

GLASGOW 2026 COMMONWEALTH GAMES NZOC SELECTION PANEL

Annette Purvis (Convenor)

Annette has been involved in Sports Governance for over 15 years. As Athletics New Zealand Chairperson from 2007 to 2018 she led a transformation programme across governance, member engagement and High Performance. Annette has also held governance roles with IPC World Athletic Championships 2011, Christchurch School of Gymnastics and is currently a New Zealand Olympic Committee Board member and High Performance Sport New Zealand Board Member. She also holds Trustee roles with Nga Puna Wai Sports Hub, Christchurch's newest sporting hub and the Canterbury Development Sports Academy.



Currently Annette is a member of World Athletics Development Commission and Gender Leadership Taskforce. Formerly a member of World Athletics Women's Committee for 8 years, Annette has been a champion for gender equity within World Athletics.

Annette is an experienced senior manager within the Insurance sector having led large operational teams and projects. Her most recent work has seen her lead earthquake response and recovery strategies for IAG Insurance. Annette is a member of an insurance sector group working with the Earthquake Commission to create an improved disaster response model for New Zealand.

Annette has been on the Selection Panel since 2020.

Dr Lesley Nicol

Dr Lesley Nicol (married name Rumball) is a specialist Sports and Exercise Physician, with a background in physiotherapy and elite sport. While completing her degrees in Physiotherapy and Medicine, Lesley had a stellar career for the Silver Ferns. She played 110 tests, captained the team and won a Netball World Championships title in 2003. She was captain of the record-breaking Southern Sting which won the National Bank Cup seven times in a row.



Lesley has been inducted into the NZ Sports Hall of Fame and is a recipient of the New Zealand Order of Merit. She has worked with top level teams including the Silver Ferns, Southern Sting and the Tactix. She worked at the Australian Institute of Sport prior to returning to Canterbury. Lesley has been a Drug Free Sport NZ and NZOC Board member. As a member of the NZOC Athletes' Commission she was the athletes' representative on the Commonwealth Games Federation Board.

Lesley co-authored the February 2021 Independent Report on Gymnastics New Zealand and was a member of the 2022 HPSNZ/ Cycling New Zealand Independent Review Panel. She is currently a Te Kahu Raunui Sport Integrity Commission New Zealand Board member. Lesley has been on the Selection Panel since 2015.

Tim Slyfield

Tim represented New Zealand in judo at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. He won a bronze medal in the 73-81kg division at the Manchester 2002 Commonwealth Games and won another bronze medal in the -100kg division at the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Tim also had the role of High Performance Manager for Judo New Zealand from 2007 – 2015.

Tim co-founded Alexander James in 2011 after a number of years in Senior Management Positions for some large recruitment businesses in New Zealand.



Tim was a member of the Olympians' Commission from 2015 – 2021 and has been on the Selection Panel since October 2021