



# EQUESTRIAN SPORTS NEW ZEALAND

## PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR EQUESTRIAN EVENTS EQUESTRIAN SPORTS NEW ZEALAND (“ESNZ”)

### 1. Application of this Nomination Criteria

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- 1.1 **Status:** This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board and shall take effect from 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and was amended on 20 February 2023. This Nomination Criteria supersedes any previous correspondence, discussions and representations (whether written or oral) by ESNZ 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 an Equestrian Event; and
  - (b) ESNZ, including its Selectors, 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 an Equestrian Event is a three step process:
- (a) each Athlete must be eligible in accordance with clause 3 of this Nomination Criteria;
  - (b) ESNZ nominates Athletes to the NZOC in accordance with this 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. Selectors

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- 2.1 **Composition:** The Selectors have been appointed by ESNZ High Performance. The Selectors who will consider nomination of Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection in the Games Team are for the relevant Equestrian Event are listed in Schedule 1.
- 2.2 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 ESNZ website.

### 3. Eligibility

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- 3.1 **Athlete Eligibility:** To be eligible to be nominated to the NZOC by ESNZ 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, 26 July 2023, where an Athlete is not a regular member of ESNZ at this date; or
    - ii. no later than 5.00pm, 24 November 2023, where the Athlete is a regular member of ESNZ; and
    - iii. in exceptional circumstances before 5.00pm, 26 January 2024 (or such extended date as agreed by the NZOC Board) where ESNZ provides the NZOC with evidence that demonstrates that Athlete could not have been reasonably in contemplation on 24 November 2023, provided the Athlete is a regular member of ESNZ; 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 ESNZ or one of its affiliates; and
  - (d) be a New Zealand citizen and has a New Zealand passport; and
  - (e) be born on or before 31 December 2006 and have a horse combination born on or before 31 December 2016; and
  - (f) have completed the minimum eligibility requirements as approved by FEI; and
  - (g) have demonstrated to the satisfaction of ESNZ 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
  - (h) have acted in such a manner so as not to bring the Athlete, the sport, ESNZ or the NZOC into public disrepute; and
  - (i) not be under investigation for any breach of any part of the ESNZ and FEI’s anti-doping regulations, the Sports Anti-Doping Rules and/or the NZOC Integrity Regulation; and
  - (j) no later than 26 July 2023, where the Athlete is not a regular member of the ESNZ or 26 January 2024 (or such extended date as agreed by the NZOC Board) where the Athlete is a regular member of the ESNZ 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 Equestrian Event(s) in accordance with FEI’s Qualification System for Paris 2024 Olympic Games (“FEI Qualification System”) and/or FEI requirements for the Games. Qualification for a place in any Equestrian 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 Equestrian 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 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 for any Equestrian Event where a reserve is permitted.

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

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- 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 Evidence specified 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 that they wish to place on any Specific Nomination Factor(s) and any Extenuating Circumstances(s) as they consider appropriate. No particular Specific Nomination Factor shall be weighed more or less significantly based on the order in which it appears in this Nomination Criteria unless expressly specified otherwise.
- 4.3 **Permission to Start:** At the sole discretion of the NZOC, Nominated Athletes may, on ESNZ request to the NZOC, if they are selected to the Games Team by the NZOC, request permission to start in another Equestrian Event in the discipline the Athlete has been nominated in, where competing in this Equestrian Event will not have any detrimental effect on the Equestrian Event they have already been selected for.
- 4.4 **Own Enquiries:** In considering the Specific Nomination Factors, the Selectors 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, the Selectors may, but do not have to, take into account the conditions in which the results and performances were obtained such as, but not limited to, the weather conditions and the field of competition.
- 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 and Specific Nomination Factors**

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- 5.1 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria:** In determining whether or not to nominate an Athlete (or group of Athletes) to an Equestrian Event, the Selectors must be satisfied overall that the Athlete (or group of Athletes):

- (a) is or are competing in an Equestrian Event where a quota place at the Games has been qualified in accordance with the FEI Qualification System; and
- (b) is or are capable of achieving a top 16 placing in the Games in that Equestrian Event, with the potential to win 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 and will perform to the level specified in clause 5.1(b). in that Equestrian Event(s).

5.2 **Secondary Nomination Criteria:** Where a quota place has been qualified at the Games in accordance with the FEI Qualification System, but where no athlete has met the overriding criteria in clause 5.1(b) and (c), then the Selectors may consider nominating an Athlete (or group of Athletes) to an Equestrian Event provided that the Selectors are satisfied overall that the Athlete has demonstrated they are capable of achieving an Olympic Diploma (top 8 placing) in an Equestrian Event at the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games, provided they have a strong record of international competition of such quality and depth that the Selectors believe demonstrates the nominated athlete(s) will be competitive in the Equestrian Event at the Games.

5.3 **Evidence:** In determining whether or not the Athlete (or group of Athletes) satisfies the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for Equestrian Events in clause 5.1 or the Secondary Nomination Criteria for Equestrian Events in clause 5.2, the Selectors shall have regard to the Performance Criteria whether the Athlete (or group of Athletes) has met the Performance Criteria set out in Schedule 1 in relation to the Equestrian Event they wish to be nominated in.

5.4 **Specific Nomination Factors:** When considering the Over-Riding 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 outside of those identified in an Athletes IPP;
- (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 ESNZ in a positive manner;
- (h) demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results;
- (i) proven ability to be reliable; and

- (j) any other factor(s) the Selectors consider relevant

## **6. Extenuating Circumstances**

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- 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 competitions, trials, or other attendances required under this Nomination Criteria, must advise the GMHP 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 GMHP 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 GMHP to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the GMHP, 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**

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- 7.1 **Nomination to NZOC:** ESNZ will nominate Athletes (“Nominated Athletes”) and any Reserve Athletes to the NZOC by the Nomination Date.
- 7.2 **Nomination with Conditions:** ESNZ 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**

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- 8.1 **Non-Nomination Appeals:** An Athlete may appeal to ESNZ against their non-nomination to the NZOC by the ESNZ provided that the Athlete:
- (a) is on the ESNZ long list for the Games; and
  - (b) meets the eligibility criteria under clause 3 of this Criteria.
- 8.2 **Procedures for Non-Nomination Appeals:** Any appeal under criteria 8.1 of this Criteria must be made in accordance with the procedures set out in 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 the procedures set out in clause 14 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation provided that the Nominated Athlete:
- (a) is on the ESNZ long list for the Games; and
  - (b) meets the eligibility criteria under clause 3 of this Criteria.

## **9. Inconsistencies**

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

## **10. Amendments to this Nomination Criteria**

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- 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**

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- 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 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 ESNZ as constituted under ESNZ's constitution.
- 11.6 **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.
- 11.7 **Equestrian Event** means one of the following individual or team equestrian event in which a combination competes either alone (individual) or with a team of three Athletes (team) and their horses:
- Eventing
  - Jumping
  - Dressage
- 11.8 **ESNZ** means the Equestrian Sports New Zealand Incorporated.
- 11.9 **FEI** means Federation Equestre International (FEI).
- 11.10 **Games** means the Games of the XXXIII Olympiad to be held in Paris, France from 26 July to 11 August 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 **GMP** means the ESNZ General Manager High Performance.
- 11.13 **IPP** means an individual performance plan agreed between the Athlete and ESNZ.
- 11.14 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated by ESNZ to the NZOC for consideration of selection to the Games Team.
- 11.15 **Nomination Criteria** means the criteria made up of the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria, Secondary Nomination Criteria and the Specific Nomination Factors, and is also referred to as "**this Criteria**".
- 11.16 **Nomination Date** means on or before 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and ESNZ), by which ESNZ must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 11.17 **NZOC** means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.
- 11.18 **NZOC Integrity Regulation** means the NZOC Integrity Regulation available at <http://www.olympic.org.nz/about-the-nzoc/governance-documents/>.
- 11.19 **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, available at <http://www.olympic.org.nz/about-the-nzoc/governance-documents/>.

- 11.20 **NZOC Selection Policy** means the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games, and any updates or amendments to that policy, available at <https://www.olympic.org.nz/games/paris-2024/selection/>.
- 11.21 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 5.1.
- 11.22 **Performance Criteria** means the criteria set out in Schedule 1.
- 11.23 **Qualification Period** means the period between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024
- 11.24 **Reserve Athletes** means a travelling and/or non-travelling reserve, as designated by the Selectors and in accordance with the FEI Qualification System and the Paris 2024 Sport Entry Manual.
- 11.25 **Secondary Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 5.2.
- 11.26 **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.
- 11.27 **Selectors** means the selectors appointed by ESNZ in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.



## Schedule 1

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### **DRESSAGE**

**Selectors:** Helen Hughes-Keen  
Margs Carline  
Justine Kidd

#### **Performance Criteria:**

The Selectors will take into account competition performance record of the rider and horse as a combination at Grand Prix level during the Qualification Period in light of the Over-riding Nomination or Secondary Nomination Criteria in section 5 and may give greater consideration to:

- a. Grand Prix (excluding Freestyle) competition form from 1 September 2023 (i.e. recent form); achieving scores of 71% or greater
- b. Developing combinations for World Championships 2026 and/or LA Olympic Games 2028;
- c. The competitions at which the combinations have been competing, noting that all competitions will not be considered equal, specifically taking into account:
  - i. CDI3\*, CDI4\*, CDI5\*, CDIW may take higher priority than national or foreign national shows;
  - ii. The calibre of the competition;
  - iii. The level of the judges; and
  - iv. The quality of the competition in the competition.

### **EVENTING**

**Selectors:** Judy Bradwell  
Cindy Llewellyn  
Mitty Forsyth

#### **Performance Criteria:**

The primary aim of the Selectors is to nominate to the NZOC for consideration of selection to the Games Team, combinations capable of contributing to a team podium at the Games. In light of the primary aim and the Over-riding Nomination or Secondary Nomination Criteria, the Selectors may give consideration to:

- a. The results and performances from combinations at competitions identified in an Athlete's IPP during the Qualification Period, noting that not all competitions will be considered equal. Factors taken into consideration may include (without limitation):
  - a. The number of starters;
  - b. Calibre of horses and riders competing;
  - c. Severity of the cross country track and conditions;
  - d. The prestige of the competition, in particular, the level of the competition;
  - e. Timing of the competition, specifically whether it shows current form;
  - f. Other factors the Selectors determine are relevant to the competition;
- b. Developing combinations for LA Olympic Games 2028;

## **JUMPING**

**Selectors:** Jackie Jermyn  
Paula Mussen  
Miranda Harrington

### **Performance Criteria:**

The Selectors will take into account competition performance record of the rider and horse as a combination jumping 1.50m and over, in Grand Prix classes during the Qualification Period of the Over-riding Nomination Criteria or the Secondary Nomination Criteria in section 5 and may give greater consideration to:

- a. Performances with 8 jumping faults or less in the Grand Prix, at CSI4\* and CSI5\* shows;
- b. Consistency of performances at 1.50m CSI Grand Prix level;
- c. Current FEI competition form in the year of the Championship;
- d. Developing combinations for Olympic Games 2028;
- e. The competitions at which the combinations have been competing, noting that all competitions will not be considered equal, specifically taking into account:
  - i. performances at FEI CSI Jumping Events may be given priority over national or foreign national events;
  - ii. The international calibre of the competition;
  - iii. The size of the classes; and
  - iv. The quality of the competition in the competition.
- f. Consideration may also be given to a ESNZ class event on an ESNZ specified simulated jumping course. Such jumping course to be notified to Athletes with no less than four (4) weeks' notice.