

## 2019 IAU TRAIL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION POLICY: 8 June, Mirandha do Corvo, Portugal

**Note:** The IAU are yet to send us this competition circular, therefore the following details are subject to change.

### 1. NOMINATION/SELECTION PHILOSOPHY

- 1.1 This Selection Policy is issued by Athletics New Zealand Inc. (“**Athletics NZ**”) and sets out the basis on which the Athletics NZ Selectors (as appointed under clause 2) will consider athletes for nomination to compete at the 2019 IAU Trail World Championships (the “**2019 TWCs**”).
- 1.2 The 2019 TWCs is an Athletics NZ “Silver Singlet” competition (i.e. an IAAF, IAU, FISU or WMRA World Championship other than an Olympic Games, IAAF World Track & Field Championship or Commonwealth Games). Nominations and selections of;
  - a) individual athletes for this team will be focused on athletes considered capable of a Top 32 placing at the 2019 TWCs; and
  - b) team(s) will be focused on teams considered capable of a Top 8 placing at the 2019 TWCs.
- 1.3 The 2019 TWCs is an athlete-funded competition and athletes seeking nomination in accordance with this Selection Policy will have to participate at no-cost to Athletics NZ (see clause 12 for further details).

### 2. SELECTION PANEL

- 2.1 The board of Athletics NZ (the “**Athletics NZ Board**”) has endorsed the following Selection Panel (the “**Selectors**”) to consider and nominate athletes for selection for the 2019 TWCs:
  - a) John Bowden (the “**Convenor**”);
  - b) Barry Ellis; and
  - c) Warren Drought
- 2.2 The Athletics NZ Board reserves the right to replace any member of the Selectors at any time for any reason.

### 3. CONDITIONS OF NOMINATION

- 3.1 As a condition of nomination for the 2019 TWCs, an athlete must:
  - a) Have achieved at least one Performance Standard (as set out in clause 6) that is listed on the official Athletics NZ rankings website and that is achieved within the following Qualification Period (subject to clause 4.1 below); and

Events	Qualification Period
All individual and team events	1 March 2018 – 26 February 2019

- b) Be a registered member of Athletics NZ at the time of achieving their Performance Standard; and
- c) Have submitted an [Application for Selection Form](#) and paid a \$250 bond (refer to clauses 12.7 and 12.8 a-e) by 5pm Wednesday 27 February 2019; and
- d) Have competed at the Compulsory Selection Trial/s or have been granted dispensation from those competitions (refer to clause 7); and
- e) Have satisfied all International Association of Ultrarunners (“**IAU**”) eligibility, nationality and participation requirements, including those set out in clause 5; and

- f) Enter into an athlete agreement with Athletics NZ (the “**Athlete Agreement**”)  
**Note:** This agreement will be distributed upon selection; and
- g) Be and remain in “good standing” with Athletics NZ and at all times comply with all Athletics NZ and / or IAAF codes of conduct and regulations and the terms and conditions of the Athlete Agreement and otherwise conduct themselves in a way that does not bring the sport or the team into disrepute; and
- h) Not have used or administered any substance which, if it had been detected as being present in the athlete’s body tissue or fluids, would have constituted doping or used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offence as defined in any applicable Athletics NZ or IAAF anti-doping or related rules or regulations; and
- i) With respect to potential team members, in order to be eligible for nomination to compete at the 2019 TWCs as a member of a team, each member of the team must comply with all of the requirements set out in this clause 3.1.

**Note:** Athletes should be aware that failure to comply with any of the requirements set out in clause 3.1 may render an athlete ineligible for nomination and/or selection.

**Note:** Team members that have not met the requirements of an Individual Event in clause 3.1(a) may be included in an Individual Event at the discretion of the 2019 TWCs Convener, in consultation with the Athletics NZ High Performance Director (the “**Athletics NZ-HP Director**”), the athlete and their personal coach.

- 3.2 Nothing in this Selection Policy obliges Athletics NZ to select a full contingent of athletes in any particular event, regardless of the IAAF Technical Regulations or the LOC entry requirements.

#### **4. ATHLETES BASED OVERSEAS**

- 4.1 Overseas based athletes (i.e., athletes not residing in the Oceania region during the Qualification Period) seeking to establish a qualification plan that falls outside the designated Qualification Period (i.e., the above Qualification Period is “out of season” for northern hemisphere-based athletes) should contact the Convenor as soon as possible, but by no later than 5pm on 26 January 2019. Such a plan may be approved, at the discretion of the Convenor, providing it does not impact on the selection of athletes that have achieved a Performance Standard within the designated Qualification Period and otherwise meets the requirements contained in this Selection Policy. Any overseas based athlete must otherwise satisfy the requirements of this Selection Policy.

#### **5. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

##### **Categories and Distance**

- 5.1 The 2019 TWCs will be contested on a course distance of approximately 50km over a profile of 2480m.
- 5.2 Athletics NZ can enter 1 team in the following categories:
  - a) Senior Women: Up to six athletes with three to score
  - b) Senior Men: Up to six athletes with three to score
- 5.3 In the Individual Events for categories where Athletics NZ is not entering a team, then the Selectors may select up to two athletes in the Senior Men’s and/or Senior Women’s categories.

##### **Age Requirements**

- 5.4 Athletes younger than 16 years of age of 31 December 2019 (i.e., born in or prior to 2004) are not eligible for selection and may not be entered.

## 6. **PERFORMANCE CONSIDERATIONS**

- 6.1 For an athlete to be considered for nomination for the 2019 TWCs based on results achieved in New Zealand during the Qualification Period, they must have achieved one of the following:
- For a Team Event, an athlete should have finished in the Top 3 in a NZ trail running race which is 50km or greater in distance; and/or
  - For an Individual Event in a category where the Selectors decide not to nominate a team, an athlete should have finished in the Top 3 in a NZ trail running race which is 50km or greater in distance.
- 6.2 For an athlete to be considered for nomination for the 2019 TWCs based on results achieved outside of New Zealand during the Qualification Period, they must have achieved one of the following:
- For a Team Event, an athlete should have finished in the Top 10 in at least one trail running race during the Qualification Period. Results will be considered from IAU labelled Trail Races and any Major International Trail Running event. The race/s is to be 50km or greater in distance.
  - For an Individual Event in a category where the Selectors decide not to nominate a team, then an athlete should have finished in the Top 5 in a trail running race during the Qualification Period. Results will be considered from IAU labelled Trail Races and any Major International Trail Running event. The race/s is to be 50km or greater in distance.

**Note:** Achieving a Performance Standard does not give any athlete a right to, or guarantee of, selection.

## 7. **COMPULSORY SELECTION TRIALS**

- 7.1 The Compulsory Selection Trial for the 2019 TWCs is the Crater Rim Ultra 52k at the Athletics NZ Trail Running Championships in Christchurch, 14 October 2018.
- 7.2 All athletes seeking selection for the 2019 TWCs must have either:
- Competed in the Compulsory Selection Trial in the event (refer to clause 7.1); or
  - Have received written dispensation from the Convenor for the Compulsory Selection Trial (refer to clauses 7.3 and 7.4); or
  - Have received a medical exemption from the Compulsory Selection Trial because of injury or illness that occurred during the competition, or during the 10 days before the competition, that can be verified by the provision of the Medical Certificate (refer to clause 7.6).

### **Dispensations from Compulsory Selection Trial/s**

- 7.3 Athletes seeking dispensation from the Compulsory Selection Trial (other than a medical exemption covered by clause 7.6) must make a request by email to the Convenor ([john@athletics.org.nz](mailto:john@athletics.org.nz)) no later than 10 days prior to the Compulsory Selection Trial.
- 7.4 Dispensations from the Compulsory Selection Trial will be at the sole discretion of the Convenor and will generally only be granted to athletes in exceptional circumstances.

### **Medical Exemption from Compulsory Selection Trial/s**

- 7.5 Athletes that are unable to effectively compete at the Compulsory Selection Trial as a result of injury or illness that occurred during the competition, or during the 10 days before the competition, must make a request for a Medical Exemption by e-mail. This must be accompanied by a copy of a Medical Certificate to verify their situation, as soon as they are aware of their situation, but no later than 48 hours after the conclusion of the Compulsory Selection trial, to the [Convenor](#).

## Requirements for athletes granted a Dispensation or a Medical Exemption

7.6 Athletes who are granted dispensation or a medical exemption from competing in the Compulsory Selection Trial will generally be required to complete an alternative Proof of Fitness trial by a date agreed between the athlete, their personal coach (if applicable) and the Convenor.

## 8. AUTOMATIC NOMINATIONS

8.1 Subject to the entry and eligibility requirements stipulated in this Selection Policy, the winners of either the Senior Women or Senior Men categories at the Compulsory Selection Trial (refer to clause 7.1) will be automatic nominations for that category at the 2019 TWCs.

8.2 Athletes that are automatic nominations must still satisfy the eligibility criteria and entry requirements set out in this Selection Policy, including the submission of an Application for Selection Form as required by this Selection Policy and complying with the form and "Village Pre-entry proof of Fitness" obligations set out in clause 11.

## 9. ADDITIONAL NOMINATION AND SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS

9.1 Other than the athletes that achieve automatic nomination by winning their category at the Compulsory Selection Trial (refer to clause 8), all other athlete nominations for the 2019 WXCCs will be made by the Selectors.

9.2 Notwithstanding the provisions outlined in this Selection Policy, the Selectors have an overriding discretion to nominate any eligible athlete for the 2019 TWCs if they believe it is in the best interests of Athletics NZ to do so.

9.3 It is recognised that due to the nature of cross country it is difficult to compare times across different distances and different courses. The Selectors will take a wide range of factors into consideration when nominating the team.

9.4 The Selectors may consider any combination of factors that they deem relevant to their decision whether or not to nominate an athlete, including but not limited to an athlete's:

- a) Performance at the Compulsory Trial
- b) Potential to be highly competitive at the 2019 TWCs;
- c) Competitive record against other athletes under consideration for nomination in the same event;
- d) Quality and consistency of performances during the Qualification Period;
- e) Commitment and focus on competing at the 2019 TWCs;
- f) History of performances at previous major competitions;
- g) Recent injuries or illness; and/or
- h) Any other factors considered by the Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.

9.5 In any decision regarding the nomination of athletes for the team, the Selectors may, in their sole discretion, also take into account any extenuating circumstances, including but not limited to:

- a) Injury or illness;
- b) Travel delays;
- c) Equipment failure;
- d) Bereavement or personal misfortune; and/or
- e) Any other factors reasonably considered by the Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.

9.6 Athletes unable to compete at competitions relevant to meeting the requirements outlined in this Selection Policy, must advise the [Convenor](#) of an extenuating circumstance and reasons (accompanied by a medical certificate if applicable) or other such details, in writing, as soon as the extenuating circumstance is known (or at least within 7 days). If the Convenor is not notified in writing of any extenuating circumstance in accordance with this Selection Policy, then the Selectors have no obligation to consider any such circumstance.

**10. SELECTION PROCESS****Ratification Review**

10.1 The Athletics NZ Board must ratify nominations prior to the Selection Announcement.

**Selection Announcement**

10.2 The announcement of the athletes selected for the 2019 TWCs will be published on the Athletics NZ website by 5pm on Friday 15 March, 2019 (the “**Selection Announcement**”).

10.3 The Selectors and the Athletics NZ Board reserve the right to add additional athletes to the team after the date of the Selection Announcement on terms and conditions set by the Selectors (as approved by the Athletics NZ Board).

**11. NON-SELECTION QUERIES &/OR APPEALS PROCESS**

11.1 Non-selected athletes can query their non-selection after the Selection Announcement by contacting the [Convenor](#) (i.e., to seek clarification regarding their non-selection).

**Non-selection appeals process**

11.2 The publishing of the Selection Announcement on the Athletics NZ website will be deemed to be the commencement of the 72-hour period to lodge non-selection appeals in accordance with this Selection Policy. This time period will begin as soon as the Selection Announcement is published on the Athletics NZ website.

10.3 Any athlete who is not nominated or whose selection is not ratified by the Athletics NZ Board in accordance with this Selection Policy may appeal their non-selection to the New Zealand Sports Tribunal providing they:

- a) Have submitted an [Application for Selection Form](#) in accordance with timelines contained in this Selection Policy; and
- b) Submit a notice of their intention to appeal their non-selection in writing to the CEO of Athletics NZ ([Hamish Grey](#)) within 72 hours of the Selection Announcement being published on the Athletics NZ website.

11.4 Any appeal will be considered by the Sports Tribunal under its rules and the grounds for an appeal will be as set out in those rules. This provision will apply in relation to non-selection appeals. General provisions relating to appeals in the Athletics NZ Constitution and Regulations of Athletics NZ will not apply.

**12. VILLAGE PRE-ENTRY PROOF OF FITNESS REQUIREMENTS**

12.1 All selections for the 2019 TWCs team remain conditional until each athlete has met their Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness requirements.

12.2 Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness requirements will be confirmed by the 2019 TWCs Convenor in consultation with the athlete, their coach and the Athletics NZ-HP Director.

12.3 The time frame for all athletes to complete all Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness requirements will be at the discretion of the 2019 TWCs Convenor in consultation with the Athletics NZ-HP Director. This may require satisfaction prior to them leaving for the 2019 TWCs from New Zealand or their place of residence.

12.4 Failure by a selected athlete to meet the Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness requirements may result in that athlete's selection for the team being withdrawn. Such a decision is the responsibility of the 2019 TWCs Convenor in consultation with the Athletics NZ-HP Director based on feedback/advice from the Selectors and relevant medical personnel.

### 13. **GENERAL INFORMATION**

13.1 This Selection Policy may be amended at any time prior by the Athletics NZ Board. Any amendment to this Selection Policy will be published on the Athletics NZ website.

#### **Funding**

13.2 The 2019 TWCs is an athlete-funded competition and athletes seeking nomination in accordance with this Selection Policy will have to participate at no-cost to Athletics NZ.

13.3 Athletes considering competing at the 2019 TWCs should plan their funding and budgets early. The trip cost is estimated to be around NZ\$6,000.00 per athlete.

13.4 A management levy is likely to be charged across all athletes (i.e., above the cost of their own travel and accommodation) to assist with the costs of the 2019 TWCs administration, Team Leader and /or support staff (if applicable).

13.5 For athlete-funded competitions, one week prior to the departure of the team from New Zealand all athlete-funding components must be paid in full to Athletics NZ. **Note: Non-payment of the athlete-funding components in full by this date will result in removal of the athlete from the team and the withdrawal of that athlete's entry in the 2019 TWCs. Any unpaid amounts will remain outstanding and will be subject to collection in accordance with [Athletics NZ Debtors policy](#).**

#### **Bond**

13.6 Athletes seeking selection for the 2019 TWCs will be required to pay a Bond of \$250.00 along with their [Application for Selection Form](#) by 5pm Wednesday 27 February 2019.

13.7 The conditions associated with Bond are:

- a) The Bond should either be paid by:
  - i. Depositing cleared funds into 12-3192-0002433-00 noting "2019 TWCs" in the particulars field and specifying the athlete's name (e.g., "J A Bloggs") in the reference field in internet banking. The payee should be noted as being "Athletics NZ"; or
  - ii. Sending a cheque made payable to Athletics NZ, PO Box 305 504 Triton Plaza, Auckland 0757, to be received no later than 5pm Friday, 2 March 2019. The cheque must be accompanied with a note recording the athlete's name and that the payment is made as a bond for the 2019 TWCs team; or
  - iii. By credit card when completing the [Application for Selection Form](#). **Note:** paying via credit card within the Application for Selection Form incurs a non-refundable 4.2% Processing Fee.

#### **Refund of Bond**

- b) The full amount of the Bond paid will be refunded (without interest and any processing fee) if an athlete is not selected;
- c) If an athlete withdraws from the team after selection for any reason, they must notify the Athletics NZ Team Leader in writing as soon as possible. A full refund of the Bond paid will not automatically be given in these circumstances. All refund requests will be considered on a "case-by-case" basis, including by reference to whether any costs have already been incurred or committed by Athletics NZ prior to the time of the withdrawal, as well as to the circumstances behind the withdrawal. In any case, an amount of not less than \$100 will be retained to defray costs. Athletes should be aware that late withdrawal may result in them being required to pay an additional amount in excess of the \$250 bond should Athletics NZ's unrecoverable costs be in excess of that amount;
- d) Any refund is subject to the athlete in question having included details for the refund payment (i.e., bank account details or address and payee for refund cheque) in their Application for Selection; otherwise the athlete must provide those details when he or she advises of the withdrawal of their Application for Selection. Refunds cannot be made without these details;

**Application of Bond**

- e) If selected the Bond will be applied by Athletics NZ to offset costs payable by that selected member of the 2019 TWCs team (i.e., it is not an “extra” fee/levy).

**Team Leader/Coach/Staff Appointments**

13.8 In some instances, when there is a need for an Athletics NZ High Performance staff member to fill a team management position, at the discretion of the Athletics NZ-HP Director and approval of the Athletics NZ Board, team management appointments will not be advertised.

13.9 If required, the Team Leader, in consultation with the Athletics NZ-HP Director, will identify a shortlist of possible team coaches and liaise with those coaches regarding their availability for the 2019 TWCs.

13.10 If required, additional support staff and/or coaches required for the team will be advertised by 5pm Wednesday 6 March 2019.

13.11 For further information regarding staff appointments contact [Jess Jones](#).

**14. ADDITIONAL COMPETITION INFORMATION**

14.1 For further information regarding the 2019 TWCs refer to the [website](#) or contact [Jess Jones](#).