

## **GAMES LONG LIST**

### Purpose

NZOC is legally required to have a list identifying all Athletes who are in contention for a Games team to comply with World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) requirements and NZ Sports Anti-Doping Rules (established under the New Zealand Sports Anti-Doping Act).

Each Athlete must be available for sample collection and to provide accurate whereabouts information as soon as they are identified on the Long List. This is required by the International Standard for Testing and Investigations and is reflected in NZOC's Integrity Regulation.

Having a Games Long List also allows NZOC to commence logistical and performance planning at an appropriate stage. It provides a means for NZOC to gather information and provide general team communications.

### Timing

Athletes who are not regular members of a NSO must be identified, submitted on the Long List and complete an Application form - which includes an anti-doping declaration - twelve (12) months in advance of the Games.

Member Athletes and Team Support (coach, manager, physio etc) should be added to the Long List nine (9) months prior to the Games start date. This allows the NZOC time to enter their details into its Games management system and for the Athletes/Team Support to execute an Application form at least six months before the Games.

At six months from the Games, NZOC is required to send the full Long List - containing non-members and members - to the Sports Integrity Commission (which has replaced Drug Free Sport New Zealand).

All non-member Athletes must become members, in some manner, of their respective NSO before they can be nominated for selection to ensure the NSO, in addition to the NZOC, has the appropriate jurisdiction over the athletes during Games time.

### Who To Include on the Long List

A NSO should include any Athlete or Team Support who is in contention for the relevant Games. The Long List requires thorough consideration as a lot can happen in a year, e.g.

injuries/illness, accelerated improvement, retirement. It is better to include all possibilities, including those who are marginal, as it's easier to remove those who drop out of contention than it is to add an Athlete at a later stage.

NSOs must communicate to Athletes and Team Support their inclusion on the Long List, check they are aware of the relevant Nomination Criteria, and advise the NZOC will be in direct communication with them to obtain execution of various documents and other requisite information. Similarly, NSOs should communicate to Athletes and Team Support when they have been removed from the Long List.

However, communication should make it very clear the Long List includes any Athlete in contention for the Games and nomination and selection is reliant on:

- i. securing a quota for the event at the Games (or invitation by name, in some sports);
- ii. meeting the NSO's Nomination Criteria, including any eligibility requirements; and
- iii. meeting the NZOC Selection Policy.

NZOC will provide guidelines on Team Support requirements. At a minimum, a NSO shall include on its Long List only Team Support it believes:

- i. are suitable and qualified to fill a performance need;
- ii. have the capabilities, skills and experience specified in any NZOC guidelines published; and
- iii. will work effectively and harmoniously with the Chef de Mission and Performance Support (core, non sport-specific team).

#### Additions To and Removals From the Long List

Whether team members can be added to the Long List depends on the date, as specified further below. In cases where it is possible, the request to add an Athlete or Team Support after the Long List due date, will require the NSO to:

- Review the Nomination Criteria to ensure the Athlete or Team Support is eligible.
- Provide the exceptional circumstances rationale as to why the Athlete was not considered for and included in the original Long List submitted.
- Resubmit the Long List to NZOC, including details of potential additions and, in the case of athletes, confirm they have been a member of the NSO since the Long List due date.
- Submit any outstanding documentation, such as the Application form (including anti-doping declaration) and accreditation information.
- Ensure any conditions set by the NZOC are met.

**Additions up until 6 months from the commencement of the Games**

Team Support may be added and it is possible to add an Athlete, provided he/she has been a member of the NSO (or one of its Associate Members) since the due date of the member Long List and the NSO can demonstrate to NZOC the Athlete could not have been in contention at the due date of the Long List, e.g. due to early recovery from injury, accelerated performance, change of citizenship status.

**Additions between 6 months from Games commencement and the Accreditation Deadline (or NSO Nomination Date, whichever is earlier)**

An Athlete may be added under exceptional circumstances only, subject to consent by the NZOC Board, which may be conditional upon specific conditions being met. Athletes will unlikely be given consent when they have not been members of the NSO and/or registered with the Sport Integrity Commission or other anti-doping agency since the due date of the Long List – noting that granting an exemption puts the NZOC in breach of the WADA Code and the NZOC Integrity Regulation.

Team Support may be added to the Long List without NZOC Board approval, as they are not subject to the same anti-doping requirements as Athletes.

**After the Accreditation Deadline**

Neither Athletes nor Team Support can be added unless, in addition to the above requirements for adding Athletes within 6 months of the Games, consent is obtained from the Games Organising Committee. The Accreditation Deadline is usually 3- 4 months before the Games.

Such a request is reserved for unprecedented circumstances, not least to preserve NZOC's reputation with the Organising Committee. Clearly there is no point adding an Athlete to the Long List after the respective Nomination Date.

**Removals**

Athletes and Team Support can be removed from the Long List at any stage. Either a NSO or the individual Athlete/Team Support can request removal; in the latter case NZOC will advise the respective NSO.

Additionally, the NZOC may remove an Athlete or Team Support from the Long List if he/she fails to meet documentation deadlines.