



38th IAAF WORLD CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS: 27 MARCH BYDGOSZCZ POLAND 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. IAAF TECHNICAL REGULATIONS:

1.1 The program shall comprise the following 4 events, held over the following approximate distances:

- Senior Men 12 km
- Junior Men 8 km
- Senior Women 8 km
- Junior Women 6 km

1.2 Any athlete aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December of the year of the competition (e.g. for the 2010 Championships, born in 1991 or 1992) may compete in the Senior race or the Junior race. Any athlete aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December of the year of competition (e.g. for the 2010 Championships, born in 1993 or 1994) may compete in the Junior race. No athlete younger than 16 years of age on 31 December in the year of the competition.

2. IAAF ENTRY CONDITIONS:

Teams and Reserves

2.1 For all four races Teams of no more than eight (8) athletes can be entered. Six (6) athletes will be allowed to start in each race, four (4) of whom will score.

Age Category

2.2 Junior athletes (i.e. athletes born in 1991 or 1992, who will be 18 or 19 by 31 December 2010) can compete in any race. However Junior athletes cannot compete in both Junior and Senior Races.

2.3 Youth athletes (i.e. athletes born in 1993 or 1994, who will be 16 or 17 by 31 December 2010) can compete only in the Junior Race.

2.4 No athlete younger than 16 years of age on 31 December 2010 may be entered.

2.5 On arrival, Team Leaders must present athletes' passports which will be photocopied and copies will be remitted to the IAAF.

3. SELECTION PHILOSOPHY:

3.1 The selection philosophy for the World Cross Country Championship is "to select a team" for both senior and junior athletes.

4. SELECTION PROCESS:

Participation Criteria

4.1 Nothing in this Policy obliges Athletics New Zealand to select an individual or team regardless of the IAAF Technical Regulations or the IAAF Entry Conditions. Athletics New Zealand will select its Team according to the criteria set out in this Policy as allowed by IAAF Entry Conditions.

Eligibility

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

4.2.1 Satisfy all IAAF, eligibility, nationality, and world championship participation rules.

4.2.2 Be a registered member of Athletics New Zealand.

4.2.3 Athletes who wish to be considered for selection should in the first instance complete and submit the online expression of interest form at: <http://www.athletics.org.nz/Article.aspx?ID=951>

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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 National Team into disrepute.

Selection Criteria

4.3 Selection of eligible athletes (refer to clauses 2 and 4.2) for the IAAF 2010 World Cross Country Championships will be based on the following (but not limited to);

A Results from the IAAF 2009 World Cross Country Championship,

B The results of two (2) races: the 2009 New Zealand Cross Country Championships to be held in Christchurch on 1 August 2009 and the World Cross Country Trial Race to be held in Wellington on 30 January 2010 (subject to change),

C Achievement of a Performance Standard set by Athletics New Zealand within the performance period (1 August 2009 to 31 January 2010).

4.4 Automatic Selections

4.4.1 Eligible athletes finishing (1st) first in their age category (Junior-Senior men and women) at the 2009 New Zealand Cross Country Championship will be automatically selected for the IAAF 2010 World Cross Country Championships.

4.4.2 Eligible athletes finishing in the top 16 at the IAAF 2009 World Cross Country Championships will be automatically selected for the IAAF 2010 World Cross Country Championship.

4.4.3 Automatic selection(s) are subject to the athlete complying with form and fitness obligations set out in clause 4.9.

4.5 Pre-Selection (For the intent of this policy “Pre-Selection” means the athlete joins a pool athletes who will be considered by the Selectors for selection).

4.5.1 Eligible athletes finishing in positions 2 and 3 (Junior-Senior men and women) at the 2009 New Zealand Cross Country Championships will be pre-selected for the IAAF 2010 World Cross Country Championship.

4.5.2 The first (1st) eligible non pre-selected athlete(s) from the New Zealand Cross Country Championships (as per clauses 4.4.1) in each age category (Junior-Senior men and women) to finish at the World Cross Country Trial Race will be pre-selected for the team.

4.5.3 Pre-Selection is subject to the athlete complying with form and fitness obligations set out in clause 4.9.

4.5.4 All pre-selections will remain provisional until final selection is confirmed (clause 4.12).

4.6 In addition to those automatic and pre-selected athletes and those who have been granted dispensation (in line with clause 4.8), the results from the New Zealand Cross Country Championship and the World Cross Country Trial Race will be used to select the final team members as/if required as set out in clause 2.1.

4.7 Performances achieved outside of New Zealand can be used as a performance for selection however an athlete;

A Must request dispensation from competing in either or both the 2009 New Zealand Cross Country Championships and/or the World Cross Country Trial Race (clause 4.8),

B Must achieve a Performance Standard as set out in clause 6.

C Must achieve a performance during the period of 1 August 2009 to 31 January 2010.

4.8 Athletes who wish to **request dispensation** from competing in either or both the 2009 New Zealand Cross Country Championships and/or the World Cross Country Trial Race must do so in writing (by letter, fax, preferably by email) to the Convenor of Selectors (Non Stadia) no later than 20 July 2009.

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

4.8.2 The names of athletes who have been granted dispensation will be published on www.athletics.org.nz as they are approved.

- 4.9** Athletes will be required to prove their fitness to compete in the IAAF 2010 World Cross Country Championships. The Trial Race will be considered the fitness test for all athletes. Automatic and Pre-Selected athletes will be expected to finish in the top 6 at the Trial Race. Alternatively, where athletes have been granted dispensation not to compete in the World Cross Country Trial race, a fitness test (to be conducted no later than 30 January 2010) will be arranged and agreed upon between the athlete/coach and the Selectors.
- 4.10** The Selectors may consider any factor or combination of factors that, in their opinion, are relevant to the selection of an athlete, including, but not necessarily limited to:
- A** The quality and consistency of an athlete's performances during the Qualifying Period;
 - B** The athlete's history of performances at previous international competitions and the commitment and focus on competing at the IAAF 2010 World Cross Country Championships
- 4.11** For the purposes of clarity, it is the intended operation of this Policy that **all selections remain conditional** until the athlete has met all the selection criteria outlined in this policy.

Selectors Meetings

- 4.12** Selectors meetings will be held to select athletes as follows:

- 4.12.1** 3 August 2009 - Pre Selections.
- 4.12.2** 1 February 2010 - Final Selections.

5. GENERAL INFORMATION:

- 5.1** These 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, is in the best interests of Athletics New Zealand or as a result of any change in IAAF participation rules and/or guidelines. Any amendment to the criteria will be published on the Athletics New Zealand website.

Funding

- 5.2** The IAAF 2010 World Cross Country Championships is an athlete-funded event. It is expected that athletes wishing to attend the IAAF World Cross Country Championships plan their funding and budgets early. The approximate trip cost is around NZD \$7,000 and a non-refundable deposit of NZD \$500 (to be paid by 8 February 2010) will be required to confirm participation.
- 5.3** In athlete-funded events, two weeks prior to the departure of "the team" from New Zealand all athlete-funded components must be paid to Athletics New Zealand. Non-payment of the self-funding components will result in removal from the team.
- 5.4** Athletes may receive funding for the event under their Athletics New Zealand Athlete Agreements. The decision whether to provide funding to an athlete who has been selected and the extent of any funding will be made by the High Performance Director.

Team Manager/Coach/Staff

- 5.5** Management positions will be advertised on 2 November 2009 and expected to be appointed by 18 December 2009. Coach/support staff (if deemed necessary by Athletics New Zealand) will be advertised from 15 January to 1 February 2010. Coach/support staff will be selected by 8 February 2010.
- 5.6** The advertisement, application, and procedures for selection for these positions can be found here: <http://www.athletics.org.nz/Article.aspx?ID=972>. Expressions of interest for team positions will be accepted at any time and can be found here: <http://www.athletics.org.nz/Article.aspx?ID=951>

6. ATHLETICS NEW ZEALAND - PERFORMANCE STANDARDS:

Event	Performance Standard
M Long Course (12k)	29:15 (10k)
W Long Course (8k)	33:30 (10k)
Junior M (8k)	14:25 (5k) 31:30 (10k)
Junior W (6k)	17:00 (5k)

6.1 All performances used for selection will only be considered if run on the track or on the road (AIMS or Certified by National the Governing Body or Association).