



IAAF WORLD CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS: 20 MARCH PUNTA UMBRIA SPAIN 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. 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 2011 Championships, born in 1992 or 1993) may compete in the Senior race or the Junior race. Any athlete aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December of the year of the competition (e.g. for the 2011 Championships, born in 1994 or 1995) 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 In all races a Member may enter a maximum of eight (8) athletes; no more than six (6) shall be allowed to start in the race with four (4) to score.

Age Category

2.2 Any athlete aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December of the year of the competition (e.g. for the 2011 Championships, born in 1992 or 1993) may compete in the Senior race or the Junior race.

2.3 Any athlete aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December of the year of the competition (e.g. for the 2011 Championships, born in 1994 or 1995) may compete in the Junior race.

2.4 No athlete younger than 16 years of age on 31 December in the year of the competition (e.g. for the 2011 Championships, born in 1996 or later) may be entered.

2.5 On arrival, Team Leaders must present athletes' passports, or other official documents indicating the year of birth, to confirm ages in order for them to be photocopied by the organizers.

3. SELECTION PHILOSOPHY:

3.1 The World Cross Country Championship is a Silver Singlet event with the philosophy "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.

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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: 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 National Team into disrepute.

Selection Criteria

4.3 Selection of eligible athletes (refer to clauses 2 and 4.2) for the IAAF 2011 World Cross Country Championships will be based on the following (but not limited to);

A Results from the IAAF 2010 World Cross Country Championship;

B The results of two (2) races: the 2010 New Zealand Cross Country Championships to be held in Wellington on 7 August 2010 and the World Cross Country Trial Race to be held in Wellington on January 15 2011

C Achievement of a Performance Standard set by Athletics New Zealand within the **Performance Period (7 August 2010 to 31 January 2011)**.

4.4 Automatic Selections

4.4.1 Eligible athletes finishing (1st) first in their age category (Junior-Senior men and women) at the 2010 New Zealand Cross Country Championship will be automatically selected for the IAAF 2011 World Cross Country Championships.

4.4.2 Eligible athletes finishing in the top 16 at the IAAF 2010 World Cross Country Championships will be automatically selected for the IAAF 2011 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 2010 New Zealand Cross Country Championships will be pre-selected for the IAAF 2011 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 4.5.1) 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 selections are 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 2010 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 **Performance Period** of 1 April 2010 to 31 January 2011.

4.8 Athletes who wish to **request dispensation** from competing in either or both the 2010 New Zealand Cross Country Championships and/or the 2011 World Cross Country Trial Race must do so in writing (by letter, fax, preferably by email) to the Convenor of Selectors (Non-Stadia) osselectors@athletics.org.nz no later than 10 days before the 2010 Athletics New Zealand Cross Country Championship and/or the 2011 World Cross Country Trial Race.

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 performance.athletics.org.nz.

4.9 Athletes will be required to prove their fitness to compete in the IAAF 2011 World Cross Country Championships. The 2011 World Cross Country 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 2011) will be arranged and agreed upon between the athlete/coach and the Selectors.

4.10 It is recognised that due to the nature of cross country running it is difficult to compare times across different distances and different courses. The selectors may consider any factor or combination of factors, which 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 Performance Period;
- B** The athlete's history of performances at previous international competitions and the commitment and focus on competing at the IAAF 2011 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** 8 August 2010 - Pre Selections.
- 4.12.2** 1 February 2011 - Final Selections.

Notification of Selection

4.13 The Board of Athletics New Zealand will confirm all selections 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 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 This will be an athlete-funded event and it will be expected that athletes wishing to attend the IAAF 2011 World Cross Country Championships will have to participate at no-cost to Athletics New Zealand. Additionally, cost may be charged across all athletes above the cost of travel, accommodation and food to assist with cost of the accompanying Team Manager. It is expected athletes wishing to attend the IAAF 2011 World Cross Country Championships plan their funding and budgets early. The approximate trip cost is around NZD \$5,000. A non-refundable deposit of NZD \$500 (to be paid no later than 10 days after the final team announcement) will be required to confirm participation.

5.3 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

5.4 Management positions will be advertised on 1 November 2010 and expected to be appointed by 3 December 2010.

Coach/support staff (If deemed necessary by Athletics New Zealand) will be advertised from 31 January to 21 February 2011.

Coach/support staff will be selected by 25 February 2011.

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).