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By email: andrew.collings8802@gmail.com

Dear Andrew

RE: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR LA 2028 OLYMPIC GAMES

As we start the documentation process for the Games of the XXXIV Olympiad to be held in Los Angeles, United States of America ("Games"), the New Zealand Olympic Committee ("NZOC") is endeavouring to reach an understanding of which sports will seek to send athletes to the Games.

By confirming this Expression of Interest, you agree to be bound by the NZOC Selection Policy for LA 2028 (available on [this link](#)) and any amendments to such document.

For NSOs that express interest, NZOC will assign a Sport Engagement Manager to work with your sport in its preparation for the Games.

In terms of the **KEY DATES** for the Games, we advise the following:

1. **Games:** 14 July - 30 July 2028
2. **Expressions of Interest:** 4 February 2026
3. **Nomination Criteria:** You must submit a draft of your sport's Nomination Criteria (for approval to NZOC) no later than 18 March 2026. We can discuss with you any exceptions to this date. We have provided an Individual Event and/or Team Event Nomination Criteria template for your information. The template is not compulsory however it should, at a minimum, give guidance on what basic provisions are required to be included in your Nomination Criteria.
4. **Long List:** The Long List process is attached to this email for your information. The following are the due dates for your sport's Long List (athletes and team support):
 - i. In the first instance, sports must submit a Long List of athletes who are not regular members of your sport who are in



contention/consideration for the Games, no later than 12 July 2027. This is to ensure compliance with the Sports Anti-Doping Rules. A template will be sent out to you by the NZOC closer to the due date along with the hard copy Application Forms. The duly executed hard copy Application Forms for each non regular member athlete on the Long List, must be submitted at the same time as the Long List;

- ii. In the second instance, sports must submit a full Long List including all athletes who are regular members of your sport (and including the original non-member athletes) who are in contention/consideration for the Games, as well as any Team Support, no later than 10 September 2027. Once received, the NZOC will send a login to the NZ Team Hub where Athlete Applications and Team Support Applications can be executed directly online by all persons listed (but no later than 11 October 2027). Application Forms will need to be completed and submitted/executed to the NZOC by all athletes and team support no later than 10 November 2027 (unless the Nomination Date set out in your sport's Nomination Criteria for the Games is earlier). Please note, if the athlete is a minor the execution of the Athlete Application will need to be in hard copy and signed by a parent/guardian.
5. **Team Agreements:** Team Agreements will also be distributed to athletes and team support directly through the NZ Team Hub by the NZOC no later than 9 February 2028. These must be executed and returned to NZOC prior to the Nomination Date for athletes set out in your sport's Nomination Criteria and prior to the Appointment Date for Team Support. Again, if the athlete is a minor this will need to be in hard copy and signed by a parent/guardian.
 6. **NZOC Selections:** For these Games, the selection process involves four steps:
 - **Eligibility** of the athlete (the athlete must meet the relevant requirements, e.g., age, citizenship, weight category, para classification, membership).
 - **Qualification of a quota place.** A quota place at the Games must be obtained through qualification in accordance with the Qualification System. Qualification does not mean an athlete or team will be selected to the relevant Games team. The acceptance of a quota is at the sole discretion of the NZOC.
 - **Nomination** of the athletes by the NSO to the NZOC in accordance with the Nomination Criteria; and



- **Selection** by the NZOC in accordance with the Selection Policy for the Games.

The NZOC Selection Committee will advise athlete selection/non-selection within 7 days of receipt of nominations. Final selections are announced jointly by the NSO and NZOC.

If you would like more information about nomination and selection, please refer to the [NZOC Selection Guidelines](#).

7. **Sport Entry Deadline:** Sport Entry Deadline is 26 June 2028.

Key Dates Summary

Following is a summary of the key dates we are working to:

- **4 February 2026** - Expression of Interest due
- **18 March 2026** - Nomination Criteria first draft due to the NZOC.
- **12 July 2027** – Long list and signed Application Forms due for non members athletes
- **10 September 2027** - Full Long List due
- **10 November 2027** - Application Forms to be executed by all member long list athletes and team support
- **14 January 2028** - Final date to be registered with Sport Integrity Commission and all exceptional long list athletes added
- **Prior to Nomination Date for athletes** - Team Agreement, Medical Declaration and Condition of Participation Form signed
- **Prior to Appointment Date for team support** - Team Agreement, Medical Declaration and Condition of Participation Form signed
- **Quarter 1, 2028 – date TBA** – Long List athlete and team support Accreditation data/information submitted
- **26 June 2028** – Sport Entry Deadline

If there are any changes, we will advise you accordingly. If you have any queries or require clarification on any matter, please do not hesitate to contact me on: Mobile: 021 508 582 or email: tara@olympic.org.nz

Please sign the attached copy of this letter to confirm your agreement to the terms of this Expression of Interest, fill in the details below, giving careful consideration to the contact person for the Games information and planning and return one copy (either email or hard copy) to me.



Yours faithfully
New Zealand Olympic Committee

Tara Pryor
Chief Operations Officer

I, Andrew Collings, Secretary General of Modern Pentathlon New Zealand (Aotearoa), have read, understood and agree to the terms of the Expression of Interest (including its Schedules).

Signature

Date
22 December 2025

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