**Standard Sport Criteria**

This standard sport criteria is used by all sports under the Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship Programme unless stated under the code specific selection criteria.

**WITH THE CURRENT SITUATION REGARDING THE COVID 19 VIRUS AND ITS IMPACT ON ALL SPORTING AND ARTS ACTIVITIES IN 2020 THESE CRITERIA WILL ONLY BE USED AS A GUIDELINE. PREVIOUS YEARS ACHIEVEMENTS AND POTENTIAL WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED.**

**Open**

- International Representation
  
  *(It is acknowledged that many sport athletes in this category would be carded athletes under the NZ Academy programme.)*

- Participation in national high performance development squads

- Regional Representation at national level
  
  *(Assessment would have to take into account the sport, the graded level within a national context, and the region.)*

**Age Group**

- International Representation

- Participation in national high performance development programmes

- Regional Representation at a national level
  
  *(Assessment would have to take into account the sport, the competition level within a national context, and the region.)*

**HILLARY SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION RANKING CRITERIA**

The grade ranking is as follows;

A. National representation, such as international age group representation, member of a national squad. This includes senior franchise representation such as Northern Knights cricket, Magic netball & Chiefs rugby.

B. Regional representation at a national level, member of age group development squad. Assessment would have to take into account the sport, the competition level within a national context, and the region.

**Code Specific Selection Criteria**

**Athletics**

**OPEN**

- New Zealand Representative at Olympic & Commonwealth Games or Senior World Championships. *(Most athletes in this category will be carded athletes under the NZ Academy programme.)*

- National Championship medallists

- A member of an Athletics New Zealand National Squad
• Waikato BOP representative at National Championships

UNDER 20
• New Zealand Representative at World Under 20 or Under 18 Championships. (Some athletes in this category may be carded athletes under the NZ Academy programme).
• National grade 19 or 16 championship medallist
• A member of an Athletics New Zealand Development squad
• Waikato BOP representative at National Championships

Updated August 2014. Minimum Condition: As above

BADMINTON

OPEN
• International representative at Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games and/or World Championship
• International representative at team events such as Oceania Team Championships, Sudirman Cup, Thomas/Uber Cup, Universiade
• National Senior Championship medallists
• Current/Former (in preceding 12 month period) National Squad members
• Waikato Badminton representative players in the Top 8 on the national player point ranking system

UNDER 23
• International representative at team events such as Oceania Junior Team Championships, World Junior Championships
• National Junior Championship medallists
• Current/Former (in preceding 12 month period) National Junior Age Group Representative
• Waikato Badminton representative players in Top 8 of national player ranking system
• Current member of Waikato Badminton Performance Squad and competes for Waikato Badminton at Open level national events, including the Wisden/Slazenger Cup

Updated May 2020. Minimum Condition: As above

BASKETBALL
• Current/former New Zealand Age Group Representative
• Identified by Waikato Basketball as a potential Waikato Pistons/Women’s National Basketball League (WNBL) squad member
• Current/former New Zealand Age Group Trialist
• Identified by Basketball New Zealand (BBNZ) as an athlete with potential that has participated in a New Zealand Koru or Port Macquarie Tour of the BNZ HP programme

Updated December 2015. Minimum Condition: Waikato team (f), Waikato U23 team (m), or Pistons development (m)

CYCLING
• Carded riders
• Junior World Championship riders
• Pathway to Podium
• Cycling NZ Performance Hub members
• Other NZ Representative

Updated June 2016. Minimum Condition: As above
CRICKET
Selection in one of the following:
- Northern Knights [Men] or Spirit [Women]  
- Northern Districts A Squad or NZU19 training squad  
- NZ emerging players squad (female players only)  
- Northern Districts Age Group Representative  
- Member of a Northern Districts’ High Performance squad  

Approved February 2016. Updated July 2018. Minimum Condition: As above

EQUESTRIAN
Disciplines of Eventing, Showjumping, Dressage, Endurance and Para-Equestrian
- Be a current member of a performance or high performance squad  
- Have represented NZ in age group or open competition  
- Competing at Young Rider level  
- Show potential through regional representation in ESNZ Children’s or Young Rider Teams, or in an NZPCA Area Team  

Updated March 2019. Minimum Condition: As above

FOOTBALL & FUTSAL
OPEN
- International Representative  
  - National Men’s Premiership (football)  
  - National Women’s League (football)  
  - Men’s/ Women’s Futsal SuperLeague  

AGE GROUP
- International Representative (Football or futsal)  
  - National Men’s Youth League (football)  
  - U19 Regional Futsal Team  

Updated June 2016. Minimum Condition: Northern League and/or National League (Men’s National Premiership, Men’s National Youth League, or National Women’s League)

HOCKEY
- New Zealand U18 squad selection (preferred)  
- Association U18 Premier Team Representation  

NETBALL

- National representative or professional league, e.g. Silver Ferns, NZA, SF Development Squad, ANZ Franchise team, NZU21, NZSS, Pathway to Podium.

- Zone representative, e.g. Beko National League, Emerging Talent Performance Squad, Zone U18 team.

Updated April 2020. Minimum Condition: As above

ROWING

OPEN

- International Representative at Olympic or Senior World Rowing Championships or U23 World Championships. (Athletes in this category would be carded athletes under the HPSNZ carding programme.)

- Participation in national high performance development squads:
  - Invited to be part of the Rowing NZ Summer Training Squad
  - Selected into a Rowing NZ Regional Performance Centre

Updated Dec 2015. Minimum Condition: Acceptance into High Performance Development Squad:
Rowing NZ Regional Performance Centre

RUGBY

- Selected for Super Rugby, Waikato or BOP Mitre 10 Cup team, Waikato or BOP Farah Palmer Cup team

- Waikato or BOP High Performance/Academy/Development Squads

- NZ Secondary Schools, or Barbarian team, selection

Approved September 2015. Updated July 2019. Minimum Condition: As above

SHOOTING

Shooting has the following disciplines:

- ISSF – Trap and Skeet,
- Clay Target – Down the Line (DTL), Skeet and Sporting Clays

- Be a current member of a Nationally selected team (Senior or Junior)

- Be a current member of a National squad (Senior or Junior)

- Nationally ranked in NZ Secondary Schools age-group

Updated April 2020. Minimum Condition: As above

SQUASH

Sporting ability and future potential based on results, training ethic, physical condition, attitude, and current grading under the following categories:

- National Senior or Junior Representative

- National Elite Programme squad member

- District squad member who ranks in the top 10 juniors in the country during the current season

Updated August 2016. Minimum Condition: As above
SURF LIFESAVING

- Selected and competed for any New Zealand team in the current year  
- Member of any National High Performance Squad for the current year  
- Selected and competed for any New Zealand team prior to the current year  
- Member of any National High Performance Squad prior to the current year  
- Medallist at the most recent National Championship Event

Updated May 2020. Minimum Condition: As above

SWIMMING

Protocols for first year applicants will be:
- Achieve a minimum of 600 FINA POINTS (current points as at the selection dates)

These FINA points may be achieved in a Long Course format and in an Olympic Event only. The selection period will be the 12 months prior to the Scholarship closing date. FINA points can be achieved at any official swimming meet held in New Zealand or internationally during the selection period.

Updated and approved September 2015. Minimum Condition: As above

TABLE TENNIS

- Achieved TTNZ National Ranking  
- Is rated in the top 50 senior male players or the top twenty senior female players at the end of the season (for which the application is being made)

Approved 2014. Updated 2012. Minimum Condition: As above

TENNIS

Selection based on the following criteria:
- ITF ranking  
- Top Dog ranking S1-S4  
- National Age Groups – Semi-Finalist or better

Updated September 2015. Minimum condition: Regional Representative at senior or junior level in first 2 positions

VOLLEYBALL – INDOOR AND BEACH

- International representative  
- Member of national age-group high performance squad  
- Competing at National Age-Group Championships (Beach)  
- Island representative in Trans-Tasman competition  
- Member of regional representative team playing in a Volleyball NZ sanctioned event

Updated July 2019. Minimum condition: As above