



Minutes of the NZU Blues Panel Meeting

Held at 1.30pm on Wednesday 12 April 2006

In the NZ Olympic Committee Boardroom, Wellington

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

Apologies: None

1. MEETING ORGANISATION

- 1.1 **Welcome** - The Chair and ED welcomed members to the 2006 Blues Panel meeting and thanked Barry Maister (NZOC General Secretary) for hosting the meeting.
- 1.2 **Updated Standards** - The Panel noted the letter that had been sent to all National Sporting Organisations (NSOs) by USNZ requesting that they update their standards in line with the tightening of Blues standards agreed by the Panel and the USNZ Executive in 2005. The Panel received an updated list of standards following submissions from NSOs and taking into account sports specific amendments agreed in 2005.
- 1.3 **Late Nominations** - The Panel received copies of nominations received after the deadline from University of Auckland and agreed to accept them for consideration.
- 1.4 **USNZ Executive** - The Panel noted the decisions of the USNZ Executive in 2005 as they related to the NZU Blues.
- 1.5 **Eligible Universities** - The Panel noted the eligible Universities to receive awards for 2005 – Auckland, AUT, Canterbury, Lincoln, Massey Albany, Massey Palmerston North, Otago, Victoria and Waikato.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- 2.1 **Minutes** - The Panel noted the Minutes of the last meeting dated 18 April 2005 and confirmed that no changes for accuracy were required.

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| Moved: Chair | <i>That the NZU Blues Panel Minutes of 18 April 2005 be adopted as a true and accurate record.</i> | <i>CARRIED U</i> |
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2.2 Matters Arising:

- a) **Sports Ranking** - The Panel suggested that the nomination form be amended to include a sport rankings column which would more easily allow nominees to indicate their NZ or world ranking.
- b) **Nomination Forms** - It was noted that a greater number of nominations had been submitted on the USNZ forms as required. However, it was noted that the forms submitted by Waikato University did not indicate any sporting performances over the last 4 months of 2005.

3. SPORTS STANDARDS

- 3.1 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 overall Blues policy. Sports not mentioned below retain their previous standards.
- 3.2 **Athletics** – The Panel agreed the addition of the IAAF World Mountain Running Championships to the list of events.
- 3.3 **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.
- 3.4 **Badminton** – It was recommended that the standard be changed to read “Players must also have achieved senior international representation in addition to New Zealand ranking”.
- 3.5 **Bowls** – That the criteria be changed to include “New Zealand Senior Representation in at least one of the following:”
- 3.6 **Canoe / Kayak** – That the criteria be amended to include the Olympics as a standards event. To check with the NSO if Canoe/Kayak World Championships are an annual event. Also, the criteria be changed for ‘Canoe Polo’ to be removed from the list as it is a category on its own.
- 3.7 **Cricket** – That the criteria be amended to include “Represented the Black Caps” for Men’s and “Represented the White Ferns“ for Women’s.
- 3.8 **Fencing** - That the criteria for the Commonwealth Championships be made ‘discretionary’ with qualification and timing details required from FeNZ. The Panel queried whether the Oceania Championships were of a sufficient standard for a Blue, again USNZ to check with FeNZ.

- 3.9 Golf** – To check with NZ Golf regarding standard for the Women’s qualification for the New Zealand Commonwealth Tournament; the Panel suspected this standard was too weak.
- 3.10 Gymnastics** – To delete “World Cup Series events sanctioned by FIG”, “World Games”, “Pacific Alliance Championships” from the criteria. The Panel agreed that the World University Games should be added to the list of events but with discretionary status rather than automatic.
- 3.11 Hockey (Indoor)** - Following advice from Hockey NZ the Panel agreed to remove the standard from indoor hockey as there is currently no international programme.
- 3.12 Judo** - That the criteria be amended to include World University Games, albeit with discretionary status.
- 3.13 Karate** – That the criteria be amended to include “Selection in a Karate New Zealand national senior team”.
- 3.14 Netball** – That the previous standard “and/or as a New Zealand Under 21 player at a World Youth Cup” be deleted from the criteria.
- 3.15 Orienteering** – That the criteria be amended so that the standard for obtaining a Blues Award for attendance at the World Orienteering Cup be discretionary.
- 3.16 Paralympics** - The Panel requested that Paralympics NZ be contacted to determine which events are IPC sanctioned and these be included as the standards for disability sport.
- 3.17 Shooting** – That the criteria be changed to read “Be a member of a nationally selected senior team at an International event” and that the NZ Shooting Federation to provide a list of pinnacle events.
- 3.18 Snowsports** – That a list of recognised international events and disciplines be included. USNZ to contact Snowsports NZ, Ski Racing NZ and NZ Snowboarding Association.
- 3.19 Surf Life Saving** - The Panel agreed to add ‘senior’ to the world championship standard.
- 3.20 Swimming** – To ask Swimming NZ to confirm the events that would be sufficient for receiving a Blue noting that World Short Course Championships were currently not included.
- 3.21 Rollerskating** – To check with the relevant NSO regarding criteria for future NZU Blues nominations.
- 3.22 Taekwondo** – To check with the NSO as to what is considered a recognised World Class Open Event, the current standard.
- 3.23 Tennis** – That the criteria be amended to remove “To be ranked the top player in New Zealand”.
- 3.24 Touch** – To ask Touch NZ to specify tournaments which would qualify for a Blue.

- 3.25 Triathlon** – To request Triathlon NZ to list pinnacle events within the criteria. Also for criteria for Duathlon be sought from Triathlon NZ and included in this section.
- 3.26 Volleyball** – That the criteria be amended to remove “or pre-elite”.
- 3.27 Water Skiing** – To check with NZ Waterskiing whether barefoot waterskiing was an internationally recognised discipline for a Blues Award.
- 3.28 Yachting** – That the criteria be amended to read “Be a New Zealand Olympic or World Championship representative” and remove “Have won a national title in a ISAF recognised class” and “Been placed in the top 3 in an inter-dominion regatta”.

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| Recommendation: | <i>It was recommended that the above amendments be made to the Blues standards.</i> |
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4. NOMINATIONS

- 4.1 Nominations for 2005** - The Panel received 110 nominations for Blues for sporting and academic performance which had been received from the 9 Universities in membership of USNZ in 2005. It was noted that Massey Wellington students were not eligible for Blues for 2005 as they were not USNZ members in that year. It was also noted that Massey Extra Mural students were not eligible given that their students' association was not in membership of USNZ in 2005.
- 4.2 Overseas Students** - The Panel noted that overseas students studying at USNZ member Universities were eligible to receive Blues. NZ citizens studying abroad were not eligible to receive Blues.
- 4.3 Blues Awards** - The Panel considered the 110 nominations and agreed the awarding of NZU Blues for 2005 to the following:
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| a) Athletics | - Ben Revell | - Otago |
| b) Basketball | - Lisa Wallbutton | - AUT |
| c) Beach Volleyball | - Rebecca Reidy | - Massey PN |
| d) Canoe / Kayak | - Anne Cairns | - Massey PN |
| | - Johann Roozenberg | - Massey PN |
| | - Mark Yungnickel | - Massey PN |
| | - Michael Dawson | - Massey PN |
| | - Tania Perrett | - Massey PN |
| e) Canoe Polo | - Jennifer Gadd | - Canterbury |
| | - Tania Perrett | - Massey PN |
| f) Debating | - Christopher Bishop | - Victoria |
| g) Duathlon | - Clive Cooper | - Massey PN |
| h) Hockey | - Ben Collier | - AUT |
| | - Cain Fleming | - AUT |
| | - Jaimee Provan | - AUT |
| | - Bridget Kight | - Canterbury |
| | - Elizabeth Ryan | - Canterbury |
| | - Kate Mahon | - Massey A |

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| | - | Lloyd Stephenson | - | Massey A |
| | - | Meredith Orr | - | Lincoln |
| i) Karate | - | Travis Butler | - | Auckland |
| j) Netball | - | Joline Henry | - | Waikato |
| | - | Laura Langman | - | Waikato |
| | - | Lesley Rumball | - | Auckland |
| k) Orienteering | - | Claire Paterson | - | Massey A |
| l) Rowing | - | George Bridgewater | - | Waikato |
| m) Rugby Union | - | Anna Richards | - | Massey PN |
| | - | Derren Witcombe | - | AUT |
| | - | Justine Lavea | - | AUT |
| | - | James Ryan | - | Otago |
| n) Swimming | - | Alison Fitch | - | Massey A |
| | - | Helen Norfolk | - | Massey A |
| | - | Scott Talbot-Cameron | - | Massey A |
| | - | Te Rina Taite | - | Massey A |
| | - | Elizabeth Coster | - | Auckland |
| | - | Melissa Ingram | - | Auckland |
| | - | Georgina Toomey | - | Canterbury |
| | - | Glenn Synders | - | AUT |
| o) Touch | - | Donovan Rihari | - | AUT |
| p) Triathlon | - | Debbie Tanner | - | AUT |
| | - | Martin van Barneveld | - | Victoria |
| q) Underwater Hockey | - | Adela May | - | Otago |
| | - | Jessica Massey | - | Otago |
| | - | Piers Gordon | - | Victoria |
| | - | Richard Maxwell | - | Victoria |
| r) Volleyball | - | Brad Takai | - | AUT |
| s) Water Polo | - | Sarah Pattison | - | Auckland |
| t) Wheelchair Rugby | - | Daniel Buckingham | - | Canterbury |
| u) Windsurfing | - | Matthew McCormick | - | Auckland |
| | - | Antonio Cozzolino | - | Auckland |
| v) Yachting | - | Michael Bullot | - | Massey A |
| | - | Sara Winther | - | Massey A |

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| Recommendation: | <i>It was recommended that the above listed nominees receive NZU Blues Awards for 2005.</i> |
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5. OTHER AWARDS

- 5.1 Maori Sportsperson of the Year** – The Panel agreed that the finalists for the 2005 Maori Sportsperson of the Year Award be Joline Henry (Netball), Donovan Rihari (Touch Rugby) and Te Rina Taite (Swimming). The Panel determined the winner who would remain confidential until the night of the Awards Ceremony on 14th July – see appendix 1.
- 5.2 Outstanding Achievement Award** – That Mary Davies (Oklahoma State University, USA - Athletics), Kimberly Smith (Providence College, USA - Athletics) and Rebecca Tegg (AUT - Soccer) receive Outstanding Achievement Awards for performances at the 2005 World University Games in Turkey.

- 5.3 Distinguished Performance Award** – That Bradley Anderson (AUT, Outrigger Canoe)) be awarded a Distinguished Performance Award for performance in a sport / discipline that does not have a current Blues standard.
- 5.4 Administrator of the Year Award** - The Panel agreed that the nominees did not meet the standards required and declined to make the award for 2005.
- 5.5 Coach of the Year Award** - The Panel agreed that the nominees did not meet the standards required and declined to make the award for 2005.

6. SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR

- 6.1 Sportsperson of the Year Finalists** – The Panel agreed that the finalists for the 2005 Sportsperson of the Year be George Bridgewater (Rowing), Helen Norfolk (Swimming), Anna Richards (Rugby Union), Lesley Rumball (Netball), James Ryan (Rugby Union), Debbie Tanner (Triathlon) and Jaimee Provan (Hockey).
- 6.2 Sportsperson of the Year** - The Panel determined the winner who would remain confidential until the night of the Awards Ceremony on 14th July – see appendix 1.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 7.1 Lincoln** - The Panel noted and questioned the absence of further nominations from Lincoln University.
- 7.2 Awards Ceremony** - The Panel noted that the 2006 NZU Blues Awards Ceremony, for achievements during the 2005 academic year, would be held on Friday 14 July at Te Papa, Wellington.

8. DATE & VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed.

9. CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Chair thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 5.00pm.

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- 5.1 Maori Sportsperson of the Year** – The Panel agreed that the winner of the 2005 Maori Sportsperson of the Year Award would be Joline Henry (Netball, Waikato).
- 6.3 Sportsperson of the Year** - The Panel agreed that the winner of the 2005 Sportsperson of the Year Award would be George Bridgewater (Rowing, Waikato).