



Thank you for completing the form. We value the opinions of our sports and athletes. We will inform you of the final Board's recommendation once the policy has been decided.

Paris 2024 Selection Standard

1. **Do you support the principle of selection to New Zealand Olympic and Commonwealth Games teams on a merit basis, which may potentially be over and above the International Federation qualification standard?**

Yes

2. **Do you support a top 16 selection standard for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games?**

No

3. **What is the rationale for your position?**

Whilst Archery NZ accepts that, in the main the top 16 selection provides a reasonable mechanism to allow the NZOC to select a team for the 2024 Olympic Games. Not all sporting federations are on a level playing field in NZ. Sports that do not receive HPSNZ funding or support services struggle to develop athletes and expose these athletes to international opportunity to prove a ranking of top 16. Additionally, this will reduce the number of Olympic athlete role models in several sports, limiting the opportunities for publicity and membership growth, as well as affecting our sports diversity.

4. **Do you support the principle that all athletes across different sports, disciplines and events should be assessed on the same selection standard?**

No

5. **What is the rationale for your position?**

Each sport needs to be assessed on its own standards. A more flexible selection standard will better support diversity of sports in NZ, and especially enable a more sustainable development of NSOs that are currently not well-funded and will have better outcomes for our athletes. We would also like to see NZOC take a stronger advocacy role for minority sports seeking funding or sponsorship from the corporate sector.

6. **If you don't support a top 16 selection standard, what do you believe is the appropriate standard?**

We propose that athletes who do not meet a top 16 criteria but they, and their sports, meet a clear secondary set of criteria be eligible for selection from a discreet development fund to allow a small number of athletes to attend the games outside of the Top 16 criteria.

These criteria could include meeting International Federation Olympic standards, small overall team size for the sport (say 5 athletes), substantial school participation in the sport and ensuring meaningful inclusivity for all (gender, ethnicity, age and para/impaired).

7. **Any further comments you would like to make?**

There can be no doubt that the growing level of success of Olympic teams over the last twenty years can in no small part be credited to the work, processes, and effectiveness of the NZOC in carrying out its role. The NZOC is given the extremely difficult task of selecting a 'worthy' team to attend from a pool of athletes and sports that exceeds the limited resources it has.

However, whilst the NZOC clearly meets clause c) of its Objects, it is failing to adequately meet clauses d), e) and g) of the Objects for some sports such as Archery. Representation at major events such as the Olympics is proven to lift the exposure and subsequent access to resources to grow sports. This is the opportunity Archery in New Zealand needs.

Archery NZ has consulted with our High-Performance subcommittee, Selection Panel, Senior Coaches group, athletes and the board in compiling this submission. In addition, a number of our most experienced members have made individual submissions.

The Archery NZ Selection Panel is to conduct a separate review of its processes with affected athletes over the next week.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute.