DAKAR 2026 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR WINDSURFING (TECHNO 293) EVENTS

YACHTING NEW ZEALAND ("YNZ")

1. Application of this Nomination Criteria

1.1 **Status:** This Nomination Criteria is issued by the High Performance Advisory Group (**HPAG**) of YNZ on 4th March 2026, acting under delegated authority as a subcommittee of the YNZ Board to manage, amongst other matters, the nomination of sailors and crews to the NZOC in respect of the Olympic Games and Youth Olympic Games. It supersedes any previous correspondence, discussions, or representations regarding nomination and selection for the Games.

1.2 **Scope:** This Nomination Criteria applies to:
• all Athletes wishing to be considered for nomination to compete in the Windsurfing Events at the Games; and
• YNZ wishing to nominate Athletes to the NZOC.

1.3 **Process:** Selection to the Games Team in a Windsurfing Event is a three-step process:
(a) each Athlete must be eligible under clause 3;
(b) YNZ nominates Athletes to the NZOC in accordance with this Nomination Criteria and the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation; and
(c) the NZOC selects Athletes in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy and the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

2. Selectors

2.1 **Composition:** The following Selectors have been appointed by YNZ (based on nominations received from Windfoil NZ) and are subject to the YNZ Selector Policy:

- Gary Hill
- Bruce Kendall
- Grant Beck
- Barbara Kendall.

2.2 **Changes to Selectors:** YNZ reserves the right to change a Selector at any time prior to the Nomination Date and will publish the updated list on the YNZ website.

3. Eligibility

3.1 **Athlete Eligibility:** To be eligible for nomination, an Athlete must:
• submit a completed Athlete Application to NZOC by 30 April 2026 or in exceptional circumstances, such extended date as agreed by the NZOC Board where YNZ provides the NZOC with evidence that demonstrates the Athlete could not have been reasonably in contemplation on 30 April 2026;

• return a completed NZOC Team Agreement to NZOC prior to the Nomination Date;
• be a member of a YNZ affiliated club;
• be a New Zealand citizen and hold a valid New Zealand passport;
• have demonstrated to the satisfaction of YNZ that they are not suffering any physical or psychological condition that would compromise the Athlete's ability to compete at the Games to the selection standard set out in the NZOC Selection Policy or which may compromise the health and safety of themselves, a Games Team member or another participant at the Games and demonstrate physical and psychological readiness for elite performance;
• maintain behaviour consistent with the standards expected of a New Zealand representative;
• not be under investigation for any anti-doping violation;
• be registered for the Sport Integrity Commission out-of-competition testing by 30 April 2026;
• meet the Youth Olympic Games age eligibility: born between 1 January 2010 and 31 December 2012;
• have competed internationally (outside their place of residence);
• be registered with World Sailing and have a sailor identification number at the Nomination Date and to the end of the Games; and
•hold a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability of a minimum coverage per incident of €2,000,000 or equivalent.

3.2 **Quota Allocation:** New Zealand must be allocated a quota place by the IOC/World Sailing to the NZOC. A quota place does not guarantee nomination or selection.

3.3 **Nomination if Eligibility Met:** Provided clauses 3.1 and 3.2 are met, Selectors may nominate Athletes.

3.4 **Reserve Athletes:** YNZ may nominate Reserve Athletes as required under NZOC protocols.

4. Nomination Criteria

4.1 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria:** Selectors must be satisfied that the Athlete:
• is competing in a Windsurfing Event where a quota place has been allocated;
• has a high national ranking (e.g., top 3) or has placed top 3 at the most recent National Age Group Championships in the eligible discipline;
• will be competitive at the Games (i.e., capable of finishing in the top half of the fleet);
• meets all eligibility requirements in clause 3.

4.2 **Evidence:** Selectors shall consider evidence including:
• performance at Key Events during the Qualification Period;
• performance at Trials.

4.3 **Specific Nomination Factors:** In applying the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria, the Selectors must be satisfied that the Athlete demonstrates:
• fitness and training commitment;
• behaviour, professionalism, and adherence to team standards;

• compatibility in team environments;
• reliability and self-management;
• event rule compliance and sportsmanship;
• financial ability to complete the self-funded campaign.

5. Key Events and Trials

5.1 **Key Events:** Key Events during the Qualification Period will include domestic and international competitions. To be eligible for nomination, an Athlete must have participated in at least one of the following events during the Qualification Period:

- Sail Melbourne 2025, 26th – 29th November 2025, Melbourne
- The 2026 New Zealand iQFOIL Nationals, 6th - 8th February 2026, Milford Cruising Club, Auckland

5.2 **Trials:** If more than one Athlete satisfies the eligibility requirement in clause 3.1 and the minimum number of competitions under clause 5.1, a Trial will be conducted. Two (2) Windsurfer LT Regattas held in March/April 2026 will be used as Trials, including but not limited to, the Windsurfer LT class Trial 10th-12th April 2026 Location: Auckland. The results of the Trial will be the primary performance factor in determining nomination (along with the Athlete also meeting the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria in clause 4.1 and Specific Nomination Factors in clause 4.3).

6. Extenuating Circumstances
Selectors may consider Extenuating Circumstances including:
• injury or illness;
• travel delays;
• equipment failure;
• bereavement or personal misfortune;
• other factors deemed reasonable by the Selectors.
Athletes must advise the Chair of Selectors via the official YNZ contact email (sam@yachtingnz.org.nz) as early as possible and provide verification if required.

7. Nomination and Selection
7.1 YNZ acting on the recommendation of the Selectors will nominate Athletes and any Reserve Athletes to the NZOC by the Nomination Date.

7.2 YNZ may nominate Athletes subject to conditions (e.g., medical clearance, performance maintenance). Failure to meet conditions may lead to non-nomination unless YNZ determines otherwise.

7.3 The NZOC will make all final selections in accordance with its policies. NZOC may select Athletes subject to conditions. Failure to meet the conditions may lead to non-selection unless the NZOC determines otherwise.

7.4 Funding & Programme Delivery: The Games will be user contribution. Accordingly, YNZ will not provide financial or operational support for the programme but retains oversight to ensure the campaign meets the standards required for nomination to the NZOC.

7.5 The campaign programme following any nomination (and subsequent selection) will be managed and delivered by Windfoil NZ. YNZ will not be responsible for funding, resourcing, or operational delivery of the campaign programme.

8. Appeal Procedure

8.1 Athletes may appeal non-nomination to YNZ or a non-selection to the NZOC if they are on the long list and meet eligibility criteria.

8.2 Non-nomination appeals must follow clause 13 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

8.3 Non-selection appeals must follow clause 14 of the NZOC Regulation.

9. Inconsistencies

If any inconsistency exists between this Nomination Criteria and the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation, the NZOC Regulation prevails.

10. Amendments to this Nomination Criteria

This Nomination Criteria may be amended by YNZprior to the Nomination Date, subject to NZOC approval. YNZ will notify affected persons of any changes.

11. Definitions

For the purposes of this Nomination Criteria, the following terms have the meanings set out below:

Application Date means the dates set out in clause 3.1 of this Criteria by which Athletes must submit a completed Athlete Application to the NZOC.

Athlete means a person who wishes to be considered for nomination to the Games Team.

Athlete Application means the form prescribed by the NZOC that must be completed by any Athlete applying to be nominated to the Games Team.

Extenuating Circumstances means the circumstances set out in clause 6.1 which may be considered by the Selectors.

Games means the Youth Olympic Games to be held in Dakar, Senegal from 31 October – 13 November 2026.

Games Team means the New Zealand Team selected for the Games.

Key Events means the international, continental, or national competitions listed in clause 5.1 and any additional events YNZ may specify.

Nominated Athlete means an Athlete nominated by YNZ to the NZOC for consideration of selection to the Games Team.

Nomination Criteria or this Criteria means this Nomination Criteria issued by YNZ.

Nomination Date means on or before 29 July 2026 by which YNZ must submit nominations.

NZOC means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.

NZOC Integrity Regulation means the regulation setting out standards of conduct for Athletes and officials published on the NZOC website.

NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation means the regulation governing the nomination and selection process published on the NZOC website.

NZOC Selection Policy means the policy governing selection to the Games Team published on the NZOC website.

Over-Riding Nomination Criteria means the criteria set out in clause 4.1.

Qualification Period means 1 July 2025 until 27 July 2026.

Reserve Athlete means a non-travelling reserve as designated by the Selectors.

Selectors means the selectors appointed under clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.

Specific Nomination Factors means the factors listed in clause 4.3.

Team Agreement means the agreement that must be completed by any Athlete wishing to be considered for nomination and selection to the Games Team in accordance with clause 8.4 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

Trial means the regatta referred to in clause 5.2 conducted to determine ranking between eligible Athletes.

Windfoil NZ means Windfoil New Zealand Incorporated, an affiliate member of YNZ.

Windsurfing Event means a men's or women's Windsurfing (Techno 293) event at the Games.

World Sailing means World Sailing, the international federation for the sport of sailing.

YNZ for the purpose of this Nomination Criteria means HPAG acting under delegated authority from the YNZ Board.

YNZ Board means the Board of Yachting New Zealand Incorporated.