

## Nomination Criteria- Republic of South Africa

### Paris 2024 Olympic Games

#### Equestrian, Eventing

## 1 Definitions and Interpretation

### 1.1 Definitions

Unless otherwise defined below, capitalised terms in this Nomination Criteria have the meaning given to them in the Eventing SA's proposed Nomination Criteria, certain of which have been reproduced below for the sake of convenience.

**SASCOC** means the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee.

**SASCOC General Eligibility and Selection criteria for Multi-Coded Games (2018 – 2024)** means the document adopted by the SASCOC Executive which stipulate the nomination and selection criteria for Athletes to a South African Team for an Olympic Games

**SASCOC Selection Criteria** means the committee established by SASCOC to select athletes to the South African Olympic Team for the Games.

**SASCOC Selection Criteria** means the criteria adopted by SASCOC in respect of the Games which outlines the requirements for an athlete to be selected to participate in the Games and which appears at Appendix 1 of this Nomination Criteria.

**Ap Alternate Athlete and Reserve Horse** has the meaning given in the Qualification System

**Athlete** means a person who:

- (a) participates in the Sport; and
- (b) is in good standing with ESA/SAEF/FEI and therefore eligible for nomination for selection for Paris 2024

**Combination** means an Athlete and Horse combination.

**Eventing Selection Panel** means the Panel of Selectors charged with the responsibility of selecting Combinations to be nominated to the SAEF for selection to the Team.

**Executive** means the Executive of the SAEF.

**FEI Rules** means the FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Olympic Games (25<sup>th</sup> Edition) published by the International Federation (as updated from time to time), which can be found at the following

URL:

[https://inside.fei.org/system/files/FEI%20Olympic%20Regulations%20Paris%202024%20Equestrian%20Approved%20at%20FEI%20GA%202022\\_Clean\\_07June23.pdf](https://inside.fei.org/system/files/FEI%20Olympic%20Regulations%20Paris%202024%20Equestrian%20Approved%20at%20FEI%20GA%202022_Clean_07June23.pdf)

**FEI Certificate of Capability** has the meaning given in the Qualification System.

**Games** means Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

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**Horse** means the horse to be nominated as part of a Combination.

**International Federation** means Federation Equestre Internationale (“FEI”)

**Minimum Eligibility Requirements or MER** has the meaning given in the Qualification System.

**ESA** means the National Federation of Eventing South Africa (“ESA”).

**Nomination Date** means 1 July 2024.

**Pre-Competition Change** means a change of Combination that is made during the period between 08 July 2024 and two (2) hours before the starting time of the Dressage Test at the Games as set out in Article 609 of the FEI Rules.

**Qualification Period** means 1 January 2023 to 24 June 2024.

**Qualification System** means the eligibility, participation and qualification criteria for the Sport in respect of the Games issued by the International Federation, which can be found at the following URL: <https://inside.fei.org/system/files/Olympic%20Games%20Paris%202024%20qualification%20system%20-%20EVENTING%2004June2023.pdf>

**Sport** means the discipline of Equestrian, Eventing

**Sport Entries Deadline** means the date on which entries to a Games must be submitted by the SAEF, being 8 July 2024.

**Team** means the team of athletes and officials selected by the SASCOG to participate in the Sport at the Games.

## 1.2 Interpretation

- (a) Unless the context otherwise requires, reference to:
  - (i) a clause is to a clause of this Nomination Criteria.
  - (ii) the singular includes the plural, and the converse also applies.
  - (iii) persons include incorporated and unincorporated bodies, partnerships, joint ventures and associations and vice versa and their legal personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns and substitutes; and
  - (iv) a party includes the party’s executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns and substitutes.
- (b) If a person to whom this Nomination Criteria applies consists of more than one person, then this Nomination Criteria binds them jointly and severally.
- (c) A reference to time, day or date is to time, day or date of Johannesburg South Africa.
- (d) Headings are for convenience only and do not form part of this Nomination Criteria or affect its interpretation.

## 2 General

- 2.1 This Nomination Criteria is proposed by ESA. ESA must make this Nomination Criteria available to all Athletes participating in the Sport, including by publishing this Nomination Criteria on the ESA website.
- 2.2 ESA may only nominate Athletes to the SAEF in accordance with this Nomination Criteria.
- 2.3 This Nomination Criteria will take effect on and from the date of approval by the SAEF and will cease to have effect at the conclusion of the Games.
- 2.4 This Nomination Criteria applies to all athletes.

- 2.5 The terms of the SASCOC General Eligibility and Selection Criteria for Multi-Coded Games (2018-2024) are incorporated by reference into this Nomination Criteria - Annexure 1 . ESA must provide, and make this document available on ESA's website, to all Athletes.

### **3 Long List**

- 3.1 For the purpose only of identifying prospective members of the Team, the ESA and/or SAEF may maintain a Long List of Athletes.
- 3.2 Subject to clause 3.1, membership of ESA's or the SAEF's 's Long List does not increase, decrease or otherwise affect an Athlete's prospects of being nominated by the ESA, or being selected by the SAEF, to the Team.
- 3.3 As required under Article 607.3 of the FEI Rules, the SAEF will submit to SASCOC who will provide the Paris 2024 Olympic Games Organising Committee with a list of all Athletes who could possibly be entered for the Games by 23 April 2024 (***Olympic Games Long List***). Athletes who are not included on the Olympic Games Long List are unable to be selected to the Team.

### **4 Athlete Quota Positions**

- 4.1 ESA may only nominate Athletes to the SAEF for selection to the Team where, pursuant to the Qualification System, the International Federation has awarded the SAEF the athlete quota positions.
- 4.2 ESA may not nominate more Athletes than the number of athlete quota positions awarded to the SAEF under the Qualification System.
- 4.3 The ESA may nominate less Athletes than the number of athlete quota positions awarded to the SAEF under the Qualification System.
- 4.4 Each Athlete must be nominated to the SAEF for selection to the team as part of a Combination.

### **5 Eligibility Criteria**

#### **Athletes**

- 5.1 ESA will not nominate an Athlete as part of a Combination unless, as at the Nomination Date, ESA is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the Athlete:
- a) is a South African national/citizen;
  - b) is a paid-up member of ESA, SAEF and the FEI;
  - c) satisfies the ESA Qualification System;
  - d) was included on the Olympic Games Long List;
  - e) will satisfy the SASCOC General Eligibility and Selection Criteria for Multi-Coded Games set out at Appendix 1 of this Nomination Criteria;
  - f) has not breached the Anti-Doping Laws, unless the Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed; and
  - g) together with the Horse to be nominated as part of the Combination, has achieved all of the Minimum Eligibility Requirements (***MER***) as set by the International Federation and contained at Appendix 2 of this Nomination Criteria;
  - h) together with the Horse, does not, and is not likely to in the foreseeable future, suffer from

any physical or mental impairment that would prevent the Athlete from competing at the Games to the highest possible standard for that Athlete;

- i) is part of a Combination with a Horse that is registered with the International Federation and eligible to compete for South Africa under FEI General Regulations Art. 113 – Registration and Eligibility of Athletes and Horses and Art. 119 – Sport Nationality Status of Athletes;
- j) is willing to make the Horse available for examination at a time and location reasonably requested by the Team Veterinarian, or a veterinarian nominated by the Team Veterinarian, and accept and implement the reasonable recommendations of the Team Veterinarian;
- k) fulfils the requirements of always maintaining an up-to-date FEI Medication Logbook;
- l) has not used nor administered any substance to the Horse that is in contravention of the SAEF Medication Control Policy and/or the FEI Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations unless they have been sanctioned for the breach and completed the sanction imposed;
- m) provides accurate and up-to-date information of their whereabouts on a regular basis to the ESA and the SAEF;
- n) satisfies any reasonable additional precondition(s) prior to the Nomination Date that have been advised in writing to the Athlete by the ESA and the SAEF; and
- o) has acted at all times in such a manner (including in their use of social media), so as not to bring the Athlete, the discipline of Eventing or the ESA, SAEF and FEI into public disrepute or censure.

### **Horses**

5.2 ESA will not nominate a Horse as part of a Combination unless, at the Nomination Date, ESA is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the Horse;

- (a) together with the Athlete to be nominated as part of the Combination, has achieved all of the MER's as set by the International Federation and contained at Appendix 2 of this Nomination Criteria;
- (b) together with the Athlete to be nominated as part of the Combination, does not, and is not likely to in the foreseeable future, suffer from any physical or mental impairment that would prevent the Horse from competing at the Games to the highest possible standard for that Horse;
- (c) holds a current FEI Passport or FEI Recognition Card;
- (d) has been registered with the International Federation as property of owners of South African Nationality by 15 January 2024;
- (e) has been examined to the satisfaction of the Team Veterinarian (or veterinarian nominated by the Team Veterinarian); and
- (f) is not subject to a current sanction under the ESA, SAEF or FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations.

### **Horse Owners**

5.3 In order for a Combination to be considered for nomination to the SAEF, ESA must receive from the

owner(s) of the Horse a signed copy of the ESA Horse Owner Agreement at least one (1) week prior to the Nomination Date.

## **6 Nomination Criteria**

### **Subjective Criteria**

6.1 ESA will nominate the two (2) eligible Athletes as part of a Combination who, in the opinion of the ESA operating through the Eventing Selection Panel, to the SAEF:

- (a) will be most likely to achieve the highest competitive results at the Games; and
- (b) are, and will remain until the conclusion of the Games, positive ambassadors for the Sport, ESA, SAEF, FEI, and the Games.

6.2 For the purpose of assessing Combinations against the criteria in clauses 6.1(a), the Eventing Selection Panel will consider the following competition, objective and discretionary factors in its discretion and submit to the SAEF:

#### **(a) Competition Factors**

- (i) subject to clause 6.2(a)(iii), performances and results achieved by the Combination at competitions during the Qualification Period;
- (ii) results achieved by the Combination at international competitions at CCI4\*-S, CCI4\*-L and CCI5\*-L levels and/or national competitions at CCN4\*-S during 2023 and 2024;
- (iii) results achieved by the Combination at CCI4\*-L and CCI5\*-L level prior to 2023 may be considered to demonstrate the experience of the Combination; and
- (iv) in exceptional circumstances, the Eventing Selection Panel will consider competition results achieved at CCI3\*L level during 2023 and 2024.

#### **(b) Objective Factors**

- (i) the final score (across all three phases of competition) of the Combination at the competitions set out in clause 6.2(a);
- (ii) the scores achieved by the Combination in each individual phase of the competitions set out in clause 6.2(a);
- (iii) the final placing of the Combination at the competitions set out in clause 6.2(a). For the avoidance of doubt, the final placing of each Combination at such competitions will not be determinative for the purposes of nomination; and
- (iv) data and analysis provided by ESA and external providers.

#### **(c) Discretionary Factors**

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- (i) the performance of each Combination at the competitions set out in clause 6.2(a) in relation to the quality and number of competitors at each competition;
- (ii) the technical features of each competition set out in clause 6.2(a), including but not limited to:
  - A. dressage judging (including the breakdown of scores across multiple judges);
  - B. cross-country fences and terrain;
  - C. the relative difficulty of the Show Jumping;
  - D. the quality of riding by an Athlete; and

- E. the general conditions under which the Combination performed, such as weather, surface and footing.

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- (iii) the suitability of the Combination for the expected conditions of the Games;
- (iv) the role that an Ap Alternate Athlete and Reserve Horse can play under the scoring system to be used at the Games;
- (v) the overall balance of the Combinations that ESA proposes to nominate; and
- (vi) the ability and experience of the Combination to compete successfully at high level international competition during the Qualification Period. In determining the ability and experience of the Combination under this clause 6.2(c)(vi), the Eventing Selection Panel may consider any, all or none of the following factors in its discretion:
  - A. the demonstrated experience and/or success of the Combination at Olympic or Championship Level;
  - B. the ability, or potential ability, of the Horse and/or Athlete in the Combination to perform under the stress and pressure of an Olympic Games;
  - C. the ability of the Athlete to prepare their Horse to be in peak condition for a major campaign or Olympic Games;
  - D. the ability of the Athlete to contribute toward an effective team environment;
  - E. the Combination's consistency of performance during the Qualification Period; and
  - F. the potential of the Combination to achieve an individual medal at the Games. For the avoidance of doubt, the selectors can propose a combination with less experience or consistency ahead of another Combination, but the final selection will require the support of SAEF for a recommendation to SASCOC.

## **7 Alternate Athlete and Reserve Horse**

- 7.1 ESA may identify one Combination as the Ap Alternate Athlete and Reserve Horse (in addition to the three Combinations nominated for selection). ESA, with the support of the SAEF, will decide whether or not to identify an Ap Alternate Athlete and Horse.
- 7.2 The Combination (if any) to be identified as the Ap Alternate Athlete and Reserve Horse will be determined based on the criteria set out in clauses 6.1 to 6.3 above.
- 7.3 For the avoidance of doubt, the Combination nominated as the Ap Alternate Athlete and Reserve Horse will not be part of the Team unless, and until, they are selected to replace a previously selected Combination and only if they satisfy the conditions of the IOC/Paris 2024 Late Athlete Replacement Policy

## **8 Pre-competition change**

- 8.1 If following the selection and submission of a Combination to SASCOC, and following the Sport Entries Deadline;
  - (a) In the opinion of the Eventing Selection Panel (in consultation with the Chef d'Equipe and Team Veterinarian), there has been a loss of ability to perform at the level at which the Combination was nominated and selected and that loss of ability is likely to be sustained and affect performance at the Games; or

- (b) Any member of a nominated Combination contravenes FEI Veterinary Regulations or ESA, SAEF and SASCOC policies;

The SAEF must immediately notify SASCOC to request a Pre-Competition Change and that the Combination in question is removed from the Team, in which case SASCOC will consider, at its absolute discretion, whether to de-select that Combination. If SASCOC decides to de-select the Combination, then ESA may nominate to the SAEF another Combination to replace the selected Combination if the criteria for the replacement under the FEI Rules and, in the case of a replacement following the Sport Entries Deadline, the 'IOC/Paris 2024 Late Athlete Replacement Policy' is satisfied. The SAEF will then submit this entry to SASCOC.

- 8.2 For the avoidance of doubt, in accordance with the FEI Rules, a Pre-Competition Change can only be made with another Athlete and/or Horse that has obtained the MER, that satisfies the eligibility criteria in clause 5 and that was duly entered on the FEI list of nominated entries of 25 June 2024.
- 8.3 The Combination nominated to replace a Combination already nominated to the Team as part of a Pre-Competition Change may or may not be the Ap Alternate Athlete and Reserve Horse (if any) identified by the ESA under clause 7.

## 9 Submission of Nominations

- 9.1 The SAEF must notify Athletes of the Nomination Date in writing.
- 9.2 SASCOC may, in its absolute discretion extend the Nomination Date for the SAEF for any reason.
- 9.3 The SAEF must nominate Athletes to SASCOC by the Nomination Date. The SAEF must inform Athletes of their nomination or non-nomination by no later than:
- (a) 48 hours prior to the Nomination Date, where such written notice would be received by the Athlete 14 days prior to the Sport Entries Deadline; or
- (b) 24 hours prior to the Nomination Date, where such written notice would be received by the Athlete within 14 days of the Sport Entries Deadline,
- or such later date as the SASCOC advises the SAEF.
- 9.4 Nominations submitted to the SASCOC must be in the form prescribed by the SASCOC or in a form that is otherwise acceptable to the SASCOC and include any such information that is required pursuant to the SASCOC General Eligibility and Selection criteria for Multi-Coded Games (2018 – 2024).
- 9.5 SASCOC may, in its absolute discretion, accept a nomination submitted after the Nomination Date where it is submitted by the SAEF as a result of an appeal brought in accordance with the SASCOC Law General Eligibility and Selection criteria for Multi-Coded Games (2018 – 2024).

## 10 Appeals

- 10.1 A non-nominated athlete may only appeal against their non-nomination (**Nomination Appeal**) in accordance with the procedure set out in clause xxx or clause xxx of the SASCOC Law General Eligibility and Selection criteria for Multi-Coded Games (2018 – 2024).
- 10.2 Any Nomination Appeal arising out of these Nomination Criteria can be lodged to the SAEF Judicial Commission as per the Judicial Committee's Internal Regulations clause 1.2 of the Appeal Section. *"Any party aggrieved by the decision of a Member of the SAEF (either a Provincial Federation or National Discipline Association) may refer the matter to the Judicial Commission for a determination. Any such appeal must be submitted in writing within thirty (30) days of the decision which is being appealed (or such other date as provided for in the Discipline specific of Provincial Federation rules where applicable)."*

## **11 Amendments**

- 11.1 This Nomination Criteria may only be amended with the written consent of the SAEF .
- 11.2 The S may amend the SASCOC Selection Criteria from time to time in its absolute discretion. If advised by the SASCOC of such an amendment, the ESA must update Appendix 1 to this Nomination Criteria and re-upload an updated Nomination Criteria to the ESA's website and advise Athletes of the amendment.
- 11.3 Where the SASCOC forms a reasonable opinion that this Nomination Criteria requires amendment, the SASCOC must notify the ESA of the required amendments. The National Federation must work collaboratively with the SASCOC in good faith to amend this Nomination Criteria to the satisfaction of the SASCOC.

## **12 Governing Law**

This Nomination Criteria is governed by the laws of the Republic of South Africa

## **13 Priority of Documents**

To the extent of any inconsistency, the following documents shall be given the following descending order of precedence:

- (a) the SASCOC Constitution;
- (b) the SASCOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law (including SASCOC Selection Criteria); and
- (c) this Nomination Criteria.



Annexure "A"

**SOUTH AFRICAN SPORTS CONFEDERATION  
AND OLYMPIC COMMITTEE**



**GENERAL ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION  
CRITERIA FOR  
MULTI-CODED GAMES (2018 – 2024)**

## Definition of Terms

1. **Athlete** – A competitor who is actively participating in competitive sport, is affiliated to a club which is affiliated to a National Federation;
2. **Dispute** (i) any dispute contemplated to be resolved by SASCOC in terms of the Act or any other applicable legislation; and  
(ii) Disputes contemplated in terms of the SASCOC's Constitution to be resolved through SASCOC structures;
3. **NF under dispute** - A SASCOC member who has transgressed the SASCOC Constitution;
4. **NF under administration** – A SASCOC member who has been put under administration due to all dispute mechanisms having failed;
5. **Official** – an administrator, coach or technical official who is actively involved in sport and is a registered member of a club which is affiliated to a National Federation;
6. **Official under suspension** – any person who is not allowed to officiate in any sport due to having transgressed the NF and/ or SASCOC Constitution.
7. **Reallocation** – A qualification slot allocated to the country or athlete if another country or athlete originally allocated to, has not taken up or used that slot;
8. **Selection period** – A stipulated time period during which all athletes need to obtain qualification for the respective Games;
9. **Senior NF Official** – an official who holds a position in the Executive Committee/ Board or is a CEO, COO in the National Federation;
10. **Team Sport** – this refers to sports such as baseball, basketball, football, handball, hockey, netball, rugby, softball, and indoor volleyball. Relays, mixed relays, pairs and support riders are not considered as Team Sports, but individual sports;
11. **Universality** – A principle of universal representation at Games to ensure all regions of the world are presented in a particular sport/Games
12. **Wild Card** – A slot allocated to an athlete who did not qualify through the set qualification process.

## **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

<b>ANOC</b>	<b>Association of National Olympic Committees</b>
<b>ANOCA</b>	<b>Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa</b>
<b>ATHLETE</b>	<b>Someone who is actively participating in organised sport and is registered with a recognised club affiliated to a NF affiliated and recognised by SASCOC</b>
<b>APC</b>	<b>African Paralympic Committee</b>
<b>CGF</b>	<b>Commonwealth Games Federation</b>
<b>CGA</b>	<b>Commonwealth Games Association</b>
<b>CQT</b>	<b>Continental Qualification Tournament</b>
<b>IF(s)</b>	<b>International Federation(s)</b>
<b>IOC</b>	<b>International Olympic Committee</b>
<b>IPC</b>	<b>International Paralympic Committee</b>
<b>IWGA</b>	<b>International World Games Association</b>
<b>NF</b>	<b>National Federation</b>
<b>SASCOC</b>	<b>South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee</b>
<b>SRSA</b>	<b>Sport and Recreation South Africa</b>

## **ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA FOR MULTI-CODED GAMES (2018 – 2024)**

### **1. ELIGIBILITY**

For National Federations (NFs), athletes and officials to be eligible for selection to the various Games, they should meet specific minimum criteria.

#### **1.1 ELIGIBILITY OF NFs**

For National Federations to be eligible for consideration for the Games from 2018 to 2024, the NF shall satisfy the following:

- 1.1.1 The NF shall be affiliated to and recognised by SASCOC; and
- 1.1.2 The NF shall be in good standing with SASCOC and SRSA; and
- 1.1.3 The NF shall be affiliated to and in good standing with the relevant Continental Confederation, International Federation (IF) recognised by the IOC, IPC, CGF, IWGA and ANOCA; and
- 1.1.4 The NF shall not be under any dispute or administration during the selection period; and
- 1.1.5 The NF shall comply and uphold the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Code of Conduct of SASCOC and the relevant international Macro sports bodies, that is, the IOC, IPC, CGF and IWGA.

#### **1.2 ELIGIBILITY OF ATHLETES**

For athletes to be eligible for selection for the various Games delivered by SASCOC, the athletes shall satisfy the following:

- 1.2.1 The athlete shall be a South African Citizen with a valid RSA ID and passport. Citizens holding a dual citizenship shall not have participated in any event representing their adopted country, at international level; and
- 1.2.2 For athletes who have competed for other countries at international events, they shall observe the “cool-off” period prescribed by the IOC, IPC, CGF, IWGA and ANOCA for the respective Games; and
- 1.2.3 The athlete shall be a member in good standing with the relevant NF; and
- 1.2.4 The athlete shall not be under suspension for any offence (including but not limited to doping) during the selection period; and
- 1.2.5 The athlete shall comply with and uphold the Constitution, Rules and Code of Conduct of SASCOC and the relevant international macro sports bodies, that is, the IOC, IPC, CGF, IWGA and ANOCA; and
- 1.2.6 The athlete shall compete at the NF’s National Championships as prescribed by the NF internal selection policy.

### **1.3 ELIGIBILITY OF OFFICIALS**

For officials to be eligible as coaches or team leaders/ code managers, for the various Games delivered by SASCOC, they shall satisfy the following criteria:

- 1.3.1 The official shall be a member in good standing with the relevant NF; and
- 1.3.2 The official shall not be under suspension for any offence during the selection period; and
- 1.3.3 The official shall have a proven track record in the position they are recommended for, and shall have demonstrated a level of competence acceptable to SASCOC. Where there is no track record, the NF shall motivate to SASCOC for such official to be considered; and
- 1.3.4 The official shall comply and uphold the Constitution, Rules and Code of Conduct of SASCOC, relevant international Macro sports bodies, that is, the IOC, IPC, CGF, IWGA and ANOCA; and
- 1.3.5 In case of coaches, SASCOC shall consider foreign coaches based on the value add to the NF and the proven track record the coach has in delivering results at international events. The NF, however, shall have to show a skills transfer and succession plan for the development of South African Coaches; and
- 1.3.6 Foreign and local personal coaches shall be registered with and affiliated to the respective NF; and
- 1.3.7 Selecting a senior NF official as Manager or Coach is considered undesirable.

**Over and above the mentioned eligibility criteria, all officials and athletes shall:**

- Respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence, and behave accordingly; and
- Respect and comply in all aspects with the World Anti- Doping Code.

## **2. SELECTION CRITERIA**

Over and above the eligibility conditions set above, the following selection criteria shall be used to select athletes for participation at the various multi-coded Games mentioned above:

### **2.2 2018 Commonwealth Games**

- 2.2.1 All individual athletes eligible for the Commonwealth Games shall be ranked in the Top 10 in the Commonwealth to be considered for final selection;
- 2.2.2 Team Sports eligible for the Commonwealth Games shall be considered as per the CGF/ IF qualification process, provided qualification is within the top 10 ranking in the Commonwealth.

### **2.3 2018 Winter Olympic Games**

- 2.3.1 All athletes eligible for participation at the Winter Olympic Games shall be considered in line with the sport-specific selection policy as shall be agreed upon with the NF;
- 2.3.2 SASCOC, as the NOC shall modify the said policy to be signed-off with the NF;
- 2.3.3 International Ranking shall be a factor in determining selection;
- 2.3.4 All athletes shall have participated at national and international events as shall be prescribed by the NF, unless otherwise exempted in writing by the NF.

### **2.4 2018 Winter Paralympic Games**

- 2.4.1 All athletes eligible for participation at the Winter Paralympic Games shall be considered in line with the sport-specific selection policy as shall be agreed upon with the NF;
- 2.4.2 SASCOC, as the NPC shall modify the said policy to be signed-off with the NF;
- 2.4.3 International Ranking shall be a factor in determining selection;
- 2.4.4 All athletes shall have participated at national and international events as shall be prescribed by the NF, unless otherwise exempted in writing by the NF.

### **2.5 2018 African Youth Games (AYG)**

- 2.5.1 All U/18-year old athletes eligible for participation at the 3<sup>rd</sup> African Youth Games shall be considered for selection if they are ranked in the Top 4 in the country; and
- 2.5.2 The team shall be 50/50 racial representation; and
- 2.5.3 The team shall be 50/50 gender representation; and
- 2.5.4 Preference will be given to Coaching and Management staff 40 years and below; and
- 2.5.5 All athletes shall have participated at sport specific continental and/or national and/or regional events as shall be prescribed by the NF, unless otherwise exempted in writing by the NF.

### **2.6 2018 Youth Olympic Games (YOG)**

- 2.6.1 All U/18- year old athletes eligible for participation at the Youth Olympic Games shall be considered in line with the sport-specific selection policy as shall be signed between SASCOC and the NFs; and
- 2.6.2 SASCOC, as the NOC shall modify the IOC/IF sport specific policy to be signed-off with the NF; and

- 2.6.3 Due to numbers capped at 75 individual athletes for these Youth Olympic Games, international/World qualification shall take precedence over continental qualification where the numbers exceed the quota; and
- 2.6.4 Preference will be given to Coaching and Management staff 40 years and below; and
- 2.6.5 All athletes shall have participated at national, and/or regional and/or international events as shall be prescribed by the NF, unless otherwise exempted in writing by the NF.

## **2.7 2018 AUSC Region 5 U/20 Youth Games**

- 2.7.1 All U/20 year old athletes eligible for participation at the AUSC Region 5 Games shall be considered in line with the sport-specific selection policy as shall be signed between SASCOC and the NFs; and
- 2.7.2 Athletes shall be ranked in the Top 8 in the country, in their respective event to be considered for selection; and
- 2.7.3 The team shall be 50/50 racial representation; and
- 2.7.4 The team shall be 50/50 gender representation; and
- 2.7.5 Preference will be given to Coaching and Management staff 40 years and below; and
- 2.7.6 All athletes shall have participated at national, and/or sport specific regional events as shall be prescribed by the NF, unless otherwise exempted in writing by the NF.

## **2.8 2019 African Games**

- 2.8.1 All athletes eligible for the African Games shall be ranked in the Top 10 and Team Sports shall be ranked in the Top 6 in Africa to be eligible for final selection; and
- 2.8.2 Reigning Junior and Youth National Champions being earmarked for transition to senior events shall be considered for selection; and
- 2.8.3 Whereby the African Games coincide with the various 2020 qualification events, senior athletes attempting to qualify for the Games shall be exempted from attending the African Games; and
- 2.8.4 Athletes not attempting to qualify OR who have already qualified for Tokyo 2020, will still be expected to attend the 2019 African Games; and
- 2.8.5 All athletes shall have participated at sport specific continental and/or national and/or regional events as shall be prescribed by the NF, unless otherwise exempted in writing by the NF.

## **2.9 2019 ANOCA Beach Games**

- 2.9.1 All Individual athletes eligible for selection for ANOCA Beach Games shall be ranked in the Top 5 in the continent; and
- 2.9.2 All Team Sports eligible for selection for ANOCA Beach Games shall be ranked in the Top 4 in the continent; and
- 2.9.3 Reigning Junior and/or Youth National Champions earmarked for transition to senior events shall be considered for selection; and
- 2.9.4 All athletes shall have participated at sport specific continental and/or national and/or regional events as shall be prescribed by the NF, unless otherwise exempted in writing by the NF.

## **2.10 2019 ANOC Beach Games**

- 2.10.1 All athletes eligible for participation at the ANOC Beach Games shall be considered in line with the sport-specific selection policy, as shall be agreed upon with the NF; and
- 2.10.2 SASCOC, as the NOC shall still modify the ANOC/IF sport specific policy to be signed-off with the NF; and
- 2.10.3 International Ranking, except where continental qualification is the only qualification route, shall be a main factor in determining selection; and
- 2.10.4 Athletes shall have participated (where qualified and selected), at the relevant multi-coded events delivered by SASCOC, such as the Commonwealth Games and African Games, unless otherwise exempted in writing by SASCOC; and
- 2.10.5 All athletes shall have participated at sport specific continental and/or national and/or regional events as shall be prescribed by the NF, unless otherwise exempted in writing by the NF.

## **2.11 2020 and 2024 Olympic Games**

- 2.11.1 All athletes eligible for participation at the Olympic Games shall be considered in line with the sport-specific selection policy, as shall be agreed upon with the NF; and
- 2.11.2 SASCOC, as the NOC shall still modify the IOC/IF sport specific policy to be signed off with the NF; and
- 2.11.3 International Ranking, except where continental qualification is the only qualification route, shall be a main factor in determining selection; and
- 2.11.4 Athletes shall have participated (where qualified and selected), at the relevant multi-coded events delivered by SASCOC, such as the Commonwealth Games and African Games, unless otherwise exempted in writing by SASCOC; and



2.11.5 All athletes shall have participated at sport specific continental and/or national and/or regional events as shall be prescribed by the NF, unless otherwise exempted in writing by the NF.

## **2.12 2020 and 2024 Paralympic Games**

2.12.1 All athletes eligible for participation at the Paralympic Games shall be considered in line with the Sport specific selection policy, as shall be agreed upon with the NF; and

2.12.2 SASCOC, as the NPC shall still modify the IPC/IF sport specific policy to be signed off with the NF; and

2.12.3 International Ranking, except where continental qualification is the only qualification route, shall be a main factor in determining selection; and

2.12.4 Athletes shall have participated (where qualified and selected, and where their participation Class is included), at the relevant multi-coded events delivered by SASCOC, such as the Commonwealth Games and African Games, unless otherwise exempted in writing by SASCOC; and

2.12.5 All athletes shall have participated at sport specific continental and/or national and/or regional events as shall be prescribed by the NF, unless otherwise exempted in writing by the NF.

## **2.13 2021 World Games**

2.13.1 All athletes eligible for participation at the World Games shall be considered in line with the sport-specific selection policy, including continental qualification (with the above set conditions) as shall be agreed upon with the NF; and

2.13.2 SASCOC, as the Confederation shall still modify the IWGA/IF sport specific policy to be signed off with the NF; and

2.13.3 International Ranking, except where continental qualification is the only qualification route, shall be a main factor in determining selection; and

2.13.4 All athletes shall have participated at sport specific continental and/or national and/or regional events as shall be prescribed by the NF, unless otherwise exempted in writing by the NF.

## **2.14 2022 Commonwealth Games**

2.14.1 All individual athletes eligible for the Commonwealth Games shall be considered in line with the sport-specific selection policy, as shall be agreed upon with the NF; and

2.14.2 Team Sports eligible for the Commonwealth Games shall be considered in line with the CGF/ IF qualification processes; and

- 2.14.3 SASCOC, as the CGA shall still modify the CGF/IF sport specific policy to be signed off with the NF; and
- 2.14.4 International Ranking, except where continental qualification is the only qualification route, shall be a main factor in determining selection; and
- 2.14.5 Athletes shall have participated (where qualified and selected), at the relevant multi-coded events delivered by SASCOC, such as the African Games, unless otherwise exempted in writing by SASCOC; and
- 2.14.5 All athletes shall have participated at sport specific continental and/or national and/or regional events as shall be prescribed by the NF, unless otherwise exempted in writing by the NF.

### **3. Continental Qualification**

- 3.1.1. Continental Championships/ Qualification Events shall be considered and agreed to between SASCOC and the NF with minimum requirements as set out by the IF;
- 3.1.2. Additional criteria will be set by SASCOC considering the following:
  - 3.1.2.1. Competitiveness of the sport on the African Continent;
  - 3.1.2.2. Number of countries participating in that sport;
  - 3.1.2.3. International rankings of individual athletes/ Teams;
  - 3.1.2.4. Most recent results of individuals or teams in the particular sport;
  - 3.1.2.5. Performance History of the athlete/ Team.

### **4. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES**

It is specifically recorded that in the event of any reallocation or wild card slots being allocated or offered to South Africa, such reallocation or wild card slots may be considered by SASCOC in line with the criteria as set out under the specific Games recorded above.

### **5. FINAL SELECTION POLICY SIGN OFF**

SASCOC shall not accept a signed selection policy unless it is accompanied by the following:

- 5.1. Minutes and attendance registers of meetings with the Executive Committee where the said selection policy was discussed and accepted;
- 5.2. Minutes and attendance registers of meetings with Athletes Commissions where the selection policy was discussed and accepted;
- 5.3. Minutes and attendance registers of meetings with Coaches Commissions and Technical Committees where the selection policy was discussed and accepted;
- 5.4. Reflection that it was disseminated to all key NF stakeholders.

It is recommended that the NFs invite SASCOC to their meetings to discuss and clarify the selection policy.

## **6. NF INTERNAL SELECTION POLICIES**

- 6.1. It will be compulsory for all NFs to provide SASCOC with their internal selection policies for the various events to ensure the following:
  - 6.1.1. Alignment with Macro selection policy for the Games being considered for;
  - 6.1.2. Consistency in the application of selection processes and criteria;
  - 6.1.3. Transparency in the selection process.
  
7. It is specifically recorded that irrespective of the provisions of the sport specific selection policies, final confirmation of selection and participation for Team South Africa shall vest with SASCOC.

**APPENDIX:**

Games for the 2018 to 2024 quadrennials are:

- 2018 Winter Olympic Games – Pyeongchang, South Korea
- 2018 Winter Paralympic Games – Pyeongchang, South Korea
- 2018 Commonwealth Games – Gold Coast, Australia
- 2018 African Youth Games – Algiers, Algeria
- 2018 Youth Olympic Games – Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2018 AUSC Region 5 U/20 Youth Games – Gaborone, Botswana
- 2019 African Games –
- 2019 Inaugural ANOCA Continental Beach Games, Praia, Cape Verde
- 2019 Inaugural ANOC World Beach Games, San Diego, USA
- 2020 Winter Youth Olympic Games – Lausanne, Switzerland
- 2020 Summer Olympic Games – Tokyo, Japan
- 2020 Summer Paralympic Games – Tokyo, Japan
- 2020 AUSC Region 5 U/20 Youth Games – Maseru, Lesotho
- 2021 IWGA World Games – Birmingham, Alabama – USA
- 2022 Winter Olympic Games, Beijing, China
- 2022 Winter Paralympic Games, Beijing, China
- 2022 Commonwealth Games, Birmingham
- 2022 AUSC Region 5 U/20 Youth Games, Malawi
- 2023 African Games
- 2024 Summer Olympic Games, Paris
- 2024 Summer Paralympic Games, Paris