



Minutes for Special Executive Group Meeting Friday 7th July 2017

Date and Time:	Friday 7 th July, 8.00pm
Location:	Skype Conference Call
Attendees:	G Marshall (Chairperson), R Patterson, S Kent, N King, S Allan, A Jameson, E Pilkington (Minute Taker)
Apologies Received:	J Dempsey
Item 1:	2017 Pacific International Cup, Noumea – G Marshall
Matters	<p>G Marshall moved for E Pilkington to have speaking rights at this Special Executive Group Meeting. N King seconded. Approved unanimously.</p> <p>G Marshall – Mentions that the rules stated by the Commonwealth Games Association (CGA) & the IWF for the 2018 Commonwealth Games, are that the only athletes that are on the Commonwealth Ranking List can be nominated and selected for this event. He points out that some NZL athletes have not yet had an opportunity to get onto the Commonwealth Ranking List.</p> <p>R Patterson – Clarifies that we are here to vote on whether the EG will include the Pacific International Cup in the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games Nomination Criteria and the OWNZ Selection Policy, or not.</p> <p>G Marshall – States that he believes that some athletes will not meet the Nomination Criteria due to the Australian Open not being a recognised IWF event.</p> <p>S Kent – States to Garry that he is incorrect as the Nomination Criteria states that an athlete must compete in at least one Key Event, it does not state that the events listed must be IWF sanctioned.</p> <p>Clause 4.3 b) in the Nomination Criteria states the following: The Athlete’s performances and results in the Weightlifting Event at which they seek to be nominated for the Games in the following Key Events during the Qualification Period:</p> <p>(i) Compulsory Key Event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017 Oceania Junior and Senior Championships; or • 2017 Commonwealth Junior and Senior Championships <p>(ii) And at least one (1) of the following Key Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016 Commonwealth Junior and Senior Championships

- 2016 World FISU Games
- 2017 IWF Junior World Championships
- 2017 FISU Universiade
- 2017 Australian International / Open

S Kent addresses the EG about the following:

- OWNZ decision to create a separate (from the NZOC selection criteria) International Selection Policy & Nomination Criteria due to increased competition for selection on to International teams.
- The need for an OWNZ policy became clear after the 2016 Rio Olympic selections were taken to the sports tribunal.
- The OWNZ selection policy was drafted and agreed upon by the OWNZ Executive Group at the end of 2016 and all major stakeholders (athletes, coaches, officials, selectors and the NZOC) invested into this process and signed off on the published policy.
- At the end of 2016 when the Nomination Criteria was confirmed for the 2018 Commonwealth Games, it was known by everyone that:
 - There are limited International Events available to our athletes looking to meet the Nomination Criteria.
 - By sending all 2016 A grade athletes to the 2017 Australian International/Open this ensured that every athlete had the same opportunity to meet this nomination criteria.
 - That the 2017 Commonwealth/Oceania Championships is the final opportunity for all NZL athletes to gain selection on to the IWF Commonwealth ranking list.
- Athletes understand that their performance at the 2017 Commonwealth/Oceania Championships is to:
 - Aim to be the number one NZL athlete in their weight class (which will put them on the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List).
 - Aim to be ranked top 6 in their weight class on the IWF Commonwealth Ranking list to be considered eligible for nomination to the NZOC who will make the final selections for the 2018 Commonwealth Games.
- Since the end of 2016, all stakeholders have understood the process on how an athlete can put themselves in the best position possible to be nominated for the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

S Allan & A Jameson thanked Simon for clarity around the Selection Policy and the Nomination Criteria for the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

R Patterson – asks for S Kent to outline the ramifications if we add the 2017 Pacific International Cup to our Nomination Criteria & Selection Policy.

S Kent addressed the EG about the following:

- Reminds all EG members about email correspondence from Tara Pryor, from the NZOC, where she states that OWNZ should obtain legal advice about the consequences involved in re-writing the policy to include the Pacific International Cup. Tara goes on in her email to list a number of potential problems that would need addressing for the Pacific International Cup to be considered and the policy be re-written.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>“In terms of the consequences of this you may want to obtain legal advice on this matter. Our concerns however, would be around how this competition would be included into the criteria, would it be mandatory or voluntary and what impact would it have if some athletes went and others did not. Given the short lead in time, how would this affect performance at this competition and the lead in to the Commonwealth Games. Have athletes had sufficient time to prepare given it is not something that has necessarily been in their programme? These are the things we consider as these would be the questions the Sports Tribunal would ask if an athlete took a case to the Sports Tribunal if they believed that one athlete was given an advantage over another.”</i> Tara Pryor, NZOC - The financial risk involved in having to prepare for another appeal case at the Sports Tribunal would be financially devastating to OWNZ. - As the Nomination Criteria and the Selection Policy has been in place since the end of 2016, it would be a significant risk to OWNZ to consider altering this process. <p>N King questions that if we do not add this event to the nomination criteria then are we reducing the risk of athletes appealing compared to if we do add it to the calendar?</p> <p>S Kent confirms this and expects that there will be no appeals if we do not add this event to the Nomination Criteria.</p> <p>G Marshall – states the he believes he is not incorrect when saying that some athletes will not meet the nomination criteria and therefore require to attend the 2017 Pacific International Cup. He also states that athletes only have one opportunity to get on the ranking list and Rory Taylor does not get a chance to defend his current ranking on the Commonwealth List.</p> <p>R Patterson – Clarifies that Rory Taylor had the opportunity at the North Island Championships to be selected into the team to then have the opportunity to defend his current ranking however, he was not selected and therefore he is no longer in contention for nomination to the 2018 Commonwealth Games.</p> <p>E Pilkington – Confirms that athletes only need to attend one international event and attend the compulsory event of the 2017 Commonwealth/Oceania Championships as stated in the nomination criteria therefore no athlete of NZL is required to attend the 2017 Pacific International Cup.</p> <p>E Pilkington – Suggests that we should take this item to a vote.</p> <p>G Marshall – asks if all EG Members are happy to vote on this topic after the discussion. All EG Members are happy to vote, except G Marshall however he will go along with the majority.</p>
Decision	<p>S Kent moves that we keep the current Nomination Criteria for the 2018 Commonwealth Games, we do not enter the 2017 Pacific Cup into our criteria and we do not allow NZ athletes to attend this event. Seconded by R Patterson. EG members in favour are S Kent, R Patterson, N King, S Allan & A Jameson. Not</p>

in favour was G Marshall. Votes 5/1.

E Pilkington to:

- publish the minutes once approved by all EG members on the OWNZ website
- make a notification on the OWNZ website of this decision and post a link to this on social media
- notify the high performance athletes that this decision immediately affects with the reasons why we are not selecting any athlete to compete in the 2017 Pacific International Cup.
- All EG members agreed open communication with our members on this decision ASAP is appropriate.