



OWNZ Selection Policy for 2017 International Youth Events

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1. Introduction

1.1 Scope: This Policy sets out how OWNZ will consider Youth athletes for selection into New Zealand teams to compete in 2017 International Youth Weightlifting Events. Subject to this policy, these International Events include:

- a) 2017 Youth World Championships;
- b) 2017 Commonwealth Youth Championships;
- c) 2017 Oceania Youth Championships;

1.2 Application: This Policy applies to all Youth athletes wishing to be considered by OWNZ to a New Zealand Team to compete in Youth 2017 International Weightlifting Events.

2 Eligibility

2.1 Eligibility: To be eligible to be considered for selection to a New Zealand Team by OWNZ under this policy, an athlete must:

- a) A Youth athlete must be between 13 and 17 years of age;
- b) Be a New Zealand citizen with a NZ passport;
- c) Be a current financial member of OWNZ;
- d) Not be under investigation for any breach of, nor to have breached and serving a period of ineligibility under, any rule under the OWNZ Constitution, or any rules or regulations of the IWF, the IOC or the NZOC;
- e) Not be under investigation for any breach of, or anti-doping rule violation under, any part of the OWNZ Anti-Doping Regulation (which includes the Sports Anti-Doping Rules), the IWF Anti Doping Regulations, or the WADA Code and serving a period of ineligibility for such breach or violation;
- f) Not have used or administered any substance which, if it had been detected as being present in the Athlete's body tissue or fluids, would have constituted doping, or used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offence as defined in the Sports Anti-Doping Rules, the IWF Anti-Doping Regulations, or the WADA Code;
- g) Not be under investigation for, charged with, or convicted or any criminal offence, unless any sentence imposed has been served by the Athlete; and
- h) Have provided OWNZ with key contact details for communication purposes (including current physical address, email address and telephone number).

2.2 No Consideration: The Selectors may not consider an Athlete for selection under this Policy if the Athlete does not meet all of the eligibility requirements specified in clause 2.

3 International Events

3.1 International Events: The International Events applicable to this Policy include:

Date	Event	Location
01 - 11 April	Youth World Championships	Bangkok, Thailand
03 – 10 September	Commonwealth Champs	Gold Coast, Australia
	Oceania Champs	

3.2 Changes: The OWNZ Executive Group (after consultation with the Selectors), or the Selectors, may decide in their discretion:

- a) Not to send a New Zealand Team, or any youth athletes at all, to any one or more of the International Events listed in the table in Clause 3.1;
- b) Not to select athletes to any of the Events listed in the table in Clause 3.1.

4 Selectors

4.1 The OWNZ Executive Group will appoint selectors (on such terms and conditions as it considers appropriate), to consider and select athletes in accordance with this Policy. The current OWNZ selectors are: Tony Ebert, Tim Prendegast & Jodie Mason

5 Selection Criteria

5.1 In considering any athlete into the New Zealand Team to each International Event under this policy, the Selectors shall:

- a) Only consider athletes who are eligible under clause 2;
- b) Only consider athletes who satisfy the applicable qualifying standards for the specific international event (as specified in clause 6.1) with the athlete with the higher ranked total at the end of the qualification period being selected over a lower ranked athlete;
- c) Regard to the factors specified in clause 7.1 and 7.2

6 Qualification

6.1 Standards & Periods: Each athlete seeking selection under this policy must complete the applicable qualifying standards set out below at either an OWNZ sanctioned event or at an international event approved by the OWNZ Executive Group, within the qualification period stated in the table below:

2017 Event	Qualifying Period		Qualifying Standard	Selection Announcement Date
	Start	End	Youth	
Youth World Championships	01/06/2016	01/01/2017	C Grade	16/01/2017 23/01/2017*

* Due to other NZ Team Announcements, the NZ Youth Team attending the 2017 IWF Youth World Championships in Bangkok in April will not be announced until Monday 23rd January. We apologies for the delay. Thank you for your patience.

Commonwealth Champs	01/01/2017	03/07/2017*	C Grade	10/07/2017
Oceania Champs				
* This qualification period was extended to include the 2017 South Island Championships. This event is on the 1 st & 2 nd of July.				

7 Factors

7.1 Selection for the Youth World Championships:

This is the target 2017 event for NZ Youth Athletes. The OWNZ Executive Group will look to ensure there is adequate support to select and send those eligible to compete at this event.

7.2 Selection for the Commonwealth and Oceania Championships:

This International Event is a key-qualifying event for our Junior & Senior Athletes that are looking to be nominated for the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. Youth Athletes will be selected at the discretion of the OWNZ Executive Group (refer to clause 3.2) as they consider the logistics & safety of a large team travelling and competing overseas.

7.3 Relationships & Conduct: For any of the events named in Clause 3.1, the selectors may take into account the Athlete's attitude, their relationships with other Athletes and New Zealand Team support personnel, and their conduct at OWNZ sanctioned events and international events, training sessions, training camps, trials and other activities held by OWNZ at any time.

8 Status of Policy & Amendments

8.1 Status: This Policy overrides any correspondence, discussions and representations (whether written or oral) by OWNZ regarding selection for the International Regattas.

8.2 Amendment: This Policy may be amended at any time by the OWNZ Executive Group. Amendments or a revised Policy (including the amendments) will be published on the OWNZ website.

9 Appeals

9.1 An Athlete who is aggrieved by a decision of the Selectors and/or Executive Group not to select him or her into a New Zealand Youth Team may bring an appeal in accordance with Clause 15 of the OWNZ Constitution.