



INDIVIDUAL/TEAM: DISCRETIONARY SELECTION POLICY – IAU WORLD 24 HOUR CHALLENGE

These criteria are to be read in conjunction with the Athletics New Zealand General Selection Policy for New Zealand Representative Teams. Where there is any conflict with the provisions in the General Policy the Event Criteria will prevail.

1. SELECTION POLICY PERFORMANCE CONDITIONS:

1.1 Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised in conformity with rules set by the IAU, its Area Associations or its Member Federations.

2. ENTRY RULES:

2.1 Member Federation entries must comply with the local organizing committee (LOC) competition entry requirements and entry rules.

3. SELECTION/NOMINATION PHILOSOPHY:

3.1 An athlete selected/nominated to compete under the Discretionary Selection Policy as an individual is expected to participate and represent Athletics New Zealand with distinction.

4. SELECTION PROCESS:

Participation Criteria

4.1 Nothing in this Policy obliges Athletics New Zealand to select a full contingent of individuals in any particular event regardless of the entry rules set by the local organizing committee (LOC). Athletics New Zealand will select/nominate Individual(s)/Team according to the discretionary criteria set out in this Policy as allowed by entry rules for the event being selected for.

Eligibility

4.2 In order to be eligible for selection/nomination all athletes must:

4.2.1 Satisfy all IAU eligibility and nationality participation rules.

4.2.2 Be a registered member of Athletics New Zealand.

4.2.3 Submit an online expression of interest (EOI) at <http://performance.athletics.org.nz>.

4.2.4 Remain in "good standing" with Athletics New Zealand and at all times comply with any established code of conduct or athlete agreement and otherwise conduct themselves in a way that does not bring their sport or the team into disrepute.

4.2.5 "Where required," athletes seeking dispensation for an event must **request in writing** (letter, fax, preferably by email) to the Convenor of Selectors under stadia (tfselectors@athletics.org.nz) or non-stadia (osselectors@athletics.org.nz) events.

4.2.6 Dispensations will be at the sole discretion of the Selectors and will generally only be granted to athletes in exceptional circumstances.

Performance Standards

4.3 Athletics New Zealand will follow the performance standards set by the (LOC) and/or set its own discretionary Performance Standards for each event (see clause 6) for the purposes of this Discretionary Selection Policy. Discretionary Performance Standards may or may not be published. Achieving a Performance Standard gives no right or guarantee of selection/nomination.

Performance Period

4.4 The Selectors will consider ultra-distance performances achieved in the twelve months (12mths) prior to the World Championships in making their selection. In special circumstances, ultra running performances other than the standard 24 hour events (e.g. Comrades Marathon), may be considered in making selections.

Selection Criteria

4.5 For an athlete to be considered for selection/nomination, s/he must achieve the discretionary Performance Standards set by the Selectors within the Qualifying Period for the particular event.

4.6 Notwithstanding the provisions of clause 4.5 and any other provision in these selection criteria, the Selectors have an overriding discretion to select any eligible athlete to a Team or an event if they believe it is in the best interests of Athletics New Zealand to do so. In exercising this discretion the Selectors may consider any other factor or combination of factors that are, in the opinion of the Selectors, relevant to their decision whether to select an athlete under this clause. Without in any way limiting the discretion of the Selectors, the Selectors may consider the following:

4.6.1 Potential to be highly competitive at the competition;

4.6.2 Competitive record against other athletes under consideration for selection in the same event;

4.6.3 Consistency of performances during the qualifying period;

4.6.4 History of performances at previous selected individual or team events.

After Selection

4.7 Athletes selected as an individual or to a team, **may be required** by the Selectors/Team Manager to prove their fitness to compete in a selected event.

4.7.1 The fitness standard (if applicable) or some other appropriate performance will be agreed between the athlete and/or coach and the Selectors and Team Manager.

4.7.2 The time frame for all athletes to achieve the fitness standard will be at the discretion of the Selectors and/or Team Manager.

4.7.3 The fitness standard will be communicated to athletes in writing as part of their letter of confirmation of selection/nomination.

4.7.4 Failure by a selected athlete to meet the fitness standard (if applicable) will, at the discretion of the Selectors and/or Team Manager, result in an athlete who has been selected to the team being withdrawn from the competition.

4.7.5 For the purposes of clarity, it is the intended operation of this Policy (if applicable) that **all selections in the team remain conditional** until the athlete has achieved the fitness standard set by the Selectors and/or Team Manager.

4.8 Selectors meeting will be held to select athletes as follows:

4.8.1 Selections will be made by 1 March 2010.

Notification of Selection

4.9 The Board of Athletics New Zealand will confirm all nominations after each selection meeting.

4.10 Athletics New Zealand will endeavor to announce selected team members in the week following each selection meeting.

5. GENERAL INFORMATION:

5.1 The criteria may be amended at any time by the Directors of Athletics New Zealand, if Athletics New Zealand is of the opinion that such amendment is necessary in the best interests of Athletics New Zealand or as a result of any change in participation rules and/or guidelines. Any amendment to the criteria will be published on the Athletics New Zealand website.

Funding

5.2 It will be expected that athletes wishing to attend an event under the Discretionary Policy will have to participate at no-cost to Athletics New Zealand unless funds are provided by the (LOC). The competitions for which athletes are selected/nominated under this policy will be athlete-funded events. Additionally, cost may be charged across all athletes above the cost of travel, accommodation and food to assist with cost of the team manager (if applicable).

5.3 In athlete-funded events, two weeks prior to the departure of "the team" from New Zealand all athlete-funding components must be paid to Athletics New Zealand. Non-payment of the athlete-funding components will result in removal from the team.

6. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS:

New Zealand selections for the 2010 IAU 24 Hour World Championships will be based on the performance categories set by the IAU.

Performance Category

24hr Hour	Cat A	Cat B	Cat C	Cat D
Men	>/=240km	>/=220km	>/= 200km	<200km
Women	>/= 220km	>/=200km	>180km	<180km

6.1 To be selected as an individual, ultra runners need to achieve the **Category B** performance above.

6.2 The winners of the New Zealand Championships in the men's and women's events over 24hours will be automatic selections provided they achieve a **Category C** performance in the Championship race.

6.3 The selectors will consider athletes who have achieved the **B** and **C Category** in selecting a team to represent New Zealand in the 24hr World Championships. In exceptional circumstances a **Category C** performer may be considered to enable a team to be selected. Five person teams with three to count can be selected and should be capable of a top eight placing.