



Minutes of the NZU Blues Panel Meeting

Held at 1.30pm on Wednesday 28 February 2007
at the New Zealand Olympic Committee, Wellington

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| In Attendance: | Jane Skeen | - | Chair |
| | Howie Tamati | - | Member |
| | Mary Stuart | - | Member |
| | Jim Ellis | - | Executive Director, USNZ |
| | Jen Lin Wong | - | Office Administrator, USNZ |
| Apologies: | Barry Maister | - | Member |
| | Howie Tamati | - | Member (lateness) |

1. MEETING ORGANISATION

- 1.1 Welcome** - The Chair welcomed members to the 2007 Blues Panel meeting and accepted apologies from Barry Maister, away on IOC business in Europe, and Howie Tamati for lateness. The Chair thanked USNZ staff for the organisation of the meeting and NZOC for the use of their boardroom.
- 1.2 Late Nominations** - The Panel received copies of nominations that were received after the deadline from Otago University, Massey Palmerston North and NZU Rowing, and agreed to accept them for consideration.
- 1.3 Unsigned Waivers** – The Panel agreed to consider nominations that were not authorised by the nominated athletes with provision that these athletes agree their consent within a short period of time following the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- 2.1 Minutes** - The Panel noted the Minutes of the last meeting dated 12 April 2006 and confirmed that no changes for accuracy were required.

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| Moved: Chair | <i>That the Minutes of the meeting of the NZU Blues Panel held on 12 April 2006 be adopted as a true and accurate record.</i> CARRIED U |
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2.2 Matters Arising:

- a) **Standards** - The Panel noted the changes of each sports' standards as agreed at the 2006 Panel meeting, as well as subsequent revisions to standards proposed by NSOs for their sports, to be considered for adoption.
- b) **Nomination Forms** – The Panel noted the following:
- Improvements to the NZU Blues nomination form including a national ranking column, suggested at the last meeting had been made.
 - Typed nominations were an improvement on previous years.
 - The Massey Blues form currently did not have a section for Maori nomination details.
 - Communication had been made with the relevant Lincoln staff regarding item 7.1a in the 2006 Blues Panel Minutes.

3. FEEDBACK FROM USNZ EXECUTIVE IN 2006

- 3.1 The Panel noted feedback from the USNZ Executive in 2006, viz:
- 3.2 **Membership** - The ED informed the Panel of the debate within USNZ regarding the possible widening of membership to include non-University tertiary institutions. The Panel suggested that, if such changes were made, that students at non-Universities would not be eligible for NZU Blues but that a new category of award would be required to recognise their achievements. However, it was recognised that the wider issue had still to be formally approved by USNZ's membership and that this debate would be concluded in June 2007.
- 3.3 **Blues Awards Ceremony** – The ED informed the Panel of the Executive's decision to consider staging the 2008 Blues Awards Ceremony in Auckland. The Panel recommended that local former Blues recipients be invited to the Awards Ceremony. It was suggested that the archiving and database compilation of past recipients' contact details be put forward to a student researcher.
- 3.4 **Panel Appointment** – The Panel noted the decision of the Executive to re-appoint Dr Jane Skeen (Chair), Barry Maister, Howie Tamati and Mary Stuart as the NZU Blues Panel for 2006-07.
- 3.5 **International Students** – The Panel noted the Executive's decision that international students studying at NZ Universities were eligible to receive a Blue.

4. REVISION OF BLUES STANDARDS

- 4.1 **Purpose Statement** - The Panel discussed the current Purpose Statement and agreed for the following re-wording to better encapsulate the purpose of the Blues:

“The NZU Blue is one of New Zealand's most prestigious and long standing awards that recognises a University student's performance in representing New Zealand at the annual pinnacle events of their sport whilst successfully progressing their academic studies.”

- 4.2 Commonwealth Games** – The Panel discussed the academic eligibility criteria during a Commonwealth Games year (2006), noting the recent changes which allowed dispensation for athletes attending an Olympics. The Panel agreed that the Olympics was the pinnacle event and that the same general level of dispensation would not be given for Commonwealths. However it agreed that it retained the right to offer dispensation during Commonwealth Games year at its discretion.
- 4.3 Sport Specific Standards** – The Panel considered the proposed sports specific standards that had been submitted by NSOs and made amendments as deemed necessary to maintain consistency across sports in line with the overall Blues policy. The Panel agreed that the Blues is a performance award and requested clarification regarding eligibility of NZ athletes to attend World Cup events in certain sports. Sports not mentioned below retained their previous standards.
- 4.4 Archery** - The Panel recommended that appropriate dates be included to complement the sanctioned events. USNZ to check with Archery NZ about eligibility for Blues recipient if achieved at World Championships and Oceania Championships. Concern was expressed that the Oceanias would be too weak.
- 4.5 Bowls** – That the criteria be changed to include *“New Zealand Senior Representation in at least two of the following:”*
- 4.6 Boxing** – That the criteria be amended to include *‘ranked top 3’* in the Oceania Championships.
- 4.7 Canoe / Kayak** – That *“World Cup”* be omitted as a pinnacle event.
- 4.8 Canoe Polo** – To check with NSO how Pacific Games compare to Oceania Games.
- 4.9 Cricket** – That the criteria be amended to read only *“To have represented the Black Caps”* for Men’s and *“To have represented the White Ferns”* for Women’s.
- 4.10 Cycling** – To check with NSO regarding timings of the World Championships.
- 4.11 Debating** – That the criteria be amended to read only the following:
- *“S/he shall have reached the knockout finals series of a World Universities Debating Championships and/or shall have been placed in the top 10% of individual speakers at that competition.*
 - *S/he shall have reached the knockout finals series of an Australasian Intervarsity Debating Championship and/or shall have been placed in the top 10% of individual speakers at that competition.”*

Awaiting further feedback required from the NZU Debating Council.

- 4.12 Fencing** – To indicate that the Oceania Championship eligibility is discretionary.
- 4.13 Football** – To specify that the NZ Senior National Team for Men be *‘All Whites’*
- 4.14 Golf** – To delete *“The New Zealand Team for the Ross Herbert Cup”* for women.

4.15 Ice Hockey - To add *“Represented NZ (Ice Blacks) at the IIHF Senior World Championships held annually”*.

4.16 Ice Skating – To indicate that the World Championships is an annual event.

4.17 Karate – That the minimum criteria be changed to read *“Represented in a Karate New Zealand national senior team”* and that Karate NZ specify pinnacle events for each year.

4.18 Kartsport – The Panel agreed for the criteria to read as follows:

“To have achieved at least one of the following:

- *CIK-FIA World Championship (Top 10 result)*
- *CIK-FIA World Cup (Top 6 result)*
- *CIK-FIA European and other CIK-FIA sanctioned events (Top 5 result)*
- *Australian AKA National Championship (Top 3 result)*

**Given that the athlete has achieved the following:*

- *Kartsport New Zealand National Championship (Top 3 result)*
- *Kartsport New Zealand Island Championship event (1st place)”*

4.19 Lacrosse - The Panel agreed that the criteria to read as follows:

“Represented NZ in at least one of the following:

- *World Championship – Men (2006)*
- *Asia Pacific Championship – Men & Women (2007)*
- *No event - International fixtures only – Men & Women (2008)*
- *World Championship – Women (2009)*
- *Asia Pacific Championships – Men (2009)*
- *World Championship – Men (2010)”*

4.19 Motorcycling - To add *“To have represented New Zealand in more than one of the following”*.

4.20 Rugby League – That the criteria be changed to read *“That there be senior international representation”*, instead of *“Must have completed Internationally for NZ Senior Team”*.

4.21 Shooting – The Panel agreed for the following pinnacle events to be added to the criteria:

“Pinnacle events for all disciplines (this includes Shotgun (Clay Target) Rifle (Target Shooting), Pistol and Fullbore):

- *Commonwealth Games*
- *World Championships*

2007 pinnacle events:

Shotgun:

World Cups (Korea/Slovenia)

World Championships (Cyprus)

Oceania Championships (Australia)

Rifle and Pistol:

World Cups (Australia/Thailand)
Oceania Championships (Australia)

Fullbore:
The Palmer (Canada)
Oceania Championships (Australia)

NB. Oceania representation would have to be in the A squad."

4.21 Snowsports – Still to hear from Ski Racing NZ and Snowsports NZ for criteria feedback. The Panel agreed for the criteria for Snowboarding be as follows:

"Represented NZ in at least one of the following:

- *Olympic Games*
- *FIS Snowboard World Championships*
- *FIS Snowboard World Cup**

**discretionary"*

4.22 Softball - That the criteria be amended to read *"Women: Must be a member of the White Sox"*

4.23 Squash – To approach Squash NZ for pinnacle events post 2006.

4.24 Surf Life Saving – To check with the NSO for timing of the World Surf Lifesaving Championships.

4.25 Synchronised Swimming – The Panel agreed for the criteria to read:

"Represented NZ in at least one of the following:

- *World Championships (every 2 years)*
- *Olympic Games*
- *Commonwealth Games"*

4.25 Taekwondo – That the criteria be changed to read *"To have been selected to represent New Zealand at the Senior World Championships and/or medalling in a major international tournament (at least 10 countries competing)";* and to check whether ITF or WTF was the Olympic code. Still need to include 'must be a black belt'.

4.26 Triathlon – That the criteria be changed to read *"To be a member of the New Zealand team in at one of the following: Commonwealth Games, Olympics Games and World Championships Elite".*

Also, the Panel agreed to the **Duathlon** standard that reads *"To be a member of the New Zealand team in the World Championships Elite".*

4.27 Touch – The Panel agreed that the criteria be amended to read *"To have been selected in the New Zealand Open Team..."*

4.28 Underwater Hockey – That the criteria be amended to read *"To have represented New Zealand at an international pinnacle event tournament",* and to request the NSO to provide pinnacle events for the sport.

- 4.29 Volleyball / Beach Volleyball** – That the criteria be amended to read “*Must be a member of the NZ Volleyball / Beach Volleyball Elite Team and have...*”, and to approach Volleyball NZ to provide a list of pinnacle events and a separate criteria for Beach Volleyball.
- 4.30 Waterskiing** – That the criteria be amended to retain the first three criteria and to re-word that the athlete have to be a current New Zealand Team Member and represented NZ at a recognised International Waterskiing event.
- 4.31 Yachting-** delete university from World University Games- also need the pinnacle events.

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| Recommendation: | <i>It was recommended that the above amendments be made to the Blues standards.</i> |
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5. ELIGIBLE UNIVERSITIES IN 2006

- 5.1** The Panel noted the ten eligible Universities to receive awards for 2006 – Auckland, AUT, Canterbury, Lincoln, Massey Auckland, Massey Palmerston North, Massey Wellington, Otago, Victoria and Waikato.

6. NOMINATIONS

- 6.1 Nominations for 2006** - The Panel received 112 nominations for Blues from the 10 Universities in membership of USNZ in 2006. It was noted that Massey Wellington had attained membership in 2006 and were therefore eligible for Blues for 2006. It was also noted that Massey Extra Mural students are eligible for Blues in the 2006 academic year.

- 6.2 Blues Awards** - The Panel considered the nominations and agreed the awarding of NZU Blues for 2006 to the following:

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| i) | Athletics | - | Timothy Hodge | - | Victoria |
| ii) | Badminton | - | Donna Cranston | - | AUT |
| iii) | Basketball | - | Lisa Wallbutton | - | AUT |
| iv) | Canoe / Kayak | - | Michael Dawson | - | Massey PN |
| | | - | Mark Yungrnickel | - | Massey PN |
| v) | Canoe Polo | - | Olivia Spencer-Bower | - | Massey W |
| | | - | Joanna Wright | - | Massey PN |
| | | - | Tania Perrett | - | Massey PN |
| vi) | Debating | - | Sayeqa Islam | - | Victoria |
| | | - | Joseph Connell | - | Victoria |
| | | - | Stephen Whittington | - | Victoria |
| vii) | Golf | - | James Gill | - | Waikato |
| viii) | Hockey | - | Ben Collier | - | AUT |
| | | - | James Nation | - | Otago |
| | | - | Bridget Kight | - | Canterbury |
| | | - | Krystal Forgesson | - | AUT |
| | | - | Emily Naylor | - | Massey PN |
| ix) | Ice Hockey | - | Andrew Hay | - | Massey A |
| | | - | Timothy Faull | - | Auckland |
| | | - | Mitchell Oak | - | AUT |

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| x) | Ice Skating | - | Tristan Thode | - | Auckland |
| xi) | Karate | - | Amy Thomason | - | Massey W |
| | | - | Travis Butler | - | Auckland |
| | | - | Brendon Running | - | Auckland |
| | | - | Tamara Glyn | - | Auckland |
| | | - | Sarah Campbell | - | Waikato |
| | | - | Kylie Rochford | - | Canterbury |
| xii) | Motorcycling | - | Emma Davis | - | Waikato |
| xiii) | Motorsport | - | Sara Randall | - | Massey PN |
| xiv) | Mountain Biking | - | Tim Wilding | - | Victoria |
| xv) | Netball | - | Joline Henry | - | Waikato |
| | | - | Laura Langman | - | Waikato |
| | | - | Leana de Bruin | - | Waikato |
| xvi) | Orienteering | - | James Bradshaw | - | Auckland |
| xvii) | Rollersport | - | Geneviere Mercer | - | Auckland |
| | | - | Sarah-Jane Jones | - | Massey PN |
| xviii) | Rowing | - | Candice Bardsley | - | Waikato |
| | | - | Bess Halley | - | Waikato |
| | | - | Darnelle Timbs | - | Waikato |
| | | - | Paula Twining | - | Waikato |
| | | - | George Bridgewater | - | Waikato |
| xix) | Rugby League | - | Jerome Ropati | - | AUT |
| xx) | Rugby Union | - | Anna Richards | - | Massey A |
| | | - | John Afoa | - | AUT |
| | | - | Beth Mallard | - | Otago |
| xxi) | Shooting | - | Natalie Curtis | - | Waikato |
| xxii) | Surf Life Saving | - | Johanna O'Connor | - | Massey A |
| | | - | Julia Toomey | - | Auckland |
| | | - | Nikki Cox | - | Waikato |
| | | - | Michael Buck | - | AUT |
| xxiii) | Swimming | - | Moss Burmester* | - | Massey A |
| | | - | Melissa Ingram | - | Auckland |
| | | - | Elizabeth Coster | - | Auckland |
| | | - | Glenn Snyders | - | AUT |
| | | - | Georgina Toomey | - | Canterbury |
| xxiv) | Table Tennis | - | Sarah Ho | - | Waikato |
| | | - | Peter Craven | - | Auckland |
| xxv) | Underwater Hockey | - | Piers Gordon | - | Victoria |
| | | - | Jessica Massey | - | Otago |
| | | - | Adela May | - | Otago |
| xxvi) | Waterpolo | - | Nicholas Grieve | - | Auckland |
| xxvii) | Wheelchair Rugby | - | Daniel Buckingham | - | Canterbury |
| | | - | Jai White | - | AUT |
| xxviii) | Yachting | - | Matt Coutts | - | Massey A |
| | | - | Antonio Cozzolino | - | Auckland |

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| Recommendation: | <i>It was recommended that the above listed nominees receive NZU Blues Awards for 2006.</i> |
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** It was noted that academic dispensation was given to Moss Burmester (Swimming) due to training commitments in a Commonwealth Games year.*

7. OTHER AWARDS

- 7.1 NZU Maori Sportsperson of the Year** – The Panel agreed that the finalists for the 2006 NZU Maori Sportsperson of the Year Award be Joline Henry (Netball) and Krystal Forgesson (Hockey). The Panel determined the winner who would remain confidential until the night of the Awards Ceremony on 29 June – see appendix 1.
- 7.2 Outstanding Achievement Award** – That Nathan Cohen (Otago), Richard Beaumont (Auckland), Alexander Mowat (Lincoln), Henry Smith (Canterbury), and Mark Patterson (Canterbury) receive Outstanding Achievement Awards for medal winning performances at the 2006 World University Rowing Championships in Lithuania.
- 7.3 Distinguished Performance Award** – That Bradley Anderson (AUT, Outrigger Canoe) and Phillis Meti (AUT, Golf – longest drive) receive Distinguished Performance Awards for performance in a sport / discipline that does not have a current Blues standard.
- 7.4 NZU Coaching and Sports Administration Awards** – The Panel discussed a name change for the ‘Coach and Administrator of the Year Awards’ as it was agreed that these awards could be offered for long standing service award to their sports, as well as the coach’s / administrator’s contribution in a single year.

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| Recommendation: | <i>It was recommended that the ‘Coach / Administrator of the Year’ awards be re-named to ‘Coaching / Sports Administration Awards’.</i> <i>CARRIED U</i> |
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- 7.5 NZU Coaching Award** - Two nominations were received and the Panel agreed that Trevor McLeod would receive the NZU Coaching Award for services to NZU Rugby League.
- 7.6 NZU Sports Administration Award** - Five nominations were received and the Panel agreed that John Harraway would receive the NZU Sports Administration Award for services to the Otago University Squash Club.

8. SUPREME AWARD

- 8.2 NZU Sportsperson of the Year Finalists** – The Panel agreed that the finalists for the 2006 NZU Sportsperson of the Year be Laura Langman (Netball), Anna Richards (Rugby Union), Moss Burmester (Swimming), Nikki Cox (Surf Life Saving), and Piers Gordon (Underwater Hockey).
- 8.2 NZU Sportsperson of the Year** - The Panel determined the winner who would remain confidential until the night of the Awards Ceremony on 29 June – see appendix 1.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 9.1 Awards Ceremony** - The Panel noted that the 2007 NZU Blues Awards Ceremony, for achievements during 2006, would be held on Friday 29 June at the Great Hall, Massey University, Wellington.

10. DATE & VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Wellington, date to be confirmed.

11. CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Chair thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 5.20pm.