Selectors** means the selectors appointed by Diving NZ in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.

11.26 **Team 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.

11.28 **World Aquatics** means the international federation governing aquatic sports, formerly known as FINA.

11.29 **World Aquatics Qualification System** means the Qualification System for the Games of the XXXIV Olympiad - LA28, World Aquatics (AQUA), Diving, version as of 31 January 2026, as amended by World Aquatics and IOC from time to time.