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**2021 IRISH PARALYMPIC TEAM  
SELECTION PRINCIPLES & CRITERIA**



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PARALYMPIC GAMES



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***“The overarching aim of this document is to clearly set out to all athletes and stakeholders of Irish Paralympic sport the means by which Paralympics Ireland will select the 2021 Irish Paralympic Team\*.”***

***\*The document has been updated following the postponement of the 2020 Paralympic Games.***

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**THIS AGREEMENT** is made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021

between

the Paralympics Ireland (PI) having its registered office at Irish Sport HQ, National Sports Campus, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, Ireland

and

[NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY / (“NGB”)

together (“the Parties”)

for the nomination and selection of athletes and support staff to represent the Irish Paralympics team at the 2021 Paralympic Games in Tokyo.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Due to the postponement of the 2020 Paralympic Games to 2021, this document has been updated. Any reference to the 2020 Games or any processes and criteria that refer to 2020, shall refer to the 2021 Games where applicable.
- 1.2. The Paralympic Games takes place in Tokyo, Japan from the August 24<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021. It is hosted by TOGOC on behalf of IPC.
- 1.3. PI is the recognised National Paralympic Committee for Ireland by the IPC. PI has the sole and exclusive power to determine participation of the Games Team at the Paralympic Games in accordance with the terms and conditions of the IPC Tokyo 2020 Qualification Guide
- 1.4. This Agreement sets out the application, nomination and selection process by which eligible Athletes may be considered for nomination (by an NGB) and selection (by PI) to participate in the Paralympic Games and also sets out the appeals procedures that apply to any appeal of an Athlete’s non-selection.

## 2. DEFINITIONS

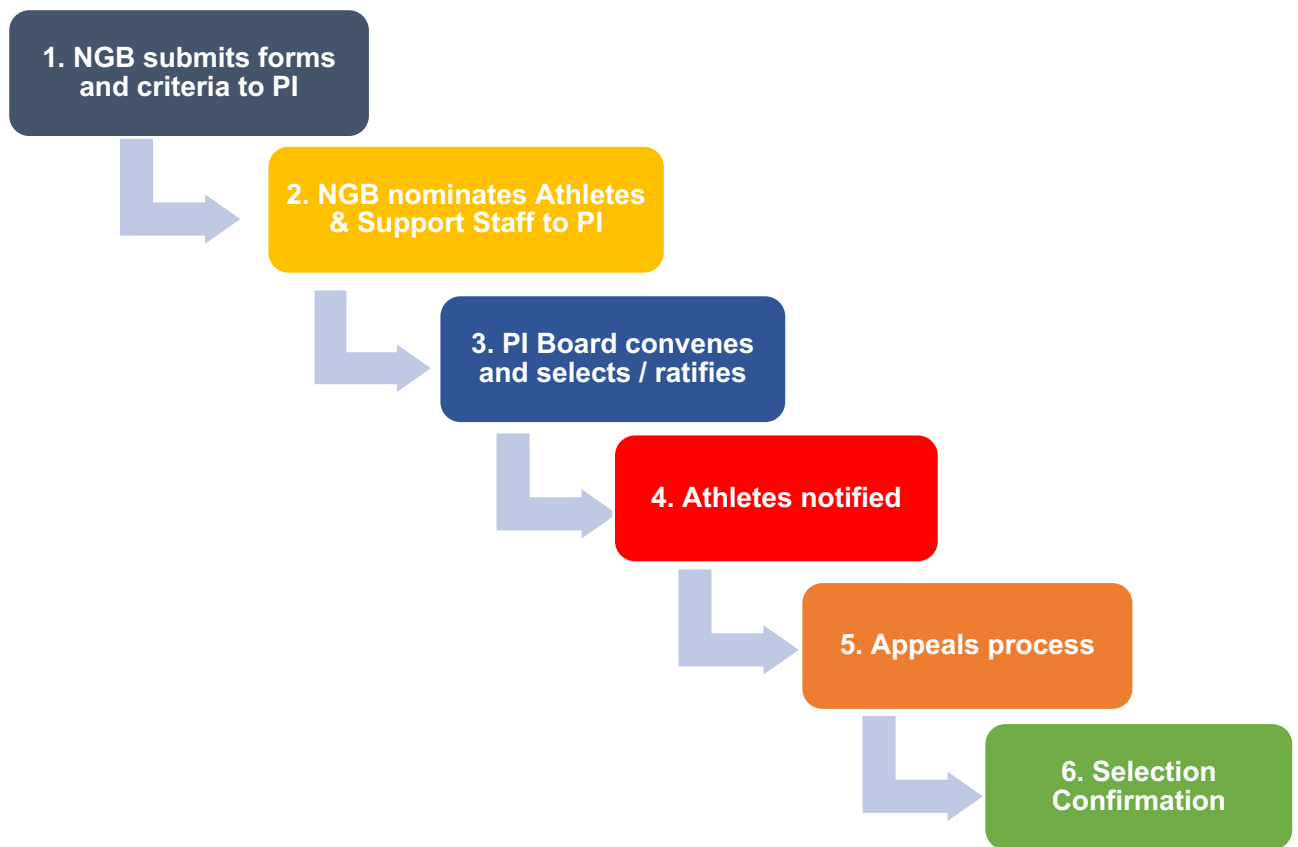
<b>Announcement Date</b>	has the meaning given to it in clause 4.10 below
<b>Athlete</b>	means a person who competes in the sport of the NGB and is recognised by that NGB as eligible for nomination to a Games Team. Athletes include competition partners for visually impaired athletes.
<b>Chef de Mission</b>	Means the designated person in charge of the Games Team. Contact details as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Email: neasa@paralympics.ie</li><li>• Address: Chef de Mission, Paralympics Ireland, Irish Sports HQ, National Sports Campus, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15</li></ul>
<b>Games Team</b>	means the Irish Paralympic team selected to participate in the Paralympic Games
<b>IF</b>	means the International Federation for the Sport.
<b>IPC</b>	means the International Paralympic Committee

<b>IPC Conditions of Participation Agreement</b>	means the agreement to be signed by all Athletes participating in the Paralympic Games
<b>Long List</b>	means a list of Athletes and Support Staff who are recognised by an NGB or PI as potentially eligible and capable of being nominated for a Games Team and therefore prospective members of a Games Team.
<b>Qualification Period</b>	means the qualification period stipulated in the qualification system for the Games as prescribed by the NGB or the IF.
<b>NGB</b>	means the governing body of the Paralympic sport or in the case of PI governed sports the head of sport (i.e. The Para Swimming Manager and the head of Paralympics Athletics)
<b>NGB Selection Criteria</b>	means the policy submitted by the NGB to the PI which governs how an athlete will be nominated for selection
<b>NGB Nomination List</b>	means the list of Athletes and Support Staff to be submitted to PI on or before the Nomination Date
<b>Nominated Athlete</b>	means an Athlete nominated to PI for selection to the Games Team
<b>Nomination Date</b>	means the date specified by PI by which time the NGB Nomination List must be submitted to PI.
<b>Paralympic Games</b>	means the 2021 Summer Paralympic Games to be held in Tokyo, Japan from 24 August – 5 September 2021.
<b>PI</b>	means Paralympics Ireland
<b>Select or Selection</b>	The words 'select' and 'selection' shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect as the words 'ratify' and 'ratification' and shall refer to and give effect to the PI Board's ratification powers as set out in Article 50 of the PI Constitution.
<b>Sport Class</b>	means IPC classifications within each individual sport
<b>Sport Team Leader</b>	means the person nominated by the NGB and appointed by the Chef de Mission as the Team Lead for that specific sport at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games
<b>Support Staff</b>	means the NGB staff who have been recognised by that NGB as eligible for nomination to a Games Team.
<b>Team Member Agreement</b>	means the PI agreement with Athletes or Support Staff which governs an Athlete's or a Support Staff's participation in the Games
<b>TOCOG</b>	Tokyo Organising Committee of Olympic and Paralympic Games
<b>Tokyo 2020 Qualification Criteria</b>	means the IPC Tokyo 2020 Qualification Criteria amended from time to time (most recently amended in April 2021) which can be accessed here: <a href="https://www.paralympic.org/tokyo-2020/qualification-criteria">https://www.paralympic.org/tokyo-2020/qualification-criteria</a> .

### 3. SELECTION PROCESS DIAGRAM

3.1. The selection of Athletes and Support Staff to the Games Team will result from a graduated process of checks and balances to ensure the agreed criteria are applied correctly. The steps in the process are as illustrated in the diagram below and described in detail in Clause 3.2 below

*Diagram: Selection Process*



#### **4. STEPS IN SELECTION PROCESS**

##### Step 1: NGB Submits Forms

- 4.1. Each NGB that intends to nominate athletes for selection to the Games Team shall return the following documents to the Chef de Mission by such time as specified by PI.
- (i) A signed copy of this agreement;
  - (ii) The NGB Selection Criteria (see Clause 5 below); and
  - (iii) A Long List (See Clause 5 below)

Failure to do so will preclude an athlete from that sport from participating in the Paralympic Games.

- 4.2. Once endorsed by PI, the NGB shall distribute the NGB Selection Criteria to Long List Members and publish it on the relevant websites.
- 4.3. Each NGB is responsible for notifying Long List Members of their inclusion on the Long List. Notwithstanding this, it is the responsibility of all Long List Members to obtain a copy of the relevant NGB Selection Criteria relevant to their sport.

##### Step 2: Nomination

- 4.4. Each NGB shall appoint a 3-4-person selection committee with suitable expertise. This committee shall be named in the NGB Selection Criteria.
- 4.5. Each NGB's selection committee shall nominate Athletes and Support Staff to PI for consideration to be selected to the Games Team by the Nomination Date. All nominations must be made in accordance with the NGB Selection Criteria. Only NGB's that have signed this agreement, shall be eligible to nominate athletes for selection.
- 4.6. Each NGB shall then submit the following documents to PI by such dates as specified in the NGB Selection Criteria or as agreed with PI:
- (i) A signed Team Member Agreement for each prospective Athlete and Support Staff Member (see Clause 5 below)
  - (ii) Signed IPC Conditions of Participation Agreement for each prospective Athlete and Support Staff Member (See Clause 5 below)

##### Step 3: PI Board Selection

- 4.7. The PI Board shall convene to select the Games Team in accordance with the procedures outlined at Clause 6 below.
- 4.8. The PI Board shall be solely responsible for selecting those Athletes and Support Staff who will be members of the Games Team. Any decision regarding the selection of the Team is at the complete discretion of the PI Board. Subject to its overriding discretion, the PI Board shall only select an Athlete to the Games Team where it is satisfied that the Athlete has met the NGB Selection Criteria and Eligibility Requirements set out below.

##### Step 4: Athlete's Notified of selection subject to appeals process

- 4.9. Once the PI Board has determined the composition of the Games Team, the Chef de Mission of PI shall notify each Athlete on the Long List of their provisional selection or non-selection to the Games Team subject to completion of any appeals process as outlined in clause 10 below.

## Steps 5 & 6: Appeals Period and Selection Confirmation

4.10. Once the appeals period has been exhausted (including any subsequent convening of the PI Board), the President of PI shall on a date determined in consultation with any relevant body (the "Announcement Date"), confirm in writing to Athletes their selection for the Games Team and thereafter publicly announce the selected Athletes to the media, including any Athlete who has been selected subject to conditions.

4.11. The executed Team Membership Agreement shall take effect from the date the President issues the confirmation of selection.

## **5. DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED BY NGB'S**

### **5.1. NGB Selection Criteria**

- (i) The NGB shall submit the NGB Selection Criteria to PI by the date specified by PI. Failure to do so shall give PI discretion to take such other steps as it considers appropriate in the circumstances including declining to accept the NGB nomination of Athletes or Support Staff for selection.
- (ii) Having reviewed any NGB Selection Criteria, PI may consult with the NGB regarding any queries it has and agree a timeline with the NGB by which any proposed amendments must be made.
- (iii) The proposed NGB Selection Criteria shall comply with the standards and requirements of PI and IPC including complying with any qualification and eligibility requirements set out in the IPC Tokyo 2020 Qualification Criteria. The Parties acknowledge that the requirements set out in this Agreement, may exceed those set out in the IPC Qualification System and otherwise.

### **5.2. The Long List**

- (i) The NGB shall submit the Long List to PI by a date to be specified by the PI ("the Long List Date") and shall inform all eligible Athletes and Support Staff of their inclusion or not on the Long List by the Long List Date. In so doing, the NGB recognises and shall communicate the following to all eligible Athletes:
- (ii) Any athlete not included on the Long List, cannot participate as an Athlete in the Games, subject to (iv) below;
- (iii) Inclusion on the Long List is for administration purposes only and does not increase, decrease or in any way affect an Athlete's or Support Staff member's prospects of being nominated or selected to a Games Team;
- (iv) PI may in its absolute discretion, recognise any Athlete or Support Staff not included on the Long List submitted by the NGB, as a member of the Long List after the Long List Date;
- (v) To be included on the Long List, the Athlete or Support Staff must have acted in such a manner so as not to bring himself/herself, the NGB, PI or the sport into disrepute.

### **5.3. Team Member Agreement**

- (i) Upon receipt of the Long List, PI will circulate a Team Member Agreement to the designated Sport Team Leader for distribution to any Athlete and Support Staff member named on the Long List.
- (ii) The Athlete/Support Staff Member shall complete and submit the Team Member Agreement to PI prior to the Nomination Date, undertaking that by that date, he or she will have met the obligations and requirements set out in the Team Member Agreement.

### **5.4. IPC Conditions of Participation Agreement**

- (i) Upon receipt of the Long List, PI will circulate to the designated Sport Team Leader the IPC Conditions of Participation Form to any Athlete/Support Staff named on the Long List.
- (ii) The Athlete/Support staff Member shall complete and submit the IPC Conditions of Participation Agreement to PI prior to the Nomination Date.

## **6. PI BOARD SELECTION PROCEDURES**

- 6.1. The Board of Directors of Paralympics Ireland (the PI Board) will be the final decision-making body in ratifying the position of all Athletes and Support Staff on the Games Team. The members of the PI Board are those listed on the website at the given time.
- 6.2. The PI Board shall meet for the purposes of selecting the Games Team as and when required and on request by the President of the PI Board, or the Chief Executive Officer. The PI High Performance Director and the Chef De Mission shall attend the PI Board selection meeting in an advisory capacity but shall not have a vote. The PI Board may request that any other party attend the selection meeting in an advisory capacity, however that party shall not have a vote.
- 6.3. The President of the PI Board shall ensure that minutes are taken at all meetings of the PI Board (including all meetings held by teleconference or other electronic means), and that (to the extent possible) the PI Board has a record of all relevant documents relied on by NGB selectors in nominating Athletes and Support Staff to PI for selection. All such information is to be kept confidential to the Board, unless otherwise determined by the Chief Executive or required as part of an appeals process.
- 6.4. The PI Board shall use its best efforts to achieve its decision by consensus however, if any decision is not unanimous, a majority decision will be sufficient.
- 6.5. Subject to Clause 6.9 below, the PI Board shall select an Athlete to the Games team where it is satisfied that the Eligibility Requirements and NGB Selection Criteria have been met.
- 6.6. Athlete quota slots are generally allocated to PI and not to individual athletes. PI will determine whether or not quota slots will be accepted. In the small number of cases where slots are allocated to specifically named individuals, PI will still determine whether or not that slot will be accepted.
- 6.7. PI retains the right to withdraw athletes from selection to the Games Team where:

- (i) the athlete has become unlikely (by way of medical condition or otherwise) to be able to compete at the required level in the Paralympic Games
  - (ii) the athlete fails to fully comply with their personal training and competition programme as agreed with their sport.
  - (iii) there is a breach of the Eligibility Requirements for selection, the IPC Conditions of Participation Agreement, the Paralympics Ireland Participant Rules or the Team Member Agreement
- 6.8. In the unlikely event of an Athlete's Sport Class changing between the date of the qualifying performance and of the final sports entry by PI, PI retain the right not to select the athlete unless, in the view of the PI Board and the HI Performance Director of PI, the Athlete is deemed to be more competitive in the new Sport Class than athletes not selected.
- 6.9. In selecting Athletes for the Games Team, the PI Board shall have the sole discretion to:
- (i) amend the NGB Selection Criteria at any time, including applying emergency selection criteria where deemed necessary, provided it notifies the relevant NGB of any amendments;
  - (ii) reconvene a selection meeting where deemed appropriate to do so;
  - (iii) determine whether an Athlete has met the NGB Selection Criteria and Eligibility Requirements, and in so doing require the NGB to supply information to assist in this decision-making process;
  - (iv) based on the advice of the PI High Performance Director, request that an Athlete undergo a medical assessment under the control of the PI Chief Medical Officer;
  - (v) select an Athlete or Support Staff subject to certain conditions being met prior to the Paralympic Games, which conditions shall be agreed in consultation with the NGB;
  - (vi) refuse to select an Athlete where it is not satisfied that the Eligibility Requirements or the NGB Selection Criteria have been met.
  - (vii) take into account any extenuating circumstances in its selection decision;
  - (viii) choose not to fill any or all of the available places on the Games Team;
  - (ix) give weight to any one or more of the factors specified in the General Selection Principles and, if it does, to apply them to one or more of the Athletes. No particular factor shall be weighted more or less significantly by reason only of the order in which that factor appears in this Agreement.
  - (x) provide reasons for its decisions, but there is no obligation to do so.

## 7. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The following will apply for all sports unless otherwise indicated (**Collectively “the Eligibility Requirements”**).

To be eligible for selection to the Games Team, the PI Board must be satisfied that an Athlete:

- 7.1. Holds a valid Irish Passport with an expiry date on or after 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021;
- 7.2. Has completed the acceptance and acknowledgement forms as per the PI Participant Rules as available on [www.paralympics.ie](http://www.paralympics.ie) as amended from time to time. (In the case of athletes under 18 years of age, parents/guardians must complete these forms too);
- 7.3. Has completed the Paralympics Ireland 2021 Team Member Agreement;
- 7.4. Has completed the IPC Conditions of Participation Form;
- 7.5. Is a minimum of 14 years of age on 24 August 2021, unless a higher minimum age requirement is applied by the IF of that sport or by the NGB for the sport in Ireland;
- 7.6. Holds an active IPC Athlete License for the 2021 season if competing in the IPC sports of Athletics, Powerlifting, Shooting or Swimming or any other IPC managed sport;
- 7.7. Meets the NGB requirements in full in terms of Sports Class status as per the Tokyo 2020 Qualification Guide no later than the date of the PI Board meeting to select athletes;
- 7.8. Is internationally classified with a ‘confirmed’ Sport Class status or a ‘review’ Sport Class status with a review date after 31 December 2021 (i.e. Review with a fixed date (Fixed Review Date) 2021); Unless agreed by Paralympics Ireland, NGB and the relevant International Federation for a sport that the athlete will be evaluated at the Tokyo 2021 Paralympic Games in accordance with the IPC rules. Only athletes who currently hold a Review 2020 or Review 2021 Sport Class status and who were not able to undergo evaluation due to Covid-19 restrictions will be considered for classification at the Games.
- 7.9. Has registered an eligible performance within the Qualification Period per sport, if required in the NGB Selection Criteria;
- 7.10. Has met the NGB Selection Criteria;
- 7.11. Has acted in such a manner so as not to bring himself/herself, the NGB, the sport, the IPC, TOCOG or PI into public disrepute;
- 7.12. Has not been convicted of, or charged with, a criminal offence punishable by a term of imprisonment;
- 7.13. Is not the subject of a doping violation or suspension;
- 7.14. Is fit to perform to his or her fullest capability at the Games;
- 7.15. Has completed any other requirements requested by PI, including but not limited to having satisfied the CMO of his/her fitness to perform at the required standard at the Paralympic Games.

## 8. GENERAL SELECTION PRINCIPLES

The following are guiding principles for NGB's and PI to use in assessing the nomination and selection of the athletes to represent Ireland at the Paralympic Games:

- 8.1. **Performance** – The selection of the Games Team will be based on proven performance at major championships and other appropriate events that have an equivalent field of competitors that is likely to occur at the Games (“Key Events”). In some sports, criteria will benchmark performances across a range of sports classes and disciplines in order to ensure selection is fair and equitable to all aspiring team members and to ensure the most competitive athletes are selected and that the maximum number of medals are won.
- 8.2. **Performance and Form Indicators** – The Athlete shall demonstrate a track record of sufficient quality and depth that allows the NGB / PI to reasonably believe the athlete will be competitive at the Games and will perform creditably. This includes the requirement for specific performance level no longer than 24 months prior to the date of the sports selection meeting. In some sports, this period maybe further reduced and specified within their NGB criteria below. Where applicable, world rankings may be included as a benchmark performance indicator for selection.

### 8.3. Performance Plan

Notwithstanding the cancellation of many Key Events in the 12 months prior to the Games, the athlete may be asked to produce a defined performance plan outlining how he or she will prepare to have a creditable performance at the Games and a track record of sufficient quality and depth. The NGB and/or PI may, in its sole discretion, consider whether the performance plan (if required) demonstrates the athlete will be competitive at the Games and will perform creditably.

- 8.4. **Reliability and ability to perform in team environment** – the Athlete has demonstrated compatibility with others in a team environment, compliance with rules and events, commitment to training and attendance at training camps, a proven ability to be reliably and a willingness to promote PI in a positive manner.
- 8.5. **Objective decision making** – Every effort will be made to ensure athletes are selected for Tokyo 2020 on the basis of ‘objective’ performance-based criteria.
- 8.6. **Age** – Where IF's or NGB's have a minimum age requirement for competing in the Paralympic Games, PI will implement it accordingly. While the Paralympic Games welcomes and encourages eligible youths, PI will only send athletes it considers capable of high performance at the Paralympic Games in accordance with IPC policy.
- 8.7. **Gender** – In sports where the athlete quota slots offered to PI are gender specific, PI will apply such quota restrictions on the selection process. As a consequence of these restrictions, in some cases a lower ranked/performing athlete of one gender may be selected ahead of a higher ranked/performing athlete of the other gender.
- 8.8. **Bipartite Commission Invitation acceptance** – The following sports offer Bipartite Commission Invitation slots:

Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Cycling, Judo, Powerlifting, Rowing, Shooting, Swimming, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Wheelchair Fencing, Wheelchair Tennis, Para Triathlon.

In sports where Bipartite Commission Invitations are available, the PI Board has a discretion to submit an application, through the PI High Performance Director, for a bipartite slot. In assessing its discretion, the PI Board can consider the following conditions and/or such other criteria it deems justifiable in the circumstances:

- (i) The athlete has proven ability to be competitive and perform at the Paralympic Games;
- (ii) The athlete has not competed at a Paralympic Games before;
- (iii) The athlete has not had the opportunity to qualify through the normal qualification system due to event cancellation, injury, pregnancy, nationality dispute or any such other events or reasons which the PI Board is satisfied (in its sole discretion), mean the athlete did not having the opportunity to qualify through the normal qualification system;
- (iv) The athlete meets the minimum qualification standard set by the NGB/IF where appropriate;
- (v) The athlete satisfies relevant eligibility criteria for selection as outlined in this document;
- (vi) If the athlete quota slot allocation for a particular sport is lower than the number of athletes on the senior panel in Ireland having achieved the relevant qualification standard, applications may be made by the PI Board (at its discretion)

8.9. **NPC Selection Standards** – An NGB and/or PI may set selection standards that are more challenging than those outlined in the IPC Tokyo 2020 Selection Criteria. This is designed to maximise Team Ireland’s performance at the Paralympic Games. This is recognised in the IPC Tokyo 2020 Qualification Criteria which states:

*“The IPC recognises and respects the right of NPCs to establish national selection standards for determining an athlete’s or team’s qualification to compete in the Paralympic Games.....All athletes and teams are equally subject to their respective NPC’s selection standards.”*

## 9. SUPPORT STAFF

9.1. The NGB shall forward its nominees for Support Staff to the Chef de Mission by the Nomination Date.

9.2. The NGB may only nominate a Support Staff who:

- (i) Is on the Long List;
- (ii) Has completed a Team Member Agreement;
- (iii) Has been garda vetted by the NGB;
- (iv) Has a visa to allow entry into the country for the Games;
- (v) Has no criminal conviction or is not charged with any offence which carries a term of imprisonment;
- (vi) Is not the subject of any disciplinary proceedings or sanctions imposed by the relevant NGB;
- (vii) Has provided any other particulars as requested by PI.

9.3. Having considered the nominations and the number of accreditations allocated to the Irish Games Team by TOCOG, the Chef de Mission will then recommend to the PI Board a list of persons for selection to the Games Team as Support Staff. The Chef de Mission shall have the absolute discretion to recommend any persons not on the Long List.

9.4. The PI Board shall select recommended Support Staff where it is satisfied that the person has met all criteria under clause 9.2 above.

- 9.5. Support Staff have no right of appeal to the decision of the PI Board.
- 9.6. The NGB is solely responsible for obtaining visa clearances for Support Staff at its own expense.

## 10. APPEALS

- 10.1. Any Athlete on the Long List may appeal against their selection or non-selection by PI within 48 hours of being notified of their selection or non-selection, in accordance with the procedures set out the Appeals Table below;
- 10.2. The grounds upon which a selection decision may be appealed are limited to the following;
- (i) That the selection decision was affected by actual bias
  - (ii) There was no basis upon which the PI's decision could be reasonably made;
- 10.3. All appeals shall be to Sports Dispute Solutions Ireland (SDSI). SDSI's decision shall be final and binding on the parties.
- 10.4. No party to an appeal may institute or maintain proceedings in any Court or Tribunal other than as specified in this Agreement.
- 10.5. The Appeal Procedure shall only apply to the selection decisions and not to any grievances or an appeal against the published content of the Tokyo 2020 selection policy. An appeal is not an opportunity to dispute the opinion of the PI Board.
- 10.6. Throughout any appeals process the Parties must use their best endeavours, acting in good faith, to resolve the dispute through communication. Any such communications may be made on a without prejudice basis and kept confidential between the parties.
- 10.7. SDSI is a low-cost disputes resolution process. Athletes issuing a Notice of Appeal must also lodge the appeal filing fee of approx. €250 at that time. There is a separate cost of the arbitration itself, payable after the hearing. For more information on SDSI costs, forms and procedure please see their website at [www.sportdisputesolutions.ie](http://www.sportdisputesolutions.ie).

## Appeals Table

Date*	Detail
To be notified by the Chef de Mission once each sport selection date is confirmed	PI Board meets to select (subject to appeals) Athletes to the Games Team
+24 hours	All Athletes on the Long List are notified by email of their selection or non-selection onto the Games Team
+48 hours	<p>Within 48 hours of receiving notice of their non-selection, an Athlete wishing to appeal must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Complete an SDSI Tokyo Appeals process combined Notice and Statement of Appeal form setting out clearly the grounds upon which they dispute their non-selection as set out in Clause 10.2 above; Please note the form and supplementary guidelines on SDSI's process are available at <a href="http://www.sportdisputesolutions.ie">www.sportdisputesolutions.ie</a></li> <li>(ii) Send the combined Notice and Statement of Appeal form to the SDSI Secretariat, along with the SDSI appeal fee; (see Clause 10.7 above)</li> <li>(iii) Send the combined Notice and Statement of Appeal form to Miriam Malone, CEO of PI by email to <a href="mailto:miriam@paralympics.ie">miriam@paralympics.ie</a></li> </ul> <p>Thereafter the SDSI Procedural Rules shall apply</p>
+/- 72 hours	<b>Appeal Hearing</b> to be conducted via zoom by an SDSI arbitrator appointed by SDSI

*\*Dates are for guidance only and are subject to change*

### 11. GENERAL

11.1. PI reserves the right to amend this Agreement from time to time in its sole discretion, where it considers there is a reasonable need to do so including where COVID-19 measures or otherwise require it to do so. Any variation to the adherence to this Agreement is at the sole discretion of PI. The manner of communicating any variation or amendment to this Agreement, to the relevant parties, is at the sole discretion of PI.

11.2. The parties agree that no commercial organisation, other than PI sponsors and/or commercial partners shall be involved in any way in any publicity or advertising at any announcement of the Games Team.

11.3. The NGB shall circulate the information contained in this Agreement to the athletes, team managers, coaches and other relevant individuals within its sport and shall procure their compliance with it.

11.4. PI and the NGB shall publish this agreement and its schedule on their websites at a date to be agreed. The NGB shall publish this agreement subsequent to PI doing so.

11.5. This Agreement is governed by the laws of Ireland.

11.6. If any dispute or difference arises between PI and the NGB concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement that cannot be resolved informally between the Parties, it shall be solely and exclusively determined by SDSI. The decision of SDSI will be final and binding on the Parties. Neither party may commence or maintain proceedings in any court or tribunal.

***By signing this agreement, I agree on behalf of xxx to abide by the conditions contained herein:***

***Print Name:***

***Signed:***

***Date:***