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World Skate Event Selection Policy

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Policy

1. Background

This Policy has been adopted and ratified by Skateboarding New Zealand Incorporated (“SBNZ”) authority relating to all World Skate (WSK) Qualifier skateboarding events through to the 25th of June 2024. This policy does not cover selection or nomination to the Paris 2024 Olympics (“2024 Olympics”).

2. Objective

2.1.

The objective of this policy is to guide SBNZ in selecting athletes for World-Skate-sanctioned events.

2.2.

These selections are to be made with a fair, transparent and unbiased process to provide those athletes with the best opportunity to represent New Zealand at their selected level of competition.

3. Application

This Policy applies to SBNZ, Selectors and the Athletes who have formally given an Expression of Interest as per this policy.

4. Selection Types

It is expected there will be one type of selection made under this Policy:

- The selection of an athlete for a World Skate event spot (e.g. wildcard or national federation quota spot at World-Skate-sanctioned events) (“[WSK Event Selection](#)”).

5. Eligibility for Skateboard Event Selection

To be eligible for an Event Selection, athletes must:

- a. Be a member of SBNZ.
- b. Provide proof of NZ citizenship.
- c. Apply to SBNZ as per the Expression of Interest notification and its associated requirements within the nominated timeframe.
- d. Complete [Drug Free Sport NZ \(DFSNZ\)online e-learning](#) 'Clean Sport 101' and 'Level 1' courses and provide a copy of the course completion certificate.
- e. Complete the [Protecting Against Competition Manipulation 'e-learning' module on the Sport NZ Sport Tutor website](#). You must provide a screenshot of the course completion confirmation.
- f. Be legally able to travel internationally.
- g. Comply with the personal conduct and principles stated in the International Olympic Committee [Code of Ethics](#).

6. Skateboard Event Selection Process

Athletes wishing to be endorsed by SBNZ to compete in a WSK Skateboard Event (Olympic qualifier) will be considered in a Skateboard Selection meeting held by the SBNZ Selection Committee.

6.1. Notification of Expression of Interest

An Expression of Interest notification will be published via the following communication mediums:

- SBNZ website — skateboarding.nz

- All active SBNZ social media accounts

6.2. Expression of Interest Athlete Application

The Expression of Interest notification will include details of where to send information, what is required and the closing date. Expressions of Interest (where possible) will require the following:

- a. Complete the provided Expression of Interest form.
- b. Proof of NZ citizenship.
- c. Submit any verified competition results within the last two years.
- d. A 45-second unedited run exhibiting your current skill level.
- e. An overview of tricks intended to be used in your runs, divided into 'definite completion' and 'possible completion'.
- f. An outline of your season plan and travel plans, including who you will travel with.
- g. A copy of your latest Individual Performance Plan (IPP).
- h. Confirmation you have read the SBNZ World Skate Event Selection Policy.

Athletes unable to meet the Expression of Interest criteria above due to technical or location difficulties shall notify the SBNZ Pathway Development Manager prior to the end of the Expression of Interest closing date.

6.3. SBNZ Selection Committee selection meeting Process

The Pathway Development Manager will deliver to the SBNZ Selection Committee Chairperson the following in writing relating to the Skateboard Event Selection to be made:

- a. A summation of athlete information as provided by the athletes as per the Expression of Interest requirements.
- b. A confirmation that the athletes have met all the necessary selection eligibility criteria.

- c. The WSK and SBNZ Selection Criteria (if required) related to the Skateboard Event Selection.
- d. A form of minutes to be kept from the Skateboard Event Selection meeting.
- e. The time and date that the event selection outcomes are required.
- f. If alternates or replacements are required to be selected, should an athlete not be able to fulfil the Skateboard Event Selection.
- g. Any further information about an individual related to the selection (eg. expert medical advice relating to a current injury or illness).

6.4. Discretionary Selection Criteria

To ensure the SBNZ-event-endorsed athletes are the most capable of competing at the highest international level, discretionary selection will be used if required.

When applying discretionary selection, the SBNZ Selection Committee will consider a range of performance factors that will include (but not be restricted to) the following:

- a. Athletes who demonstrate an overall consistent ability to place top ten through reliable execution at high-skill level national and/or international events within the previous 15 months.
- b. Athletes with a podium finish at the most recent SBNZ New Zealand National Championships.
- c. Athlete results from high-level events in 2022/2023 (including National Championships, Bowlzilla, X-Air and any World-Skate-sanctioned events).
- d. Video evidence of highly rated tricks and runs (in or out of competition).

7. Selection Determination

7.1.

The SBNZ Selection Committee will make its determination based on its assessment of an athlete's ability to achieve the performance objective in the respective event (street or park, male or female). The SBNZ Selection Committee may take into account any information available to them that best informs an evaluation of each applicant's suitability for the relevant event selection.

7.2.

The SBNZ Selection Committee will have the final selection determination of an athlete for a Skateboard Event.

7.3.

Selection by Qualified Discretion will be used for a Skateboard Event Selection to ensure selections are as fair and objective as possible.

8. Revocation of an Event Selection Endorsement

8.1.

The SBNZ Selection Committee may revoke their endorsement of an athlete for the following reasons (but limited to):

- a. Evidence of gross misconduct, or the athlete has brought SBNZ into disrepute.
- b. Athletes becoming unfit due to illness or injury at any time leading up to the event. The athlete must notify SBNZ immediately and may be required to undertake a medical examination by SBNZ-approved medical staff.

8.2.

The SBNZ Selection Committee will convene at the first opportunity to review the related details and revoke the athlete endorsement if required. A detailed summary of events will be provided to the board, and the athlete will be notified both verbally and in written form (email) to confirm the revocation of SBNZ's Event Endorsement.

8.3.

The SBNZ Selection Committee reserves the right to decide whether the vacant event spot will be filled and a replacement selected. A replacement will be selected using the same process as outlined in this policy but may take into account logistical parameters if the time to the nominated event is short. For example, if there are only days to the event and an endorsement has been revoked, the SBNZ Selection Committee may choose to select an athlete who is currently at the event location or nearby.

9. Ratification

All Skateboard Selection outcomes that are authorised in written form (see 13.2.g) will be automatically ratified by SBNZ, except in the case of issues related to improper conduct.

10. Announcements of Skateboard Selections

SBNZ will deliver a public announcement of a Skateboard Event Selection as soon as practical but preferably within two days of the selection meeting, taking into account any potential appeal to such Skateboard Event Selection.

The SBNZ High-Performance Manager may contact athletes directly after the SBNZ public announcement if it is deemed necessary in relation to event time constraints.

11. Right to Appeal

An athlete has the right to appeal related to a Skateboard Event Selection. Any appeal related to the athlete selections will be handled pursuant to the adopted Skateboarding New Zealand grievance procedures and must be lodged within seven days of the selection announcement.

12. Amendment to the Policy

Any amendment to the Selection Policy must be approved by SBNZ and will take effect at 9 am (NZEST time) on the day following publication on the SBNZ website.

13. SBNZ Selection Committee Protocol

13.1. Objective

To ensure that athlete selections for WSK events are made by independent and well-informed individuals to ensure the appropriate athletes are selected for the Event.

13.2. Method

- a. A (minimum of) three (3) person SBNZ Selection Committee will receive information relating to each athlete that has been nominated for the event selection.
- b. A date, time and communication method for a Skateboard Event Selection meeting will be arranged for all members of the SBNZ Selection Committee to attend.
- c. The Skateboard Event Selection meeting may be held in whatever forum or with whatever communication technology the Chairperson deems appropriate, provided that each member of the SBNZ Selection Committee has the same quality access to material and the ability to communicate with the other members.
- d. The SBNZ Selection Committee will make a decision in a timely manner sensitive to the relevant time pressures of the selection needed (eg. A last-minute event announcement).
- e. The panel will select the athletes required by majority vote (Chairperson included).
- f. All meetings must have comprehensive minutes detailing discussions and any voting relating to a Skateboard Selection. All minutes are then submitted to SBNZ and the Pathway Development Manager for perusal.

- g. Skateboard Event Selection outcomes will be detailed in written form by the Selection Committee Chairperson, then authorised by signature* and provided to the Pathway Development Manager and SBNZ.

* An email from the Selection Committee Chairperson will be accepted as an electronic signature.

13.3. Appointment of the SBNZ Selection Committee

SBNZ will create a shortlist of candidates for the Selection Committee and appoint the panel by vote.

Panel Composition:

- a. Independent Chairperson with high-level skateboarding competition experience and expertise.
- b. A minimum of two (2) individuals with an expert-level understanding of skateboarding and an in-depth knowledge of modern competition strategy.

Selector Attributes/Requirements:

- c. Experience in skateboarding as an athlete, coach or other relevant role.
- d. Independence from the athletes being considered for selection.
- e. Prior experience in the selection of athletes (preferred).
- f. Time and availability to observe performances, attend events and trials, attend meetings, and complete any other tasks set out in the Selection Policy.
- g. To avoid potential conflicts of interest, if a Selector conflict of interest is identified, then that Selector must recuse themselves from participating in the Skateboard Event Selection voting process related to where the conflict of interest exists. Any omission of a Selector due to a conflict of interest shall be noted in the Selection Committee minutes. For example, if a conflict of interest exists related to a particular athlete, that Selector shall remove themselves from any discussion related to that particular

athlete's selection but may remain on the selection panel for all other selection discussions.

13.3. Selection Committee Annual Review

SBNZ will review the SBNZ Selection Committee (Selectors) members annually, ensuring minimal conflict of interest wherever practical.

13.4. Convenor of Selectors

The Selection Committee Chairperson shall perform the role of Convenor so there are clear lines of responsibility and communication to the other Selectors via the convenor.

14. Entitlements for Event Endorsed Athletes

Event Endorsed Athletes will receive the following entitlements from SBNZ:

- a. WSK Competition entry fees.
- b. Travel Insurance for the commute, practice and competition days only.

15. SBNZ expectations on selected athletes

SBNZ has the following expectations on athletes who are selected to attend World Skate Events:

- a. Athletes shall attend the NZ Street and Park National Championships following the WSK event of selection.
- b. Athletes should attend as many SBNZ National Skateboard Camps as possible, but at least two in any given year.
- c. Selected athletes shall provide a post-event debrief summary to the SBNZ Pathway Development Manager.
- d. Selected athletes shall make every effort to represent themselves, their families, the NZ skateboard community, SBNZ and NZ in a manner that reflects NZ culture and the pride New Zealanders hold as a nation.

Definitions

| Term | Definition |
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| SBNZ | Skateboarding New Zealand Incorporated – The governing body for skateboarding in New Zealand. |
| World Skate Event Selection Policy | The policy adopted by Skateboarding New Zealand Incorporated that guides them in selecting athletes for World Skate Sanctioned Events. |
| WSK | World Skate – The Olympic-affiliated international skateboarding governing body. |
| Street and Park | The two disciplines of skateboarding that are covered by the World Skate Event Selection Policy. |
| World Skate Sanctioned Events | Skateboarding events that are recognised and sanctioned by the international governing body for skateboarding, World Skate. |
| Female/Male | The gender event categories that athletes are selected for in the World Skate Event Selection Policy. |
| Selectors | Those people chosen by SBNZ to be responsible for selection decisions related to this policy. |
| Expression of Interest | The process by which athletes notify Skateboarding New Zealand of their interest in being considered for selection. |
| Selection by Qualified Discretion | The review and voting method used by the Selection Committee to ensure selections are as fair and objective as possible. |
| Podium finish | A top-three finish in an event. |
| Event Endorsed Athletes | Athletes who have been selected by Skateboarding New Zealand to compete in a World Skate Sanctioned Event. |
| WSK Competition entry fees | WSK Sanctioned Event entrant fee covered by Skateboarding New Zealand for Event Endorsed Athletes. |
| Travel Insurance | Insurance for SBNZ Event Endorsed Athletes to cover travel, practice, and competition days. |
| Revocation of an Event Selection Endorsement | The process by which Skateboarding New Zealand can revoke an athlete's endorsement for an event |

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