



Minutes of the USNZ Blues Panel Meeting

Held at 1230pm on Monday 18 May 2005

In the 4th Floor Boardroom, Tourism and Travel House, Wellington.

In Attendance:	Jane Skeen	-	Chair
	Howie Tamati	-	Member
	Mary Stuart	-	Member
	Barry Maister	-	Member
	Jim Ellis	-	Executive Director, USNZ
	Annabel Ritchie	-	Office Administrator, USNZ

1. MEETING ORGANISATION

The Executive Director welcomed members to the Blues Panel meeting, the first in-person meeting for many years. The Executive Director made the necessary introductions and gave an overview of the aims of the Panel.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

2.1 Matters of accuracy:

- a) That John Gabites's (Volleyball) name was spelt incorrectly.
- b) That Daniel Buckingham's (Wheelchair Rugby) name was spelt incorrectly.

Moved: Chair	<i>That the NZU Blues Panel Minutes of 26 May 2004 be adopted as a true and accurate record.</i>	<i>CARRIED U</i>
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2.2 Matters arising:

It was noted that annual Blues Panel meetings would take place in person, rather than by teleconference.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Academic eligibility - The Panel considered the increase in training and sporting pressures facing athletes in an Olympic year. The Panel agreed the academic requirements for athletes participating at the Olympic Games should allow some flexibility in terms of the 1/3 of a fulltime course load to reflect the increases in training and pressures these athletes are under.

Recommendation:	<p>It was recommended that during an Olympic year a degree of flexibility is applied to the academic requirement to reflect the increases in training workload for student athletes participating at the Olympic Games.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED U</p>
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Recommendation:	<p>It was recommended that the degree of flexibility allowed was at the discretion of the Blues Panel.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED U</p>
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3.2 Blues Panel Composition – It was noted that Mary Stuart wished to retire from the Blues Panel. Thoughts were given as to additional members and it was decided the Executive Director would investigate new members.

4. REVISION OF STANDARDS

- 4.1 Athletics** – The panel recommended that the criteria should include the words ‘NZ representation in “at least” one of the following’. The panel also recommended that IAAF World Cup Marathon, IAAF World Cup Walking Cup and IAAF World Junior Track & Field Championships be removed from the criteria.
- 4.2 Archery** – The panel recommended that a NZ ranking be included in the criteria, and a placing of the top 3 at Oceania Championships.
- 4.3 Bowls** - The panel recommended that the criteria be changed to include “at least one of the following”.
- 4.4 Boxing** – That the criteria be changed to include being the NZ Champion in their class, and to have represented New Zealand at one of the following: Oceania Championships, Commonwealth games, Olympic Games.
- 4.5 Canoe / Kayak** – That the international competitions and the different Canoe and kayak federations ratified by Canoeing NZ be included in the criteria.
- 4.6 Canoe Polo** – That the criteria be amended to include winning a medal at Oceania Championships.
- 4.7 Debating** – That the criteria be change to include “at least two of the following.”
- 4.8 Fencing** - That the criteria include a list of international events approved by Fencing NZ.
- 4.9 Football (Soccer)** – That a definition of a FIFA fixture be included in the criteria
- 4.10 Golf** – That the men’s criteria be amended to include” at least one of the following.” That a criterion for women's Golf be included.

- 4.11 Gymnastics** – That the criteria be amended to include “at least one of the following.”
- 4.12 Indoor Hockey** – That the place of Indoor Hockey within the NZ Hockey framework be established.
- 4.13 Judo** – That the criteria be amended to include Commonwealth Games.
- 4.14 Karate** – That the standard be amended to state a top 4 placing in the particular discipline at the National Championships and international representation at a recognised IJF Event.
- 4.15 Kendo** – That a standard be created for kendo
- 4.16 Orienteering** – That the criteria be amended to include the World Championships, World Cup and Australia vs. NZ Challenge and Test Match.
- 4.17 Paralympics-** That a list of IPC events be included in the criteria.
- 4.18 Polocrosse** – That a criterion for Polocrosse be developed.
- 4.19 Rugby Union** – That the words “All Black Touring squad” be included in the criteria.
- 4.20 Shooting** – That the events and disciplines be included in the criteria.
- 4.21 Snowsports** – That a list of recognised international events and disciplines be included.
- 4.22 Softball** – That a list of international competitions be included in the criteria.
- 4.23 Squash** – That a list of the International competitions be included in the criteria.
- 4.24 Taekwondo** - That this criterion is updated to include a list of the recognised World or Regional Events NZ Taekwondo attends.
- 4.25 Tennis** – That the criterion is changed to include: Top 1 in New Zealand and representation at one of the following: Davis Cup / Federation Cup, Olympic Games.
- 4.26 Touch** – That the criteria be amended to include Men’s, Women’s and Mixed.
- 4.27 Triathlon** – That a standard for Duathlon and Ironman also be included.
- 4.28 Underwater Hockey** – That the criteria be amended to state the Top 6 players in NZ.
- 4.29 Volleyball** – That the criteria be amended to remove the starting line up.
- 4.30 Waterpolo** – That the criteria list the International Events attended by the NZ Team
- 4.31 Water-Ski** – That the competitions be included in the criteria
- 4.32 Yachting** – That a standard for Mistral board sailing be included

Recommendation:	It was recommended that the above changes be made to the Blues Criteria. CARRIED U
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5. SPECIAL AWARDS

- 5.1 World University Games / World University Championships** – The Blues Panel considered the importance of the World University Championships and the World University Games in the International programme of USNZ. The panel recommended that a special award be made to student athletes who achieve outstanding results at either the

World University Games or World University Championships in the given year.

Recommendation:	<p>The Blues Panel recommends USNZ awards a special award to student athletes who have achieved an outstanding result at the World University Games or World University Championships in the given year.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED U</p>
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6. NOMINATIONS

- 6.1 Nomination Forms** – It was noted that most nominations were received on the USNZ forms. It was agreed that in future years all nominations must be received on the “USNZ nomination” form as opposed to the various Universities forms.
- 6.2 Coach** – Sergio Salis be awarded the NZU Blues coach of the year
- 6.3 Administrator** – That Margaret Nicholson from AUT be awarded the NZU Blues Administrator of the Year Award
- 6.4 Badminton** –John Gordon from Auckland University be awarded a NZU Blue.
- 6.5 Canoe / Kayak** –Anne Cairns, Heather Jull, Mark Yunganickle, Jared Meehan and Johann Roozeburg (all Massey PN) are awarded NZU Blues.
- 6.6 Canoe Polo** – Ben Leith and Jennifer Gadd be awarded NZU Blues Awards. It was noted Claire Osbourne and James Sewell had met the sporting criteria, but not the academic. Tania Perrott also met the sporting criteria, but was not a student during 2004.
- 6.7 Cricket** – Amanda Green, Louise Milliken, Maria Fahey, Nicola Browne and Zara McGlashan be awarded a NZU Blue.
- 6.8 Debating** –Christopher Bishop and Gareth Richards (Both Victoria) be awarded NZU Blues awards.
- 6.9 Gymnastics** –Danila Aitken, Joanna Aitken and Kelly Aitken (all Auckland University) be a warded NZU Blues.
- 6.10 Hockey** –Emily Naylor, Kayla Sharland (both being subject to the “flexibility of academic requirement during an Olympic year recommendation) and Loyd Stephenson (all Massey PN) be awarded a NZU Blues.
- 6.11 Inline Hockey** – Casey Redman (AUT) and David Thomsen (Massey PN) be awarded NZU Blues.
- 6.12 Karate** – Travis Butler be awarded a NZU Blues.
- 6.13 Netball** – Anna Scarlett (Otago0 and Jolene Henry (Waikato) be awarded NZU Blues.
- 6.14 Ocean Rowing** – The panel recommends that James Fitzgerald be awarded a special award for his ‘distinguishing performances’ in a non-recognised Blues Sport during 2003-2004.
- 6.15 Paralympics** – Mathew Slade (Otago) and Miriam Jenkins (Waikato) be awarded a NZU Blues.
- 6.16 Rowing** –Juliette Haigh (Auckland), Nathan Twaddle, George Bridgewater (both Waikato) be awarded a NZU Blues.
- 6.17 Rugby** – Anna Richards (Massey PN) be awarded a NZU Blues.

- 6.18 Shooting** – Nadine Stanton, Natalie Curtis (both Waikato) and Richard Hearne (Victoria) be awarded a NZU Blues.
- 6.19 Softball** – That Brooke Lockhart (Canterbury) be awarded a NZU Blues.
- 6.20 Swimming-** Scott Talbot and Helen Norfolk (both Massey Albany) be awarded a NZU Blues (subject to the “flexibility of academic requirement during an Olympic year recommendation”) and Michael Jack (Auckland), and Shannon Clayton (Victoria) be awarded NZU Blues
- 6.21 Touch** –Dannie Rihari (AUT) and Rebecca Hales be awarded a NZU Blues.
- 6.22 Triathlon** - Jess Draskau-Petersson (Waikato) be awarded a NZU Blues
- 6.23 Ultimate** – Tania Davidson (AUT) be awarded a NZU Blues.
- 6.24 Underwater Hockey** –Scott Maddox (AUT), Darren Foo and Richard Maxwell (both Victoria) be awarded NZU Blues.
- 6.25 Volleyball** – That Rebecca Reidy (Massey PN), Anna Scarlett, Marnie Grant (both Otago) and Jarred Wilson (Waikato) all be awarded NZU Blues.
- 6.26 Waterpolo** – Amy Logan, Anna Sieprath, Sarah Pattison (all Auckland) and Olivia Colebourne (AUT) are awarded a NZU Blues.
- 6.28 Yachting** – Clarification from Yachting NZ still waiting to be received.

Recommendation:	It was recommended that the above listed nominees receive NZU Blues Awards for 2004. CARRIED U
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7. SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR / MAORI SPORTSPERSON

- 7.1 Outstanding performances at a WUG / WUC Special Award** – That Megan Ross (University of Louisiana) be awarded a USNZ award for outstanding achievements at the 2004 World University Water Skiing Championships (Megan won a bronze and a Silver Medal at the World University Waterskiing Championships in Russia in 2004).
- 7.2 Sportsperson of the year** – The panel recommended that Matthew Slade (Paralympics) be awarded the Sportsperson of the year. The runners-up were George Bridgewater and Nathan Twaddle (both rowing) with Nadine Stanton (Shooting) also being a finalist for the award.
- 7.3 Maori Sportsperson of the year** – Jolene Henry (Netball) be the Maori Sportsperson of the year.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 8.1** In order to raise awareness of the Awards Ceremony, the Panel recommends that the NSO for a particular sport be advised of the Awards recipients prior to the official announcement of the recipients.

Recommendation:	That all relative NSOs be advised of the recipients for their sport prior to the official announcement of the recipients. CARRIED U
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- 8.2** The 2005 NZU Blues awards ceremony, for achievements during the 2004 academic year will be held Friday 22nd July at Te Papa, Wellington.

9. CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Chair thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 4.30pm.