

COMMONWEALTH YOUTH GAMES NOMINATION CRITERIA: 18- 23 July 2017, Nassau, Bahamas

1. NOMINATION AND SELECTION PHILOSOPHY

- 1.1 The New Zealand Olympic Committee's ("NZOC") "Selection Policy – 2017 Commonwealth Youth Games" sets out the criteria that applies for the selection of athletes by the NZOC to compete at the 2017 Commonwealth Youth Games (the "2017 CYG").
- 1.2 This *Nomination Criteria* is issued by the Board of Athletics New Zealand ("*Athletics NZ Board*") and sets out the basis on which the Athletics New Zealand ("*Athletics NZ*") Nomination Panel (refer to clause 5.1) will consider athletes for nomination to the NZOC Selection Panel to compete at the 2017 CYG. This *Nomination Criteria* applies to all athletes wishing to be considered for nomination to compete at the 2017 CYG and the Nomination Panel, that wishes to nominate athletes to the NZOC to be considered for selection to the team to compete at the 2017 CYG.
- 1.3 In the event there is any inconsistency between this *Nomination Criteria* and the *NZOC Selection Regulation*, the *NZOC Selection Regulation* shall prevail. This *Nomination Criteria* shall take effect from Friday, 21 , October 2016. The *Nomination Criteria* was amended on 10 February 2017.
- 1.4 The 2017 CYG is an Athletics NZ "White" Singlet competition. It is considered a development opportunity for athletes to compete for New Zealand.
- 1.5 **It is important to note** that the 2017 CYG Local Organising Committee ("*2017 CYG LOC*") has set a maximum number of entries from New Zealand of 28 Athletes across all sports. We have no control over this quota limitation.
- 1.6 As a result, the *Nomination Panel* will be restricted in the number of athletes that they can nominate for Individual Events in accordance with the *NZOC* quota limitation and will only consider athletes for nomination that are considered capable of performing with distinction at the 2017 CYG, including by either:
 - a. Finishing in the Top 3 at the *Compulsory Selection Trial* which is at the Athletics NZ Track & Field Championships, Hamilton, 17 - 19 March 2017; OR
 - b. Receiving dispensation from the *Compulsory Selection Trial* (refer to Clauses 6.3, 6.4. 6.5 and 6.6) and being deemed by the *Nomination Panel* as being capable of finishing in the Top 3 if they could have competed.
- 1.7 For the sake of clarity, *Individual Events* are:
 - a. Track: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m 1500m, 3000m, 100m(H)(women only), 110m(H) (men only), 400m(H)
 - b. Jumps: High Jump, Long Jump
 - c. Throws: Shot Put (5kg men/4kg women), Discus (1.5kg men/1kg women), Javelin (700g men/500g women)
 - d. Mixed relays: 4x100m, 4x200m, 4x400m
- 1.8 For *Relay Events*, the *Nomination Panel* may nominate *Relay Teams* comprised of up to six (6) athletes deemed capable of a *Top 3* placing at the 2017 CYG provided the *NZOC* quota allows this selection.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 In order to be eligible for nomination for the 2017 CYG an athlete must:
 - a. Have submitted an [Application for the NZOC Long List](#) and pay a \$200.00 bond (refer clause 11.4) by 5pm, Friday 17 February 2017; AND
 - b. Be a registered member of Athletics NZ at the time of the *Compulsory Selection Trial*; AND

- c. Have provided their name and contact address to the NZOC for the purpose of Out of Competition drug testing by Drug Free Sport New Zealand (“DFSNZ”); AND
- d. Have competed at the *Compulsory Selection Trial* or have been given dispensation from that competition (refer to Clause 6); AND
- e. Have qualified for a place in an event/s in accordance with the *Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) Rules*; AND
- f. Have met all the Entry Requirements set out in Clause 3 as well as satisfying all of the eligibility, nationality and participation requirements set out in the *CGF* constitution and rules applicable to the *2017 CYG*; AND
- g. Have completed the *NZOC 2017 CYG Athlete Application Form* in full and submit that form to the NZOC no later than 5pm, Friday 24 February 2017; AND
- h. Have signed the *NZOC Athlete Agreement* and submit that agreement to the NZOC no later than 5pm, Thursday 20 April 2017; AND
- i. Have remained in “good standing” with *Athletics NZ* and the NZOC and at all times comply with any established code of conduct or athlete agreement of *Athletics NZ* and the NZOC and otherwise conduct themselves in a way that does not bring their sport or the team into disrepute; AND
- j. To *Athletics NZ’s* knowledge, not have 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 *Athletics NZ* or IAAF Anti-Regulations or NZOC’s Anti-Doping Bylaw.

Note: Athletes should be aware that failure to comply with any of the requirements set out in Clause 2.1 may render an athlete ineligible for nomination or selection.

3. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Age Requirements

- 3.1 NZOC entries must comply with *International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) Technical Regulations* and *2017 CYG LOC* Entry Requirements.
- 3.2 Only athletes aged 16 years or 17 years at 31 December in 2017 are allowed to compete at the *2017 CYG* (i.e. athletes born in 2000 or 2001).

Individual Events

- 3.3 NZOC may enter a maximum of two (2) athletes per *Individual Event* other than the *Relays* (see below).
- 3.4 The maximum number of events that an athlete can compete in is two (2) *Individual Events* plus a *Relay*.
- 3.5 If the two (2) *Individual Events* are track events, then only one (1) race may be longer than 200m.

Relays

- 3.6 NZOC may enter one (1) team per Relay Event (i.e. a Men’s and a Women’s mixed team) comprised of a maximum of six (6) athletes.
- 3.7 Any four (4) athletes among those entered for the Games, whether for the Relay Team or for any other *Individual Event*, may then be used in the composition of a Relay Team for the first round.
- 3.8 Further information is still to be provided by the *2017 CYG LOC*.

4. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

- 4.1 Performance standards have not been set for the *2017 CYGs*. However, all athletes seeking nomination for the *2017 CYG* must:
 - a. Finish in the Top 3 at the *Compulsory Selection Trial* which is at the Athletics NZ Track & Field Championships, Hamilton, 17-19 March 2017; OR

- b. Have received dispensation from the *Compulsory Selection Trial* (refer to Clauses 6.3, 6.4, 6.5 and 6.6) and be deemed by the *Nomination Panel* as being capable of finishing in the Top 3 if they could have competed at the *Compulsory Selection Trial*; AND
- c. Be capable of performing with distinction at the 2017 CYG.

5. **ATHLETICS NZ NOMINATION PANEL**

- 5.1 The *Athletics NZ Board* endorsed *Nomination Panel* and the *Convenor* appointed to nominate athletes to the NZOC for the 2017 CYG are:
- a. Alec McNab (*Convenor*)
 - b. Sarah Cowley
 - c. Lance Smith
- 5.2 The *Athletics NZ Board* reserves the right to replace any member of the *Nomination Panel* at any time for any reason.

6. **COMPULSORY SELECTION TRIAL**

- 6.1 The following competition will be the *Compulsory Selection Trial* for the 2017 CYG:
- a. *Athletics New Zealand Track & Field Championships*, Hamilton, 17 - 19 March 2017
- 6.2 All athletes seeking nomination for the 2017 CYG must:
- a. Have either competed in the *Compulsory Selection Trial* in the event/s most relevant to the event/s in which they are seeking selection; OR
 - b. Have received dispensation from the *Compulsory Selection Trial*; OR
 - c. Have received a medical exemption from the *Compulsory Selection Trial* as a result of injury or illness that occurred during the competition, or during the 7 days before the competition, that can be verified by the provision of a Medical Certificate.

Dispensation from Compulsory Selection Trial

- 6.3 Athletes seeking dispensation from the *Compulsory Selection Trial* must make a request by e-Mail no later than 7 days before the respective competition, to the *Convenor* at: Alec@athletics.org.nz
- 6.4 Dispensations from the *Compulsory Selection Trial* will be at the sole discretion of the *Convenor* and will generally only be granted to athletes in extenuating circumstances.

Medical Exemption from Compulsory Selection Trial

- 6.5 Athletes that are unable to effectively compete at a *Compulsory Selection Trial* as a result of injury or illness that occurred during the competition, or during the 7 days before the competition, must make a request for a Medical Exemption by e-mail accompanied by a copy of a Medical Certificate to verify their situation, as soon as they are aware of their situation, but no later than 48 hours after the conclusion of the competition, to the *Convenor* at Alec@athletics.org.nz.

Requirements for athletes granted a Dispensation or a Medical Exemption

- 6.6 Athletes who are granted dispensation or a medical exemption from competing in the *Compulsory Selection Trial* will generally be required to complete an alternative *Proof of Fitness* trial by a date agreed between the athlete, their personal coach (if applicable) and the *Convenor* at Alec@athletics.org.nz in consultation with the 2017 CYG Team Leader.

7. **AUTOMATIC NOMINATIONS (i.e. for winning Compulsory Selection Trial)**

- 7.1 Automatic nominations are not applicable for the 2017 CYG *Nomination Criteria* as the team size will be determined by the NZOC quota allocated by the 2017 CYG LOC.

8. DISCRETIONARY NOMINATIONS

- 8.1 The *Nomination Panel* have the discretion to make enquiries of the athlete or other persons, as they see fit, to nominate athletes that meet the eligibility requirements set out in this *Nomination Criteria*.
- 8.2 The *Nomination Panel* may give weight to any one or more of the nomination factors below in clause 8.3 and, if it does, to apply such weighting to one or more athletes as it sees fit. 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*.
- 8.3 In applying their discretion the *Nomination Panel* may consider any factor or combination of factors that are, in their opinion, relevant to their decision whether or not to nominate an athlete, including but not limited to the athlete's:
- a. Performance at the *Compulsory Selection Trial*;
 - b. Potential to be highly competitive at the *2017 CYG*;
 - c. Ranking at the time of the *Compulsory Selection Trial* for those athletes that receive dispensations;
 - d. Competitive record against other athletes under consideration for nomination in the same event;
 - e. Commitment and focus on competing at the *2017 CYG*;
 - f. Demonstrated compliance with the rules of events and competitions;
 - g. Understanding and respect for the obligations that accompany being a member of a New Zealand team when competing at the *2017 CYG*, including respect for team members and support staff;
 - h. History of performances at previous selected individual or team events; and
 - i. Recent injuries or illness.
- 8.4 In any decision regarding the nomination of athletes in the team, the *Nomination Panel* may, in their sole discretion, take into account or give weight to any extenuating circumstances, including but not limited to:
- a. Injury or illness;
 - b. Travel delays;
 - c. Equipment failure;
 - d. Bereavement or personal misfortune; and/or
 - e. Any other factors reasonably considered by *Athletics NZ* to constitute extenuating circumstances.

9. NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

- 9.1 The *Nomination Panel* may nominate individual athlete(s) or Relay Team(s) to the *NZOC* for selection in accordance with this *Nomination Criteria* as outlined in the *NZOC Nomination and Selection regulation* within clause 9.
- 9.2 Neither the *Nomination Panel*, nor *Athletics NZ*, has the right or the power to select athletes for inclusion to the *NZ* team to compete at the *2017 CYG*.
- 9.3 Nothing in this *Nomination Criteria* obliges *Athletics NZ* to nominate a full contingent of athletes in any particular event regardless of the *IAAF Technical Regulations* or the *2017 CYG LOC* entry requirements.
- 9.4 The *NZOC* will select individual athlete(s) and Relay Team(s) in accordance with its *NZOC Selection Policy – 2017 CYGs* and the *NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation*.
- 9.5 If this *Nomination Criteria* imposes a higher qualification standard or a lesser number of participants than stated by the *NZOC*, this shall not be regarded as an inconsistency.

Ratification and Nominations

- 9.6 The *Nomination Panel* will provide the *Athletics NZ Board* with details of athletes the *Nomination Panel* wishes to nominate for selection.
- 9.7 The *Athletics NZ Board* will nominate athletes to the *NZOC* after receiving nominations from the *Nomination Panel*. All athletes who have completed an *NZOC 2017 CYG Athlete Application Form* will be notified of their nomination or non-nomination by 5pm Friday 21 April 2017 (the "Nomination Time and Date")

10. NON-NOMINATION &/OR APPEALS PROCESS

- 10.1 Athletes not nominated by the *Athletics NZ Board* can query (i.e. seek clarification regarding their non-nomination) their non-nomination after the *Nomination Time and Date* with the *Convenor*.
- 10.2 Any athlete whose nomination is not ratified by the *Athletics NZ Board* in accord with this *Nomination Criteria* may appeal their non-nomination by following the procedures outlined in the *NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation* (in particular, clause 13) providing they:
- Have submitted an [Application for the NZOC Long List](#) in accord with timelines contained in this *Nomination Criteria*; AND
 - Have completed the *NZOC 2017 CYG Athlete Application Form* to NZOC in accord with the timelines contained in this *Nomination Criteria*; AND
 - Have completed and signed their *NZOC Athlete Agreement* in accord with the timelines contained in this *Nomination Criteria*; AND
 - Submit a notice of their intention to appeal their non-nomination in writing to the *Convenor* within 48 hours of the *Nomination Time and Date*.

Selection Announcements

- 10.3 The *Final Selection Announcement* of the athletes selected for the *2017 CYG* will be published on the *Athletics NZ* and *NZOC* websites by 5pm Monday 8 May 2017.
- 10.4 Any athlete who is not selected by the *NZOC* in accordance with the *NZOC Selection Policy* may appeal their non-selection by following the procedures outlined in the *NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation* (in particular clause 14).

11. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 11.1 This *Nomination Criteria* may be amended at any time, prior to the *Final Nomination Date*, by the *Athletics NZ Board* with the approval of *NZOC*. Any amendment to this *Nomination Criteria* will be published on the *Athletics NZ* website.
- 11.2 The *Athletics NZ Board* will give as much notice as possible of any amendment/s made to this *Nomination Criteria* to persons it considers may be affected by any such amendment.

Funding

- 11.3 The *2017 CYG* is an athlete-funded competition and athletes seeking nomination in accordance with this *Nomination Criteria* will have to participate at no cost to *Athletics NZ* or the *NZOC*.

Bond

- 11.4 Athletes seeking nomination for the *2017 CYG* will be required to pay a Bond of \$200.00 along with submitting their [Application for the NZOC Long List](#) by 5pm, Friday 17 February 2017.
- 11.5 The conditions associated with Bond are:
- The Bond should either be paid by:
 - depositing cleared funds into 12-3192-0002433-00 noting "2017 CYG" in the Particulars field and athlete's name (e.g., "J A Blogs") in the reference field in internet banking. The payee is Athletics NZ; or
 - sending a cheque made payable to Athletics NZ, P O Box 305 504 Triton Plaza, Auckland 0757 to be received no later than 5pm, Friday 17 February 2017. The cheque must be accompanied with a note recording the athlete's name and that the payment is made as a bond for the *2017 CYG* team.
 - by credit card when completing the *Application for the NZOC Long List*. **Please note:** paying via credit card within the *Application for the NZOC Long List*, incurs a non-refundable 4% processing fee.

Refund of Bond

- b. The full amount of the Bond paid will be refunded (without interest and any processing fee) if an athlete is not nominated and/or selected.
- c. If an athlete withdraws from the team after nomination for any reason, they must notify the Convenor of the Nomination Panel in writing as soon as possible. A full refund of the Bond paid will not automatically be given in these circumstances. All refund requests will be considered on a “case-by-case” basis, including by reference to whether any costs have already been incurred or committed by Athletics NZ prior to the time of the withdrawal, as well as to the circumstances behind the withdrawal. In any case, an amount of not less than \$50.00 will be retained to defray costs.
- d. Any refund is subject to the athlete in question having included details for the refund payment (i.e., bank account details or address and payee for refund cheque) in their *Application for the NZOC Long List*; otherwise the athlete must provide those details when he or she advises of the withdrawal of their *Application for the NZOC Long List*. Refunds cannot be made without these details.

Application of Bond

- e. If selected the Bond will be applied by *Athletics NZ* to offset costs payable by that selected athlete as a member of the *2017 CYG team* (i.e. it is not an “extra” fee/levy).
- 11.6 A management levy is likely to be charged across all athletes (i.e. above the cost of their own travel and accommodation) to assist with the cost of the Team Leader and/or support staff (if applicable).
- 11.7 Athletes considering competing at the Games should plan their funding and budgets early. The trip cost is expected to be around \$6,200.00 with the likely travel dates of 15 July to 26 July.
- 11.8 For athlete-funded competitions, two weeks prior to the departure of “the team” from New Zealand all athlete-funding components must be paid to *Athletics NZ*. **NOTE: Non-payment of the athlete-funding components in full by this date will result in removal of the athlete from the team and the withdrawal of that athlete’s entry in the 2017 CYG. Unpaid amounts will remain outstanding and will be subject to collection in accordance with [Athletics NZ Debtors policy](#).**

Team Leader/Coach/Staff Appointments

- 11.9 [Expressions of Interest](#) for the position *2017 CYG Team Leader* will be published by 5pm, Wednesday 18 October 2016. Further information regarding an announcement date will follow.
- 11.10 [Expressions of Interest](#) for the position *2017 CYG Team Coaches* will be published by 5pm, Wednesday 18 October 2016. Further information regarding an announcement date will follow.
- 11.11 For further information regarding staff appointments contact Kat Austin at Kat@athletics.org.nz

12. ADDITIONAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

- 12.1 For further information regarding the *2017 CYG* refer to TBC

13. OTHER APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

- [NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation](#);
- NZOC Selection Policy;