

**2019 WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES**  
**SELECTION CRITERIA FOR FENCING EVENTS**

**FENCING NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED**

**1. Nomination Criteria**

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1.1 **Nomination Criteria:** The Fencing New Zealand Nomination Criteria for nomination to the Games Team is made up of two parts:

- (a) the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria specified in clause 1.2; and
- (b) the Specific Nomination Factors specified in clause 1.3.

1.2 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria:**

- (a) In determining whether or not to nominate an Athlete (or group of Athletes) to a Fencing Event, the Selectors must be satisfied overall that the Athlete (or group of Athletes):
  - i. is or are capable of achieving a top 16 placing at the Games in the Fencing Event
  - ii. in relation to a Team Fencing Event, has qualified a Team place at the Games in accordance with the Qualification System and all Athletes are available and eligible to compete in the Team at the Games that qualified the Team. In the event, the Athletes who comprised the Team during qualification are unable to compete at the Games, Fencing New Zealand will only nominate Athletes of at least equal standard
  - iii. Meets the UTSNZ Eligibility requirements
- (b) Evidence: In determining whether or not the Athlete (or group of Athletes) has or have met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for Fencing Events in clause 1.2(a) above, the Selectors shall consider the Athlete's performances and results in the Fencing Event at which they seek to be selected for the Games at any of the following key events between now and two weeks before entries close for the Games:
  - i. Tournament result performance: In relation to an Individual event achieve two of the following:- a top 128 at Heidenheim (World Cup); a top 128 at Budapest (Grand Prix), a top 64 at Doha (Grand Prix); a top 64 at Vancouver (World Cup); a top 64 at Buenos Aires (World Cup), a top 16 at the Senior Commonwealth Championships, OR
  - ii. Tournament result performance: In relation to an team event, a top 16 finish at any of the senior World cup team events; OR
  - iii. Head-to-head performance: In relation to an Individual Fencing Event, has demonstrated he/she has defeated an opponent in a Direct Elimination bout at any international competition run according to FIE rules within the qualification period who is ranked at the time of the competition on the FIE World Ranking List in a position higher than or equal to the point at which 32 unique countries are achieved when counting down from the top ranked athlete.

1.2 **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:

- (a) any other performances or results in competitions / events in addition to the Key Events;
- (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 team members and support staff;
- (g) willingness to promote Fencing New Zealand 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.

1.3 **Own Enquiries:** In considering any one or more of the above factors, the Selectors may make such enquiries of the Athlete, or other persons, as they see fit.

1.4 **Weight to be Given to Specific Nomination Factors:** The Selectors may give weight to any one or more of the Specific Nomination Factors and, if it does, to apply such weighting to one or more Athletes. 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.

1.5 **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 2 below.

## **2. Extenuating Circumstances**

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2.1 **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.

- 2.2 **Athlete to Advise:** Athletes unable to compete at events, trials, or other attendances required under this Nomination Criteria, must advise the Secretary General 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 event, trial or other attendance. If the Secretary General is not notified of any extenuating circumstances in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, then the Selectors have no obligation to rely on such circumstances.
- 2.3 **Medical Certificate:** In the case of injury or illness, Athletes may be required by the Selectors to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the Selectors, 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.
- 2.4 **Case by Case:** In the case of any extenuating circumstance/s, the Selectors will make a decision on a case-by-case basis.



