

Nomination Criteria

Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games



This document ("Nomination Criteria") explains how Cycling New Zealand (CNZ) will nominate athletes to the New Zealand Olympic Committee (NZOC) for the 2026 Commonwealth Games (2026 Games) to be held in Glasgow, Scotland between 23 July and 2 August 2026.

1. Application of this Nomination Criteria

- 1.1 **Status:** These Nomination Criteria are issued by the CNZ Board to take effect from 6 June 2025. These Nomination Criteria supersede any previous correspondence, discussions, and representations (whether written or oral) by CNZ regarding nomination or selection for the 2026 Commonwealth Games and may be amended by the CNZ Board with prior written approval from the NZOC.
- 1.2 **Scope:** These Nomination Criteria apply to:
- a. all athletes wishing to be considered for nomination to the 2026 Games Team; and
 - b. CNZ, including its Selectors, that wish to nominate athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection to the 2026 Games Team.
- 1.3 **Process:** Selection to the 2026 Games Team is a three-step process:
- a. each athlete must be Eligible in accordance with cl 3 of this Nomination Criteria, including being named to the CNZ Long List;
 - b. CNZ nominates athletes to the NZOC in accordance with this Nomination Criteria and the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation by the Nomination Date; and
 - c. the NZOC selects athletes to the 2026 Games Team in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy and the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

2. Selectors

- 2.1 **Composition:** The following Selectors have been appointed by the CNZ board and will consider nomination of athletes to the NZOC:

*Dean Peterken
Pip Sutton
Jim McMurray
CNZ Women's Endurance Coach
CNZ Men's Endurance Coach
CNZ Sprint Coach
CNZ Para-cycling Lead Coach*

- 2.2 **Change of Selectors:** The board of CNZ reserves the right to change a Selector at any time in its absolute discretion prior to the Nomination Date. In such case, the board will publish the change of Selector on the CNZ website.

3. Eligibility

3.1 To be considered by CNZ for nomination to the NZOC, an athlete must:

- a. be on the Glasgow 2026 Long List for CNZ;
- b. return a completed NZOC athlete application to the NZOC, in the form prescribed by the NZOC, by the following dates ("Application Date"):
 - i. no later than 5.00pm, 23 June 2025, where an athlete is not a regular member of CNZ at this date; or
 - ii. no later than 5:00pm on 24 November 2025, where an athlete is a regular member of CNZ at this date; and
 - iii. in exceptional circumstances by 5.00pm on 22 January 2026 (or such extended date as agreed by the NZOC Board) where CNZ provides the NZOC with evidence that the athlete could not have been reasonably in contemplation before 24 November 2025; and
- c. return a completed Team Agreement to the NZOC, in the form prescribed by the NZOC, prior to the Nomination Date;
- d. sign a CNZ Athlete Agreement or agreements valid through the conclusion of the 2026 Games, unless otherwise agreed with the CNZ HPD, by the Nomination Date;
- e. not, in CNZ's view, be in breach of any CNZ Athlete Agreement;
- f. be a New Zealand citizen with a New Zealand passport;
- g. be a current member of CNZ or one of its member clubs at Nomination Date;
- h. have a current racing licence issued by CNZ or another federation affiliated with the UCI, with the nationality marked as "NZL" or "New Zealand";
- i. meet the eligibility requirements of the IOC and the UCI, including but not limited to, age and minimum UCI points (if applicable);
- j. for Para athletes only, be internationally classified with a confirmed sport class status or review with a fixed review date of 2027 or later at the sport entries deadline of 23 June 2026;
- k. not, in CNZ's view, be in breach, or be under investigation for any breach, of the CNZ Constitution or Regulations, or any rules or regulations of the UCI, Commonwealth Sport, the NZOC, the Sports Anti-Doping Act 2006, the Sports Anti-Doping Rules, the WADA Code, and/or NZOC Integrity Regulation;
- l. have demonstrated to the satisfaction of CNZ that 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 may compromise the health and safety of themselves, a NZ Team member or another participant at the Games;
- m. have not acted in a manner which brings themselves, the sport of cycling, CNZ, or the NZOC into disrepute;
- n. no later than 23 June 2025 where the athlete is not a regular member of CNZ or 22 January 2026 (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;

- o. provide CNZ with key contact details for communication purposes (including a current physical address, email address, and telephone number).

4. Objectives

- 4.1 **Primary Objective:** to win the greatest number of medals possible at the 2026 Games.
- 4.2 **Secondary Objective:** to provide competition opportunities for riders who have the greatest potential to win medals at Benchmark and Pinnacle Events in the next three years.
- 4.3 **Performance Standards:** When assessing an athlete against the Objectives in cls 4.1 and 4.2, the Selectors must consider athlete performances during the Performance Window in Schedule 1, in the Event(s) for which athletes seek nomination. Weight will be given to athletes consistently meeting Performance Standards.

5. Considerations

- 5.1 **Discretionary Considerations:** Selectors may also consider any other information they deem relevant when considering athlete performances during the Performance Window in Schedule 1, such as:
 - a. the ability to enhance another athlete's medal success at the 2026 Games in competition;
 - b. developing the potential of an athlete for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games;
 - c. the conditions in which results and performances were obtained, including but not limited to, the nature of the velodrome, equipment used, environmental conditions, team composition, and level / field of competition;
 - d. athlete performances outside of events listed in Table 1, including in competition, training, or trials;
 - e. the ability to train and compete with others in Team Pursuit and Team Sprint;
 - f. the number and nature of Events an athlete may compete in at the 2026 Games;
 - g. an athlete's attendance, and conduct at past competitions, training sessions, training camps, testing sessions, assessments, and other events; and
 - h. an athlete's performance behaviours, including active engagement in individual performance planning (IPP) or similar process, attention to detail, and ability to perform under pressure.
 - 5.2 **Relevance & Weight:** Selectors have absolute discretion to decide the relevance and weight of these Discretionary Considerations and any Extenuating Circumstances (see cl 6.1).
 - 5.3 **No Obligation to Nominate:** Quota qualification by an athlete (or group of athletes) does not guarantee that athlete (or group of athletes) will be nominated or selected to compete in that Event at the 2026 Games.
 - 5.4 **Multiple Events:** CNZ may nominate an athlete to compete in multiple Events for which New Zealand has a qualified Quota. CNZ may request, at the sole discretion and approval of the NZOC, that a Selected Athlete start another Event where space is available when doing so will not detract from the Event for which they were already selected.
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- 5.5 **Minimum Standard:** Notwithstanding the Primary Objectives set out in cl 4.1, Selectors must be satisfied that each athlete (or a group of athletes for team Events) has demonstrated the capability to achieve a top 6 placing in Individual Event(s) or a top 3 placing in Team Event(s) at the 2026 Games.

6. Additional Considerations

- 6.1 **Extenuating Circumstances:** any athlete who considers an Extenuating Circumstance is relevant to their potential nomination must notify CNZ in writing as soon as possible after the Extenuating Circumstance arises. The Selectors may consider any notified Extenuating Circumstance in making their decisions, including injury or illness, equipment failure, bereavement or personal misfortune and/or any other factor that reasonably constitutes an Extenuating Circumstance.
- 6.2 **Medical Examination:** CNZ may request any athlete with an Extenuating Circumstance claim based on injury or illness to have a medical examination by a CNZ-nominated medical practitioner for an opinion and/or report both at the onset of the injury/illness and at any time thereafter. Failure to agree to such request may result in the Selectors not considering the injury or illness as an Extenuating Circumstance.
- 6.3 **Conditions:** any nomination or selection may be made subject to certain conditions being satisfied by a specified date before that athlete can be advanced to the next stage, including those noted below or any other Conditions specified by the NZOC:
- a. recovery from injury to the satisfaction of the NZOC, after consultation with CNZ;
 - b. qualification of a place for the 2026 Games under the UCI qualification system (by that athlete, or by another athlete if the place is transferable to a different Event);
 - c. meeting a specific performance or testing requirement;
 - d. selection as a Reserve who can replace another Selected Athlete in the event of injury, illness, or other Extenuating Circumstance, or because of the outcome of a nomination or selection appeal, arising after the Selection Date.
- 6.4 **Satisfying Conditions:** any Conditions must be met to the satisfaction of the NZOC, after consultation with CNZ, before that athlete's selection is made unconditional. If Conditions are not met, then the athlete will immediately cease to be a Selected Athlete upon being informed by NZOC that the Condition(s) was not satisfied.

7. Legal Rights and Responsibilities

- 7.1 **Requirements:** In addition to any requirements in the NZOC Team Agreement, every Selected Athlete must train and compete in events and competitions as directed by CNZ.
- 7.2 **Removal:** In addition to any procedure specified in the NZOC Team Agreement, any Selected Athlete who fails to meet, or no longer meets, the requirements of cl 3.1, 6.3 or 7.1 may, at the sole discretion of NZOC, be removed as a Selected Athlete at any time prior to the Final Confirmation Date. A removed athlete may be reinstated if the NZOC (in consultation with CNZ) considers the

athlete has met, to the satisfaction of the NZOC, those requirements or Conditions. In addition, any Selected Athlete may be removed by the NZOC, at its sole discretion, in accordance with the NZOC Team Agreement.

- 7.3 **Reserve Athletes:** The Selectors may nominate reserve athletes to the NZOC in the event a Selected Athlete withdraws or is removed by the NZOC.
- 7.4 **Appeals:** the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation sets out the grounds of appeal and procedure that applies to any appeal arising out of these Nomination Criteria, and there is no other right of appeal.
- 7.5 **Inconsistency with NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation:** the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation and NZOC Selection Policy for the 2026 Games shall prevail in the event of any inconsistency between these documents and Nomination Criteria and/or Glasgow 2026 Para-Cycling Qualification System.

8. Definitions

“2026 Games” means the Commonwealth Games to be held in Glasgow, Scotland from 23 July to 2 August 2026.

“CNZ” means Cycling New Zealand Incorporated.

“CNZ Athlete Agreement” means an agreement or agreements governing the relationship between the athlete and CNZ.

“Event(s)” means the cycling event(s) at the Games listed in Table 1 for able bodied Athletes and Table 2 for Para athletes in which an Athlete competes either alone or together with one or more Athlete(s) in a team event.

“Final Confirmation Date” means the time and date by which the NZOC is required to confirm entries for competition in the Commonwealth Games for an Event for a Selected Athlete.

“Long List” means the group of athletes submitted to the NZOC on the dates prescribed by the NZOC from which CNZ Selectors will Nominate athletes to the NZ Team.

“Nominated Athletes” means the athletes the CNZ Selectors put forward to the NZOC, including those nominated subject to any Conditions.

“Nomination Date” means on or before 15 May 2025 or such other date as agreed between the NZOC and CNZ.

“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 2026 Games, available at <https://olympic.org.nz/more/about-us?tab=governance>.

“NZOC Selection Policy” means the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games, available at [Glasgow 2026 Selection process | New Zealand Olympic Team](#).

“NZ Team” means the team selected by the NZOC to attend the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

“NZOC Team Agreement” means the agreement between the NZOC and any athlete applying to be nominated and selected to the NZ Team.

“Quota” means an Event allocation at the 2026 Games allocated by the NZOC or in relation to Para Events, qualified in accordance with the Commonwealth Sport Athlete Allocation.

“Reserve Athlete” means a travelling and/or non-travelling reserve, as designated by the Selectors.

“Selected Athlete” means an athlete who is selected by the NZOC to the NZ Team.

“Selectors” means the selectors appointed by CNZ in accordance with cl 2 of this Nomination Criteria

“UCI” means the Union Cycliste Internationale.

“WADA Code” means the World Anti-Doping Code issued by the World Anti-Doping Agency.

Schedule 1
Performance Window, Timelines, and Standards

Timelines	
1 January 2025 – 10 May 2026	Performance Window
15 May 2026	Nomination Deadline: Athlete nominations made by Selectors to the NZOC
	Long Listed athletes will be notified of their nomination / non-nomination by this deadline
27 May 2026	Selection Deadline: NZOC to advise CNZ of selection / non-selection
28 May 2026	Notification Deadline: CNZ to notify athletes of selection / non-selection
23 June 2026	Glasgow 2026 Sport Entries Deadline

Table 1: Track Cycling Performance Standards			
These standards are a guide to contextualize performances that indicate Commonwealth Games medal trends and are neither minimum standards nor will result in automatic selection.			
Event	Women	Men	Competitions
Keirin	<10.66 flying 200m	<9.76 flying 200m	AND medal at the 2025 UCI Track World Championships, or any Nations’ Cup, World Cup, Oceania Championship or C1 Event held between 1 January 2025 and 10 May 2026.
Sprint	<10.58 flying 200m	<9.55 flying 200m	
Time Trial	*No standard in 2025	<59.81	
Individual Pursuit	*No standard in 2025	<04:05.34	
Points Race	>35 points	>75 points	
Scratch & Elimination	*Not applicable	*Not applicable	
Team Sprint	<48.06	<43.86	
Team Pursuit	<04:17.90	<03:53.01	
Time and result must be achieved at the same Competition as set out in this Table 1			

**For Scratch and Elimination and Women's Time Trial and Women's Individual Pursuit events where there is no time or points standard listed, only medal placings will be considered.*

Time standards were produced by comparing Commonwealth Games (CG) results with corresponding World Championship (WCH) results from 2022, 2018, and 2014. For each timed event, the third-place time in qualifying was compared between CG and WCH to establish an average "scale factor" between the two for each event. This scale factor was then applied to the 2025 WCH performance standards to establish the 2026 CG Performance Standards. The 2026 CG Keirin Performance Standard was found by applying the scale factor between the standards for the 2025 WCH Sprint and Keirin, to the 2026 CG Sprint Performance Standard.

Table 2: Para-cycling Track Performance Standards

These standards are a guide to contextualize performances that indicate Commonwealth Games medal trends and are neither minimum standards nor will result in automatic selection.

Event	Women	Men	Factor	Competitions
Tandem B Sprint	<11.717	<10.203	-	2025 UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships, or any Oceania Championships, Nationals Championships, C1 or C2 Event held between 1 January 2025 and 10 May 2026.
Tandem B 1000m Time Trial	<1:09.854	<1:02.024	-	
C4 4000m Individual Pursuit	<5:20.032	-	-	
C5 4000m Individual Pursuit	<5:14.338	-	-	
C4 1000m Time Trial	<1:15.880	-	0.9867	
C5 1000m Time Trial	<1:14.870	-	-	
C1 3000m Individual Pursuit	-	<3:54.490	-	
C2 3000m Individual Pursuit	-	<3:39.461	-	
C3 3000m Individual Pursuit	-	<3:31.968	-	
C1 1000m Time Trial	-	<1:15.916	0.9201	
C2 1000m Time Trial	-	<1:13.916	0.945	
C3 1000m Time Trial	-	<1:09.851	-	

Where an event has combined classifications and factored times are to be used at the 2026 Games: the above Para-cycling Track Performance Standards times will be combined and factored as per current UCI standard performance factor.

All tandem and individual pursuit races are stand-alone medal events. For these events, time standards are taken as the CNZ B standard for that event (an average of 4th-6th placings times inclusive across the last four World Championships). For the time trial events, classifications will be combined and factored. Time standards are taken as the equivalent CNZ B standard for the highest classification in that event, factored according to the latest UCI competition factors (e.g. time standards for the C1 and C2 1000m Time Trial are equivalent to the C3 1000m Time Trial CNZ B standard).