

## Clarification exceptional rule for Olympic newcomers

On behalf of the SST Selection Committee you will find below some clarifications regarding the reading and meaning of the § 4.4 of the Olympic selection reglement (exceptional rule for Olympic newcomers):

### **A.) General statement**

This rule can (not shall) come into force. That means that there is no obligation to select an Olympic Newcomer in any case.

### **B.) When does it apply**

This rule only applies to “Olympic newcomers”. This type of athlete is defined in the selection reglement. There will be no exceptions.

AND

This rule only applies to an “Olympic newcomer” who personally achieved the level of a Nation Quota for Switzerland at one or more of the defined events. The level of a Nation Quota is defined as the result needed to qualify Switzerland in the respective class for the Olympic Games. It is possible, that more than one “Olympic newcomers” can achieve the level of a Nation Quota.

AND

This rule only applies when no other athlete/team in a class achieved the B1, B2 or B3 criteria. In case an Olympic newcomer athlete/team has achieved the Nation Quota in a class while another athlete/team achieved a B1, B2 or B3 criteria (even though he did not personally achieve the level of Nation Quota.) the Olympic newcomer rule will not apply.

### **C.) Selection Criteria**

The selection of an Olympic newcomer is done by a nomination. After having completed the selection period by end of May 2016, the Selection Committee will assess each candidate individually. Basis for a selection will be a clear and existing potential for the best personal performance at the Olympic Games. We will inform in detail about this potential analysis in a personal meeting in the upcoming weeks.