

LA 28 OLYMPIC GAMES
NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR WEIGHTLIFTING EVENTS

Weightlifting New Zealand

1. Application of this Nomination Criteria

- 1.1 **Status:** This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board of Weightlifting New Zealand (WNZ) and shall take effect from 9 October 2026. This Nomination Criteria supersedes any previous correspondence, discussions and representations (whether written or oral) by WNZ 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 a Weightlifting Event; and
 - (b) WNZ, 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 is a four-step process:
- (a) each Athlete must be eligible in accordance with clause 3 of this Nomination Criteria;
 - (b) a quota must be qualified for New Zealand in a Weightlifting Event;
 - (c) WNZ 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

- 2.2 **Composition:** The Selectors have been appointed by the WNZ Executive Group. The Selectors who will consider nomination of Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection in the Games Team are:
- Sheryl Tan (Head Selector), Jason Fanning & Stephanie Cockerill*
- 2.2 **Change of Selectors:** The Executive Group 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 WNZ website.

3. Eligibility

- 3.1 **Athlete Eligibility:** To be eligible to be nominated to the NZOC by WNZ, 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, 12 July 2027 where an Athlete is not a regular member of WNZ at this date; and
 - ii. no later than 5.00pm, 10 November 2027 where an Athlete is a regular member of WNZ at this date; and
 - iii. in exceptional circumstances before 5.00pm, 14 January 2028 (or such extended date as agreed by the NZOC Board) where WNZ provides the NZOC with evidence that demonstrates that Athlete could not have been reasonably in contemplation on 10 November 2027; and
 - (b) have returned a completed Team Agreement in the manner prescribed by the NZOC to NZOC prior to the Nomination Date; and
 - (c) be a member of WNZ; and
 - (d) be a New Zealand citizen and have a New Zealand passport; and
 - (e) be born on or before 31 December 2013; and
 - (f) have demonstrated to the satisfaction of WNZ they are not suffering any physical or psychological condition that would compromise the Athlete’s ability to compete at the Games to the selection standard set out in the NZOC Selection Policy or which may compromise the health and safety of themselves, a NZ Team member or another participant at the Games; and
 - (g) have acted in such a manner as not to bring the Athlete, the sport, WNZ or the NZOC into public disrepute; and
 - (h) not be sanctioned or not be under investigation for any breach of any part of the WNZ and International Federation’s regulations (including anti-doping regulations, the Sports Anti-Doping Rules and/or the NZOC Integrity Regulation) and not be sanctioned or not be under investigation by the Sports Integrity Commission; and

- (i) no later than 14 January 2028 (or such extended date as agreed by the NZOC Board) have provided their name and contact address details to NZOC for the purpose of out of competition drug testing with the Sport Integrity Commission.
- 3.2 **Qualification:** New Zealand must qualify for places in a Weightlifting Event(s) in accordance with the IWF Qualification System for the Games ("IWF Qualification System") and/or IWF requirements for the Games. Qualification for a quota place in any Weightlifting Event(s) by an Athlete does not guarantee that Athlete will be nominated or selected to compete in the Weightlifting Event 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.

4. **Nomination Criteria**

- 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 evidential requirements in clause 5.2; and
 - (c) the Specific Nomination Factors specified in clause 5.3; and
 - (d) any Extenuating Circumstances in accordance with clause 6.
- 4.2 **Relevance and Weighting:** The Selectors may determine the relevance and weight 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 this Nomination Criteria unless expressly specified.
- 4.3 **Own Enquiries:** In considering the Specific Nomination Factors, the Selectors may make such enquiries of the Athlete, or other persons, as they see fit.
- 4.4 **Conditions:** In considering any results and performances of an Athlete at any Key Events, the Selectors may, but are 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.

- 4.5 **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 and Specific Nomination Factors**

- 5.1 **Over-riding Nomination Criteria:** In determining whether or not to nominate an Athlete to a Weightlifting Event, the Selectors must be satisfied overall that the Athlete:

- (a) is competing in a Weightlifting Event where a quota place at the Games has been qualified in accordance with the IWF Qualification System; and
- (b) Has the potential to win an Olympic Diploma (top 8 placing) in that Weightlifting Event; and
- (c) has a track record of sufficient quality and depth, demonstrated at the Key Events during the Qualification Period that the Selectors believe demonstrates the Nominated Athlete will be competitive at the Games.

- 5.2 **Evidence:** In determining whether or not the Athlete satisfies the Over-riding Nomination Criteria for Weightlifting Events in clause 5.1, the Selectors will consider for nomination Athletes that:

- (a) **Event Eligibility:** have attended the following Key Events in the Weightlifting Event they are looking to be nominated in during the Qualification Period:

Period One (All Athletes must compete in a minimum of three of the following six Key Events)

EVENT: 2026 IWF Senior World Championships, Ningbo, China, 27 October – 8 November 2026

EVENT: 1st IWF Qualifier, Doha, Qatar, 7th – 16th December 2026

EVENT: 2nd IWF Qualifier, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, March 2027

EVENT: 3rd IWF Qualifier, Lima, Peru, June 2027

EVENT: Pacific Games, Pirae, Tahiti, 26 – 30 July 2027

EVENT: 2027 IWF Senior World Championships, Yerevan, Armenia, September 2027

Period Two (All Athletes must compete in a minimum of two of the following four Key Events)

EVENT: 4th IWF Qualifier, Caracas, Venezuela, November 2027

EVENT: 5th IWF Qualifier, Chiang Rai, Thailand, January 2028

EVENT: 2028 Oceania Championships, TBC location and date

EVENT: 2028 IWF Senior World Championships, Astana, Kazakhstan, April 2028

AND

- (b) **IWF Olympic Qualification Ranking:** where an Athlete is allocated an Olympic Qualification Ranking place by the IWF by name in the nominated bodyweight category, based on being ranked within the top eight (8) athletes on the IWF Olympic Qualification Ranking as at 7 May 2028, the Selectors shall consider that Athlete to have satisfied the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria in clause 5.1.

OR

- (c) **Continental Quota:** where an Athlete does not receive an invitation by name for an IWF Olympic Qualification Ranking but receives an invitation by name from the IWF for participation in the Games under the continental quota system, the results and performances at the Key Events will be considered. To be considered for Nomination following allocation by name under a continental quota, an Athlete must have either:
 - i. registered a total at a minimum of one Key Event within five percent (5%) of the athlete ranked eighth (8th) on the IWF Olympic Qualification Ranking as at 7 May 2028 in the relevant bodyweight category; or
 - ii. had a top 8 finish at the 2027 IWF Senior World Championships and/or 2028 IWF Senior World Championships and/or IWF Olympic Qualifiers (1 – 5) event during the Qualification Period.

5.3 **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) adequate fitness and a commitment to maintain a fitness and training programme as agreed with the applicable coach(es);
- (b) demonstrated good behaviour, including a commitment to training and attendance at training camps;
- (c) demonstrated compatibility with others in a team environment;
- (d) demonstrated compliance with the rules of events and competitions;
- (e) 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;

- (f) willingness to promote WNZ in a positive manner;
- (g) demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results;
- (h) proven ability to be reliable; and
- (i) any other factor(s) which the Selectors reasonably considers to be relevant.

6. Extenuating Circumstances

- 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 Key Events or other attendances required under this Nomination Criteria, must advise the WNZ HP Committee 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 or other attendance. If the WNZ HP Committee 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 WNZ HP Committee to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the WNZ HP Committee, 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

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

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

9. Inconsistencies

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

10. Amendments to this Nomination Criteria

- 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

- 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 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.
- 11.4 **Board** means the Executive Group of WNZ as constituted under the Constitution.
- 11.5 **Constitution** means the Constitution of WNZ.
- 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 **Games** means the Games of the XXXIV Olympiad to be held in Los Angeles, the United States of America from 14 July - 30 July 2028.
- 11.8 **Games Team** means the Athletes selected in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games and the team support appointed by the NZOC to the New Zealand Team to Games.
- 11.9 **IWF** means International Weightlifting Federation.
- 11.10 **Key Events** means an international competition listed in clause 5.2.

- 11.11 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated by WNZ to the NZOC for consideration of selection to the Games Team.
- 11.12 **Nomination Criteria** means the criteria made up of the Over-riding Nomination Criteria and the Specific Nomination Factors and is also referred to as “**this Criteria**”.
- 11.13 **Nomination Date** means on or before 31 May 2028 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and WNZ) by which WNZ must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 11.14 **NZOC** means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.
- 11.15 **NZOC Integrity Regulation** means the NZOC Integrity Regulation available [here](#).
- 11.16 **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 [here](#).
- 11.17 **NZOC Selection Policy** means the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games, available [here](#).
- 11.18 **Over-riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 5.1.
- 11.19 **Qualification Period** means the period between 27th July 2026 – 7th May 2028
- 11.20 **Specific Nomination Factors** means the factors listed in clause 5.3 which the Selectors may take into account when applying the Over-riding Nomination Criteria.
- 11.21 **Selectors** means the selectors appointed by WNZ in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.
- 11.22 **Team 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.
- 11.23 **Weightlifting Events** means one of the following events in which an Athlete competes at the Games:

Men	Women
65kg	53kg
75kg	61kg
85kg	69kg
95kg	77kg
110kg	86kg
+110kg	+86kg

- 11.24 **WNZ** means Weightlifting New Zealand Incorporated.
- 11.25 **WNZ HP Committee** means the Weightlifting NZ High Performance committee as appointed by the Board from time to time.