

# New Zealand Chess Federation

## Selection Guidelines

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The NZCF Rulebook says:

- Any player selected to represent New Zealand in any tournament shall be a currently registered player and shall hold New Zealand citizenship or have been resident in New Zealand at least two years before the commencement of the event for which he is selected.
- No player or team of players shall be entitled to represent New Zealand without the written approval of the Council.

SELECTION OF TEAMS (Adopted by the NZCF annual general meeting, 4 January 1991)

- For the selection of any national representative team the Council shall appoint a panel of three selectors. For the purpose of this rule the provisions of NZCF Constitution paragraph 3.4.1 shall not apply.
- The selection panel shall give pre-eminent weight to the results of the most recent appropriate national championship and players' ratings during the previous year but may, if necessary, consider additional criteria.

Notes:

- a) Setting aside NZCF Constitution paragraph 3.4.1 does not disqualify the President from being appointed to the selection panel.
- b) The word "appropriate" in rule 2.1.2 above acknowledges that other than open teams may require selection, e.g., women or juniors.
- c) The use of "additional criteria" may be necessary, for example, if the two primary criteria fail to adequately differentiate between several contenders for the last one or two places in a team.
- d) A different selection panel may be appointed for each event.
- e) To compete in a FIDE event as a New Zealand representative requires having New Zealand registration with FIDE and be eligible under FIDE rules.

## Qualification Events

- The New Zealand Championship held immediately before a zonal tournament in the FIDE World Championship series is the New Zealand qualifying event for the zonal tournament. The outright New Zealand Champion qualifies for the zonal tournament.
- In the case of other international individual championships or tournaments the Council may nominate an appropriate New Zealand tournament as a qualifying event. If a player so qualified is unavailable to represent New Zealand the Council or a selection committee appointed by the Council shall select a replacement.

Additional guidelines that selectors will consider include:

- Any qualification spot decided by NZCF and published prior to an event – for example – the outright NZ Champion is an Olympiad team member.
- Any additional rule the NZCF Council decides – for example – an Olympiad team must have one player under 20.

- Both NZCF and FIDE ratings are considered. The NZCF rating system is considered the primary rating system.
- Activity – with players who have not had standard games rated within the prior two years being considered inactive.
- Performance results against rating bands – for example – performances against players rated higher and lower than the player.
- Captain's reports from previous events on a player's contribution to the event.
- Player's application – for example – the player's explanation of their preparation plan and improvement plan.
- Participation in squads, training sessions, lectures etc offered by NZCF.