



DISCRETIONARY SELECTION POLICY – WORLD HALF MARATHON CHAMPS NANNING, CHINA - OCTOBER 16, 2010

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 IAAF, its Area Associations or its Member Federations.

2. ENTRY RULES:

2.1 The programme shall comprise:

A Men's Half Marathon Race

A Women's Half Marathon Race

In both races the first three finishers shall score for the team.

2.2 Any athlete who is at least 18 years of age on 31 December of the year of the competition (e.g. for the 2010 Championships, born in 1992) may compete in the event.

2.3 Members may enter one team in each race. A maximum of seven athletes may be entered; no more than five will be allowed to start, with three to score.

3. SELECTION/NOMINATION PHILOSOPHY:

3.1 The selectors have the discretion to select well-performed distance athletes they judge able to meet a standard to form a team. Teams selected should be capable of a top 8 placing.

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 IAAF 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 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 Performance Standard must be achieved in the twelve month period prior to the IAAF World Half Marathon Championships. All performances used for selection will only be considered if run on an (AIMS or Certified by National the Governing Body or Association).

Selection Criteria

4.5 For an athlete to be considered for selection/nomination, s/he must meet 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 with emphasis on results in the New Zealand Championships, New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships, and the North Island-South Island Secondary Schools Championships, and where applicable, Australian National Championships;

4.6.3 Consistency of performances during the qualifying period;

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

4.7 The winners of the men's and women's New Zealand Half Marathon gain automatic selection to contest the IAAF World Half Marathon event provided they meet with the required selection standards.

4.8 A team comprising three or more athletes may be named for either the Men's or Women's IAAF Half Marathon Championship. Athletes selected in a team are expected to meet the required standard.

4.9 Athletes will need to confirm form to the satisfaction of the selectors in the three months leading up to the Championships. Performances over distances between 5000 metres and the marathon would be considered.

4.10 Selected athletes cannot race competitively a distance beyond 10km in the six weeks prior to the World Half Marathon Championship

After Selection

4.11 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.

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4.11.2 The fitness standard or some other appropriate performance will be agreed between the athlete and/or coach and the Selectors and Team Manager.

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

4.11.4 Failure by a selected athlete to meet the fitness standard 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.

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

Selectors Meetings

4.12 Selectors will meet to select, nominate, and confirm athletes to individual or team events as appropriate. Selected athletes and teams will be named no later than the 14 August 2010.

Notification of Selection

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

4.14 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:

6.1 To be considered for selection to represent New Zealand at the IAAF World Half Marathon Championships athletes need to achieve the following standard for the 21.1 km distance.

Men	1hr 05min
Women	1hr 15min