



GANGWON 2024 WINTER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES
NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR SNOW SPORTS EVENTS

SNOW SPORTS NEW ZEALAND INC

1. Application of these Nomination Criteria

1.1 **Status:** These Nomination Criteria are issued by the Board and shall take effect from Wednesday 21 December 2022. These Nomination Criteria supersede any previous correspondence, discussions and representations (whether written or oral) by Snow Sports New Zealand regarding nomination and selection for the Games.

1.2 **Scope:** These Nomination Criteria apply to:

- (a) all Athletes wishing to be considered for nomination to the Games Team to compete in the Games in a Snow Sports Event; and
- (b) Snow Sports New Zealand, including its Nomination Panel, that wish 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 in a Snow Sports Event is a three step process:

- (a) each Athlete must be eligible in accordance with clause 3 of these Nomination Criteria;
- (b) Snow Sports New Zealand nominates Athletes to the NZOC in accordance with these Nomination Criteria and the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation; and
- (c) the NZOC selects Athletes to the Games Team in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy and the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

2. Nomination Panel

2.1 **Composition:** The Nomination Panel has been appointed by the Board. The Nomination Panel which will consider nomination of Athletes to the NZOC to be considered for selection in the Games Team are:

- a) Greg Knowles
- b) Rebecca Ewert
- c) Andy Bowie

- 2.2 **Change of Nomination Panel:** The Board reserves the right to change a Nomination Panellist at any time in its absolute discretion prior to the Nomination Date. In such case, it will publish the change of Nomination Panellist on the Snow Sports New Zealand website.

3. Eligibility

- 3.1 **Athlete Eligibility:** To be eligible to be nominated to the NZOC by Snow Sports New Zealand, 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, 3 April 2023 (or such later date as agreed by the NZOC pursuant to clause 8.2 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation); or
 - ii. in exceptional circumstances before 5.00pm, 17 July 2023 (or such extended date as agreed by the NZOC Board) where Snow Sports New Zealand provides the NZOC with evidence that demonstrates that Athlete could not have been reasonably in contemplation on 3 April 2023; and
 - (b) have returned a completed Athlete Agreement in the manner prescribed by the NZOC to NZOC prior to the Nomination Date; and
 - (c) be a member of Snow Sports New Zealand; and
 - (d) be a New Zealand citizen and has a New Zealand passport; and
 - (e) have demonstrated to the satisfaction of Snow Sports New Zealand that they are not suffering any physical or psychological impairment that would prevent them from competing in the Games to the highest possible standard; and
 - (f) have acted in such a manner so as not to bring the Athlete, the sport, Snow Sports New Zealand or the NZOC into public disrepute; and
 - (g) not be under investigation for any breach of any part of the Snow Sports New Zealand and FIS’s anti-doping regulations, the Sports Anti-Doping Rules and/or the NZOC Integrity Regulation; and
 - (h) no later than 17 July 2023 (or such extended date as agreed by the NZOC Board) 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.
 - (i) Meet the additional FIS requirements for their Discipline, namely:

Snowboard	
Athletes must have obtained YOG FIS points in the event they wish to be nominated for earned between 1 July 2022 to 17 December 2023. Athletes only Snowboard Slopestyle YOG FIS points are also eligible to start in the Snowboard Big Air event,	

Cross Country	
Athletes must have valid YOG FIS points in either Sprint or Distance to start in the Cross Country Event earned between 1 July 2022 to 17 December 2023	

Alpine	
Slalom, Giant Slalom, Super-G, Alpine Combined	YOG FIS points in at least one FIS alpine event Plus Valid FIS points in Downhill, Super G, Giant Slalom or Alpine Combined for Super G and Alpine Combine

Freestyle	
Athletes must have obtained YOG FIS points in the event they wish to be nominated for earned between 1 July 2022 to 17 December 2023	

Nordic	
Athletes must have participated in FIS level or Continental Cup competitions during the period from 1 July to 17 December 2023	

- (j) meet the age eligibility requirements of the Games for the Snow Sports Event that all Athletes must be born between:

Snowboard	
Halfpipe, Slopestyle And Big Air	1 Jan 2006 – 31 Dec 2009
Snowboard Cross	1 Jan 2006 – 31 Dec 2008

Cross Country	
Sprint, Classic and Mixed Relay	1 Jan 2006 – 31 Dec 2008

Alpine	
Slalom, Giant Slalom, Super-G, Alpine Combined and Mixed Parallel Team	1 Jan 2006 – 31 Dec 2007

Freestyle	
Halfpipe, Slopestyle and Big Air	1 Jan 2006 – 31 Dec 2009
Ski Cross	1 Jan 2006 – 31 Dec 2007

Nordic	
Normal Hill and Mixed Team normal	1 Jan 2006 – 31 Dec 2008

- 3.2 **Qualification:** New Zealand must qualify for places in a Snow Sports Event(s) in accordance with FIS's Qualification System for Gangwon 2024 Winter Youth Olympic Games ("FIS Qualification System") and/or FIS requirements for the Games. Qualification for a place in any Snow Sports 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 Snow Sports Event(s) at the Games.

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

3.4 **Reserve Athletes:** The Nomination Panel may nominate Reserve Athletes to the NZOC for any Snow Sports Event.

4. Nomination Criteria

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

- (a) the Overriding Nomination Criteria specified in clause 5.1(a); and
- (b) the evidential requirements specified in clause 5.1(b); and
- (c) the Specific Nomination Factors specified in clause 5.2; and
- (d) any Extenuating Circumstances in accordance with clause 6.

4.2 **Relevance and Weighting:** The Nomination Panel may determine the relevance and weight that they wish to place on any Specific Nomination Factor(s) and any Extenuating Circumstances(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 these Nomination Criteria unless expressly specified.

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

4.4 **Own Enquiries:** In considering the Specific Nomination Factors, the Nomination Panel may make such enquiries of the Athlete, or other persons, as they see fit.

4.5 **Conditions:** In considering any results and performances of an Athlete at any Key Events and Trials, the Nomination Panel may, but is not obliged to, take into account the conditions in which the results and performances were obtained such as, but not limited to, weather conditions and the strength of the field of competitors.

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

5. Overriding Nomination Criteria and Specific Nomination Factors

5.1 **Overriding Nomination Criteria:**

- (a) In determining whether or not to nominate an Athlete (or group of Athletes) to a Snow Sports Event, the Nomination Panel must be satisfied that the Athlete (or group of Athletes):
- i. has or have a high national ranking (e.g. top 3) or has placed in the top 3 of the most recent National age group championships in the Event;
 - ii. has or have a track record of sufficient quality and depth that the Snow Sports New Zealand believes demonstrates the Athlete (or group of Athletes) will perform with distinction at the Games;
 - iii. has or have competed at a recognized international event for their sport finishing with a competitive result; and
 - iv. has or have a programme developed by or endorsed by Snow Sports New Zealand to prepare them for the Games, and are progressing in accordance with that programme.
- (b) In determining whether or not the Athlete satisfies the Overriding Nomination Criteria for Snow Sports Events in clause 5.1(a) above, the Nomination Panel may have regard to any one or more of the following:
- i. *Results and Performances*: the results and performances in the Snow Sports Event at the following Key Events during the Qualification Period:
 - Alpine Events – FIS Junior World Championships, NZ National Championships, NZ National Junior Alpine Championships, National Alpine Youth Championships, FIS Children’s Events
 - Freestyle and Snowboard Events – FIS Junior World Championships, NZ Freestyle National Championships, Continental Cups, World Rookie Tour Finals
 - Cross-Country and Nordic Events
NZ National Junior Cross-country Championships.
 - ii. *Ranking*: If more Athletes meet the Overriding Criteria than the number of quota places available, nomination will be determined by the Nomination Panel having regard to the following factors, in order of priority:
 - (a) FIS points (not FIS World Cup Points nor YOG FIS Points) in the Discipline for which they are being nominated;
 - (b) The Athlete’s potential result at the Games;
 - (c) The potential of an Athlete for the Milan Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games; and/or
 - (d) Any other factors the Nomination Panel consider relevant including but not limited to, the athlete’s ability to contribute to the team.

5.2 **Specific Nomination Factors:** When considering the Overriding Nomination Criteria, the Nomination Panel may also take into account any one or more of the following ten factors about an Athlete within the Qualification Period:

- (a) any other performances or results in competitions / events in addition to the Key Events (eg Alpine - Migros and Whistler Cup, Park and pipe – FIS World Cups for age eligible athletes;
- (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 Snow Sports New Zealand in a positive manner;
- (h) demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for their results;
- (i) proven ability to be reliable; and
- (j) any other factor(s) which the Nomination Panel reasonably considers relevant.

6. Extenuating Circumstances

6.1 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In considering the nomination of Athletes in accordance with these Nomination Criteria, the Nomination Panel 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 Nomination Panel to constitute Extenuating Circumstances.

- 6.2 **Athlete to Advise:** Athletes unable to compete at Key Events, Trials, or other attendances required under these Nomination Criteria, must advise the CEO 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 CEO is not notified of any Extenuating Circumstances in accordance with these Nomination Criteria, then the Nomination Panel 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 CEO to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the CEO, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the Nomination Panel. Any failure to agree to such a request may result in the Nomination Panel 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 Nomination Panel will make a decision on a case-by-case basis.

7. Nomination and Selection

- 7.1 **Nomination to NZOC:** Snow Sports New Zealand will nominate Athletes (“Nominated Athletes”) and any Reserve Athletes to the NZOC by the Nomination Date.
- 7.2 **Nomination with Conditions:** Snow Sports New Zealand 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 Nomination Panel, 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 Snow Sports New Zealand against their non-nomination to the NZOC by Snow Sports New Zealand provided that the Athlete:
- (a) is on the Snow Sports New Zealand long list for the Games; and
 - (b) meets the eligibility criteria under clause 3 of this Criteria.
- 8.2 **Procedure for Non-Nomination Appeals:** Any appeal under clause 8.1 of these Nomination Criteria must be made in accordance with clause 13 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.
- 8.3 **Procedure 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 the procedures set out in clause 14 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation provided that the Nominated Athlete:

- (a) is on the Snow Sports New Zealand long list for the Games; and
- (b) meets the eligibility criteria under clause 3 of these Nomination Criteria.

9. Inconsistencies

- 9.1 **NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation:** In the event there is any inconsistency between these Nomination Criteria and the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation, the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation shall prevail.
- 9.2 **FIS Qualification System:** If these Nomination Criteria impose a higher qualification standard or a lesser number of participants than stated by the FIS Qualification System, this shall not be regarded as an inconsistency.

10. Amendments to these Nomination Criteria

- 10.1 **Prior to Nomination Date:** These 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 these 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 these Nomination 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 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.
- 11.4 **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.
- 11.5 **Board** means the Board of Snow Sports New Zealand as constituted under the Constitution.
- 11.6 **CEO** means the Chief Executive Officer of Snow Sports New Zealand and includes his / her nominee.
- 11.7 **Constitution** means the Constitution of Snow Sports New Zealand.

- 11.8 **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.
- 11.9 **FIS** means International Ski and Snowboard Federation.
- 11.10 **Games** means Winter Youth Olympic Games to be held in Gangwon, South Korea from 19 January to 1 February 2024.
- 11.11 **Games Team** means the New Zealand Team at the Games selected in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games.
- 11.12 **Key Events** means an international, continental or national competition listed in clause 5.1(b).
- 11.13 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated by Snow Sports New Zealand to the NZOC for consideration of selection to the Games Team.
- 11.14 **Nomination Date** means on or before 20 December 2023 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and Snow Sports New Zealand), by which Snow Sports New Zealand must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 11.15 **Nomination Panel** means the Snow Sports New Zealand Nomination Panel appointed by Snow Sports New Zealand in accordance with clause 2 of these Nomination Criteria.
- 11.16 **NZOC** means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.
- 11.17 **NZOC Integrity Regulation** means the NZOC Integrity Regulation available at <http://www.olympic.org.nz/about-the-nzoc/governance-documents/>.
- 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 at <http://www.olympic.org.nz/about-the-nzoc/governance-documents/>.
- 11.19 **NZOC Selection Policy** means the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games, available at <https://www.olympic.org.nz/assets/Gangwon-2024-WYOG-Selection-Policy-Amended-1-September-2022.pdf>
- 11.20 **Overriding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 5.1.
- 11.21 **Qualification Period** means the period between 1 January 2022 and 1 December 2023.
- 11.22 **Reserve Athletes** means a travelling and/or non-travelling reserve, as designated by The Snow Sports NZ Nomination Panel and in accordance with the FIS Qualification System and the Gangwon 2024 Sport Entry Manual.
- 11.23 **Specific Nomination Factors** means the factors listed in clause 5.2 which the Nomination Panel may take into account when applying the Overriding Nomination Criteria.
- 11.24 **Snow Sports Event** means one of the following events at the Games in which an Athlete competes:

Discipline	Snow Sports Event	Male	Female
Alpine Skiing	Super G	x	x
	Giant Slalom	x	x
	Slalom	x	x
	Alpine Combined	x	x
	Mixed Parallel Team	x	
Cross Country Skiing	Sprint	x	x
	Classic	x	x
	Mixed Relay	x	
Freestyle skiing	Halfpipe	x	x
	Dual Moguls	x	x
	Ski cross	x	x
	Slopestyle & Big Air	x	x
Snowboard	Halfpipe	x	x
	Slopestyle & Big Air	x	x
	Snowboard Cross	x	x

11.25 **Snow Sports New Zealand** means Snow Sports New Zealand Incorporated.