



COMMONWEALTH YOUTH GAMES - ISLE OF MAN – September 2011

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 - Entry Conditions:

- 1.1 Only athletes aged 16 or 17 on 31 December in the year of the competition (e.g. for the 2011 Championships, born in 1994 or 1995) may compete.
- 1.2 A maximum of two athletes from any one Member can compete in each event (with the exception of the Relays).
- 1.3 The **maximum number of events** that an athlete can compete in is two individual events plus the Relay. If the two individual events are Track Events, only one of these two individual races may be longer than 200m.
- 1.4 Every Member may enter one team for each **relay race**, comprising a maximum of six athletes. Any four athletes among those entered for the competition, whether for the relay or for any other event, may then be used in the composition of the team for the first round.
- 1.5 All performances must be achieved during an official competition organised in **conformity with IAAF Rules**.
- 1.6 All performances must be achieved during competitions **organised or sanctioned by the IAAF**, its Area Associations or its Member Federations. Thus, results achieved at school competitions must be certified by the Member Federation of the country in which the competition was organized.
- 1.7 Performances in **mixed competitions** held under IAAF Rule 1.1 (i) and (j), and at events sanctioned by Area Associations or Member Federations, will be accepted for the purposes of satisfying the entry standards.
- 1.8 **Wind assisted performances** (over 2m/sec) will not be accepted.
- 1.9 **Indoor performances** will be accepted however, for the running events of 400m and over, performances achieved on **over-sized tracks** will not be accepted.
- 1.10 Team leaders must present athletes' passports upon arrival, or other official documents indicating the year of birth, to confirm ages in order for them to be photocopied by the organisers.

2. SELECTION PHILOSOPHY:

- 2.1 Athletics New Zealand does not regard events such as the Commonwealth Youth Games as simply an opportunity to expose young athletes to international competition. The Commonwealth Youth Games is a White Singlet (development) event but one where any selected athlete will be nominated for selection based on the selectors' assessment of their ability to achieve a top 12 placing.

3. SELECTION PROCESS:

Participation Criteria

- 3.1 Nothing in this Policy obliges Athletics New Zealand to select a full contingent of two (2) in any particular event regardless of the Entry Rules or any qualification standards. Athletics New Zealand will select its Team according to the criteria set out in this Policy as allowed by IAAF Entry Rules.

Eligibility

- 3.2 In order to be eligible for selection all athletes **must:**

- 3.2.1 Satisfy all IAAF, eligibility, nationality and meeting participation rules.
- 3.2.2 Be a registered member of Athletics New Zealand.
- 3.2.3 Complete and submit the online EOI (expression of interest): <http://performance.athletics.org.nz> | **Competitions | 2011 Calendar**. The selectors strongly recommend that athletes wishing to be considered for selection for the Commonwealth Youth Games complete and submit the online application form for both the 2011 World Youth

Championships and for the 2011 Commonwealth Youth Games. **No athlete will be nominated for selection for the Commonwealth Youth Games who has not submitted a form for the competition.**

3.2.4 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.

3.2.5 Athletes who wish to be selected must compete in the 2011 New Zealand Track and Field Championships **unless dispensation has been requested in writing** (letter, fax, preferably by email) to the Convenor of Selectors (tfselectors@athletics.org.nz) no later than the 18 March 2011, unless in the case of a genuine illness or injury occurring after that date and verified by a medical certificate from a general practitioner or sports medicine specialist.

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

3.2.7 The names of athletes who have been granted dispensation will be published on performance.athletics.org.nz.

Performance Standards

3.3 Athletics New Zealand’s discretionary standards will apply to the nominations made for this team.

Performance Period

3.4 Selection nominations will be based on performances achieved in the 2010-2011 competitive season commencing on 1 September 2010 and ending on April 3 2011.

Selection Criteria

3.5 In order to nominate an athlete for selection, the Selectors must be satisfied, after considering the matters set out in the criteria, that an athlete is capable of achieving a top 12 finish at the 2011 Commonwealth Youth Games and;

3.6. 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** Quality of performance in the 2010 and 2011 international seasons (if applicable);
- B** Quality of performance in the 2010/11 domestic season;
- C** Consistency of performance during the Performance Period;

3.7 In the event of more than two athletes satisfying all the selection criteria in any one event, the results of the New Zealand Track and Field Championships will be a key consideration in determining the final selection. Notwithstanding the provisions of clause 3.6 and any other provision in these selection criteria, the Selectors have an overriding discretion to select any eligible athlete to the Team 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 any combination of the following, without placing more emphasis on any one factor than another:

- 3.7.1** Potential to be highly competitive for the championship;
- 3.7.2** 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;
- 3.7.3** Consistency of performances during the qualifying period.

3.8 Relay Teams may be selected and all athletes selected for individual events must make themselves available for relays if required.

3.9 The Selectors will consider any established breach of any code of conduct or athlete agreement by an athlete as a member of an Athletics New Zealand representative team in deciding whether to select an athlete. Such a breach may result in the Selectors not nominating an athlete for selection, who would otherwise satisfy these criteria.

Injury Evaluation

3.10 Any athlete who enters the Athletics New Zealand Team Camp will be subject to an injury evaluation/assessment by the Team Management staff. The injury evaluation/assessment will be carried out by Athletics New Zealand’s Lead Physio (or appointed Team Physio) in consultation with Athletics New Zealand’s Medical Director.

3.11 If as a result of such injury evaluation/assessment the Medical Director, Team Management staff, and or Team Leader considers an athlete does not have the standard of fitness or due to injury is not in condition to compete at a level appropriate to the event(s)

for which they have been selected, the Team Leader will ask the athlete to withdraw from the competition.

3.12 If an athlete has been asked to withdraw due to injury (as outlined in clause 3.10-11), the athlete and coach will confirm with the Team Leader their intentions to compete at the championship or withdraw.

Selectors Meetings

3.13 Selectors meetings will be held to nominate athletes as for all events on 4 April 2011.

Notification of Selection

3.14 The Board of Athletics New Zealand will confirm all nominations as soon as possible after the selection meeting.

3.15 Athletics New Zealand will nominate confirmed athletes to the New Zealand Olympic Committee immediately after confirmation of nominations. Announcement of the selected team is at the discretion of the New Zealand Olympic Committee.

4. GENERAL INFORMATION:

4.1 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 the competition participation rules and/or guidelines. Any amendment to the criteria will be published on the Athletics New Zealand website.

Funding

4.2 The 2011 Commonwealth Youth Games are an athlete-funded event. It is expected athletes wishing to attend the 2011 Commonwealth Youth Games plan their funding and budgets early. The approximate trip cost is around NZD \$7,000.

4.3 Athletes may receive funding for the 2011 Commonwealth Youth 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.

4.4 The athlete payment portion of the costs for this trip must be paid not later than two weeks prior to departure of the team. Failure to pay by that date will result in the removal of the athlete from the team.

Personal coaches/family members

4.5 Selected athletes' personal coaches/family outside of the selected "Official New Zealand Team" will be responsible for their own travel, accommodations, tickets, and accreditations for the meeting.

Team Manager/Coach/Staff

4.6 Management and support staff positions (as required) will be advertised in February 2011 and will to be appointed by 1 April 2011. Team Coaches Expression of Interest (If deemed necessary by Athletics New Zealand) will be advertised in March 2011. Team Coaches will be selected after the initial team nominations on 4 April 2011.

4.7 The advertisement, application, and procedures for Team support selection for these positions can be found on the High Performance website: <http://performance.athletics.org.nz> | [HP](#) | [Vacancies](#)