



YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES: 14-26 AUGUST SINGAPORE 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 GUIDELINES:

1.1 The Athletics Competition of the Youth Olympic Games shall be held on six days comprising two stages of three competition days each with a day for cultural activities between the two stages. All athletes shall compete in both stages, except in the Race Walk and Medley Relay events where athletes will only compete once. During the whole Youth Olympic Games an extensive Culture and Education Programme will be organised for the athletes in which the IAAF encourages athletes to participate.

1.2 Athletes are expected to attend the 12 days of the Youth Olympic Games (arrival on 13 and departure on 27 August 2010).

1.3 The programme will be as follows:

<u>Stage 1 – Qualification</u>	<u>Stage 2 – Finals</u>
Athletics Day 1	Athletics Day 5
Athletics Day 2	Athletics Day 6
Athletics Day 3	Athletics Day 7
“Other activities” Day 4	

2. ENTRY RULES:

2.1 A participation quota has been allocated to all the sports and therefore, there will not be a qualification standards system. In Athletics, the selection of athletes will be done only through the Continental Phase (**under clauses 4.3-4.8**).

2.2 Only National Olympic Committees recognised by the IOC may enter athletes who shall be eligible through the process established by the IAAF jointly with the IOC.

2.3 A maximum of one athlete per NOC can compete in each individual event.

2.4 The maximum number of athletes that can be selected by Athletics New Zealand is 34.

2.5 An athlete may only compete in one individual event plus the Medley relay.

Oceania Region

2.6 There are 3 categories of events:

- A.** Events where there is one place available to the Oceania region
 - Boys: 100m / 200m / 3000m / 400mH / 2000m SC / PV / LJ / TJ / HT
 - Girls: 100m / 400m / 3000m / 400mH / HT / JT / 5,000m Race Walk
- B.** Events where there are two places available to the Oceania region
 - Boys: 400m / 1000m / 110mH / HJ / SP / DT / JT / 10,000m Race Walk
 - Girls: 200m / 1000m / 100mH / 2000m SC / HJ / PV / LJ / TJ / SP
- B.** Events where there are three places available to the Oceania region
 - Girl: DT

Relays

2.7 The five continental teams comprised of athletes who have already been selected in individual events, shall compete in the relay events.

2.8 Only athletes born in 1993 or 1994 (i.e., 16 or 17 years of age) will be allowed to compete. Athletes younger than 16 years of age on 31 December 2010 cannot be entered in any event.

2.9 The verification of the athletes' dates of birth will be the responsibility of the NOCs which will determine the most appropriate way to verify each participant's age.

3. SELECTION PHILOSOPHY:

3.1 An athlete selected to compete under the Youth Olympic Games 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 nominate an athlete in any particular event regardless of the entry rules or qualification system. Athletics New Zealand will nominate its Team according to the criteria set out in this Policy as allowed by entry rules.

Eligibility

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

4.2.1 Be a registered member of Athletics New Zealand

4.2.2 Comply with the Olympic Charter, as well as with the Rules of the IAAF and must be entered by an NOC.

4.2.3 Each athlete participating in the YOG must hold citizenship of country (territory) of the respective National Olympic Committee submitting his/her entry.

Continental Phase

4.3 The Area Associations are responsible for the organisation of this phase (The Oceania U18 Championships will act as New Zealand's continental phase of the nomination process).

4.4 Only athletes that participate in the Continental Phase are eligible for selection.

Continental Phase Nomination Process

4.5 For categories A, B and C (see clause 2.5 above); the first placed athlete at the Oceania U18 Championships will be automatically eligible for nomination to the NZOC for selection in the New Zealand YOG Team.

4.6 For Category B and C (see clause 2.5 above); the second placed athlete at the Oceania U18 Championships will be automatically eligible for nomination to the NZOC for selection in the New Zealand YOG Team.

4.7 For Category C (see clause 2.5 above); the second placed athlete at the Oceania U18 Championships will be automatically eligible for nomination to the NZOC for selection in the New Zealand YOG Team.

4.8 Where athletes, who are automatically eligible for nomination to the NZOC, become unavailable; the next placed athlete at the Oceania U18 Championships will be automatically eligible for nomination to the NZOC, for selection in the New Zealand YOG Team. This will be based on the categories outlined above.

Selection for Singapore 2010

4.9 Athletes eligible for nomination from the Continental Phase will be nominated for selection to the NZOC by Athletics New Zealand's Selectors and the Board of Directors.

Selection Meetings

4.10 Selectors meetings will be held to nominate athletes as follows:

4.10.1 23 April 2010 - Athletics New Zealand's initial nominations.

4.10.2 Date TBA - NZOC to confirm final selections.

Notification of Selection

4.11 Athletics New Zealand will endeavor to announce nominated/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 IAAF participation rules and/or guidelines. Any amendment to the criteria will be published on the Athletics New Zealand website.

Funding

5.2 The 2010 Youth Olympic Games are athlete-funded events. It is expected athletes wishing to attend the 2010 Youth Olympic Games plan their funding and budgets early. The approximate trip cost is estimated at, but not confined to, NZD \$3,000.

5.3 Athletes may receive funding for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games 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.

Meet Information

5.4 The number of officials/coaches accreditations authorised per team is limited to two. NZOC and Officials and Team Coaches will be accredited on this basis and named after the initial team selections.