



1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 **Aims:** NZWP's aims in selecting Athletes to join the Senior Men's Squad are as follows:

- (a) to provide development opportunities for Athletes; and
- (b) to achieve credible results for New Zealand on the international stage.

1.2 **NZWP Selection Regulations:** You should read this Policy in conjunction with the NZWP Selection Regulations ("**Regulations**"). In particular, you should be aware of:

- (a) the process you need to follow if you feel you have been affected by Exceptional Circumstances (see clause 7 of the Regulations); and
- (b) the process you must follow if you wish to make an Appeal in respect of any aspect of the Selection process (see clause 8 of the Regulations).

1.3 **Definitions:** Where a word is capitalised it will have a definition. Definitions can be found in Appendix 1 of the Regulations.

1.4 **Squad:** This document sets what you need to do to be selected to join the Squad:

(a) **Specified Programme**

Events and Camps	Maximum number of Squad athletes
NZ Training Camps, Squad training - regional Premier League Sept, NSW State League Sept – Dec 2023, Other International Camps and Events	20 senior players

1.5 Athletes who wish to be considered for Selection must advise if they are available for selection (EOI).

1.6 **Important Dates:** The following are the key dates for this Policy:

EOI Date	1 July, 2023
NZWP Trials /Observations	National and Premier League events
Selection Date Announcement	1 August, 2023

1.7 **Funding and Support:** If you are selected for the Squad, you will be eligible for the following funding and support from NZWP:

Senior Men	Coaching, planning, admin and logistics. Team uniform.
Management Team	Matt Claridge – Head Coach

1.8 **Cost (athlete contribution):**

As a selected as a senior men squad member, it will cost approximately \$5,500.00 per athlete per year.

If you are selected as a development athlete squad member, it will cost approximately \$3,500.00 per athlete per year.

This athlete contribution will cover all camps, domestic travel and training costs with a minimum of 3 trips each to Australia per year.

Pinnacle events will be separate cost centres.

We are working on sponsorship to reduce costs and make the squad more accessible to more players.

1.9 **Outline:** In order to be selected, you need to:

- (a) meet all of the Eligibility Criteria – see Part 4 of the Regulations; and
- (b) earn Selection – see clause 3 below and Part 5 of the Regulations
- (c) satisfy clause 3 of this Policy – see Part 5 of the Regulations (subject to any Exceptional Circumstances).

2. SELECTION

2.1 **Pre-Conditions:** Squad athletes who have made themselves available for selection, must fulfil the following pre-conditions:

- (a) NZ based athletes must follow training requirements set by the Squad coaches and attend the Camps and other training sessions (unless they advise otherwise).
- (b) Athletes must be currently competing in NZ events or and international league – these form part of the selection process.

2.2 **Squad Selection Factors:** The relevant NZWP Head Coach and assistants, in consultation with the Selectors, will consider the following Factors:

- (a) Performances and data from the NZWP observation events and international events;
- (b) any one or more of the Team Selection Factors set out in Part 5.5 of the Regulations.

3. PERFORMANCE CRITERIA AND SELECTION

3.1 **Performance Criteria:** Selectors must be satisfied that the Squad members have the potential to perform with distinction at international events, are committed to the Squad, are motivated and are willing and able to learn.

3.2 **Selection:** If Selected, you must:

- (a) Be registered with NZWP; and
- (b) indicate to NZWP within 10 working days of the Selection Date that your availability and commitment level in terms of time and finances.

4. QUERIES AND COMPLAINTS

4.1 **Queries:** You can address any queries regarding this Policy to the NZWP HPD in the first instance.

4.2 **Complaints:** You can address any complaints regarding the implementation of this Policy to the CEO in the first instance.