

2019 WORLD MOUNTAIN RUNNING CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION POLICY: 15 November, Villa La Angostura, Argentina

1. 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 (refer to clause 2) will consider athletes for selection to compete at the 2019 World Mountain Running Championships (“**2019 WMRCs**”).
- 1.2 The 2019 WMRCs is an Athletics NZ “Silver” Singlet competition, i.e., an International Association of Athletics Federations (“**IAAF**”), an International Association for Ultrarunners (“**IAU**”) or World Mountain Running Association (“**WMRA**”) World Championship other than an Olympic Games, IAAF World Track & Field Championship or Commonwealth Games.
- 1.3 Selections of;
 - a) Individual athletes for this team will be those deemed capable of a Top 32 placing at the 2019 WMRCs; and
 - b) Teams will be those deemed capable of achieving a Top 8 placing at the 2019 WMRCs
- 1.4 The 2019 WMRCs is an athlete-funded competition and athletes seeking selection in accordance with this Selection Policy will have to participate at no-cost to Athletics NZ (refer to clause 11).

2. SELECTION PANEL

- 2.1 The board of Athletics NZ (“**Athletics NZ Board**”) has endorsed the following Selection Panel (“**Selectors**”) to consider and select athletes for the 2019 WMRCs:
 - a) John Bowden (Convenor)
 - b) Craig Motley
 - c) John Muskett
- 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 SELECTION

- 3.1 As a condition of selection for the 2019 WMRCs, an athlete must:
 - a) Have achieved at least one (1) Performance Standard (refer to clause 6) that is listed on the official Athletics NZ rankings website and that is achieved within the following Qualification Period; and

Categories/Events	Qualification Period
All athletes	1 August 2018 to 2 June 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 pay a \$250.00 bond (refer clause 11) by 5pm Monday 3 June 2019; and
- d) Have competed at the Compulsory Selection Trial (refer to clause 6) or have been granted dispensation from that competition; and
- e) Have satisfied all WMRA eligibility, nationality, participation requirements; and

- f) Enter into an athlete agreement with Athletics NZ ("**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 WMRA 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.

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 selection.

Note: Nothing in this Selection Policy obliges Athletics NZ to select a full contingent of athletes in any event, regardless of the OAA and/or IAAF Technical Regulations or the 2019 OACs LOC entry requirements.

4. **SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.1 For an athlete to be considered for selection for the 2019 WMRCs based on results achieved in New Zealand during the Qualification Period, they must have achieved one (1) of the following:
 - a) For a Team Event, an athlete should have finished in the "Top 5" in a NZ mountain running race; and/or
 - b) 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 3" in a NZ mountain running race.
- 4.2 For an athlete to be considered for selection for the 2019 WMRCs based on results achieved outside of New Zealand during the Qualification Period, they must have achieved one (1) of the following:
 - a) For a Team Event, an athlete should have finished in the "Top 20" in at least one mountain running race during the Qualification Period which was sanctioned by the WMRA, the International Sky Running Federation and/or the European Mountain Grand Prix circuit.
 - b) 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 10" in a mountain running race during the Qualification Period which was sanctioned by the WMRA, the International Sky Running Federation and/or the European Mountain Grand Prix circuit.

Please Note: Achieving a Performance Standard gives no right or guarantee of selection.

5. **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Age Requirements for each Category

- 5.1 Any athlete aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December of the year of the competition (i.e. for the 2019 Championships born in 2000 or 2001) may compete in the senior category or the junior category.
- 5.2 Any athlete aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December of the year of the competition (i.e. for the 2019 Championships born in 2002 or 2003) may only compete in the junior category.
- 5.3 No athlete younger than 16 years on 31 December in the year of the competition (i.e. for the 2019 Championships, born in 2004 or later) may be entered.

Categories and Distances

- 5.4 Teams can be entered in the following categories:
 - a) Junior Women: Up to four athletes can compete with three to score
 - b) Junior Men: Up to four athletes can compete with three to score

- c) Senior Women: Up to four athletes can compete with three to score
- d) Senior Men: Up to four athletes can compete with three to score

5.5 Races at the Championships will be contested over the following approximate distances:

	Up & Down		
	Distance	Ascents	Descents
Junior Women	6.63km	393m	475m
Junior Men	6.63km	393m	475m
Senior Women	14.02km	754m	754m
Senior Men	14.02km	754m	754m

6. **COMPULSORY SELECTION TRIAL**

- 6.1 The Compulsory Selection Trial for the 2019 WMRCs is the Athletics NZ Mountain Running Championships in Wainuiomata, Wellington on 13 April 2019.
- 6.2 All athletes seeking selection for the 2019 WMRCs must have either:
 - a) Competed in the Compulsory Selection Trial; or
 - b) Have received written dispensation from the Convenor for the Compulsory Selection Trial (refer to clauses 6.3 and 6.4); or
 - c) Have received a medical exemption from the Compulsory Selection Trial as a result 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 a medical certificate (refer to clause 6.5).

Dispensation from Compulsory Selection Trial

- 6.3 Athletes seeking dispensation from the Compulsory Selection Trial (other than a medical exemption covered by clause 7.5) must make a request by e-mail no later than ten (10) days prior to the competition, to the [Convenor](#).
- 6.4 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

- 6.5 Athletes who are unable to effectively compete at the Compulsory Selection Trial as a result of injury or illness that occurred during the Compulsory Selection Trial or during the ten (10) days immediately prior to the start of their event at that Compulsory Selection Trial, 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.

- 6.6 Athletes who are granted a 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 in consultation with the 2019 WMRCs Team Leader.

7. **ADDITIONAL SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS**

- 7.1 Subject to the entry and eligibility requirements stipulated in this Selection Policy, the winners of either the Junior Women, Junior Men, Senior Women or Senior Men categories at the Compulsory Selection Trial (i.e., The 2019 Athletics NZ Mountain Running Championships in Wainuiomata, 13 April 2019) will have priority

consideration for selection in that category at the 2019 WMRCs, provided those athletes submit an Application for Selection Form as required by this Selection Policy.

- 7.2 In any category where the Selectors decide that a Top 8 Team Event placing is not realistic, then they may nominate up to:
- a) Two (2) athletes to compete in the Individual Event in the Senior Men's category;
 - b) Two (2) athletes to compete in the Individual Event in the Senior Women's category;
 - c) Two (2) athletes to compete in the Individual Event in the Junior Men's category; and
 - d) Two (2) athletes to compete in the Individual Event in the Junior Women's category
- Please Note:** All athletes competing as part of a "Team", are eligible for selection for any Individual Event where Athletics NZ is entitled to enter an Individual as well.
- 7.3 Notwithstanding the provisions outlined in this Selection Policy, the Selectors have an overriding discretion to nominate any eligible athlete for the 2019 WMRCs if they believe it is in the best interests of Athletics NZ to do so.
- 7.4 It is recognised that due to the nature of mountain running 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.
- 7.5 In considering athletes for selection, the Selectors may consider any factor or combination of factors that they deem relevant to their decision whether to nominate an athlete for the 2019 WMRCs, including but not limited to the athlete's:
- a) Performance at the 2019 Athletics NZ Mountain Running Championships, Wainuiomata on 13 April 2019;
 - b) Potential to be highly competitive at the 2019 WMRCs;
 - c) Competitive record against other athletes under consideration for selection in the same event;
 - d) Quality and consistency of performances in other mountain running races during the Qualification Period;
 - e) Commitment and focus on competing at the 2019 WMRCs;
 - f) History of performances at previous selected individual or team events;
 - g) Any other factors reasonably considered by the Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.
- 7.6 In any decision regarding the selection of athletes for the 2019 WMRCs, 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.
- 7.7 Athletes unable to compete at competitions relevant to meeting the requirements outlined in this Selection Policy, must advise the [Convenor](#) of the extenuating circumstances and reasons (accompanied by a medical certificate if applicable) or other such details, in writing, as soon as the extenuating circumstances is known (or at least within 7 days). If the Convenor is not notified of any extenuating circumstances in accordance with this Selection Policy then the Selectors have no obligation to rely on such circumstances.

8. **SELECTION PROCESS**

- 8.1 Athletics NZ will select Individual(s) and/or Team(s) in accordance with the criteria set out in this Selection Policy and as allowed by the WMRA Technical Regulations and the LOC entry requirements.
- 8.2 Nothing in this Selection Policy obliges Athletics NZ to select a full contingent of athletes in any particular event regardless of the WMRA Technical Regulations or the LOC entry requirements.

Ratification Review

- 8.3 The Board must ratify selections prior to the Selection Announcement.

Selection Announcements

8.4 The Selection Announcement of the athletes selected for the 2019 WMRCs will be published on the Athletics NZ website by 5pm on Monday 17 June 2019.

9. NON-SELECTION QUERIES &/OR APPEALS PROCESS

9.1 Non-nominated 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

9.2 The publishing of the Selection Announcement on Athletics NZ website by 5pm on Monday 17 June 2019 will be deemed to be the commencement of the 72 hour period to lodge non-selection appeals in accordance with this Selection Policy.

9.3 Any athlete 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 ([Peter Pfitzinger](#)) within 72 hours of the decision of the Athletics NZ Board being published on the Athletics NZ website (i.e. the Selection Announcement).

9.4 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 Constitution and By-Laws of Athletics NZ will not apply.

10. VILLAGE PRE-ENTRY PROOF OF FITNESS

10.1 All selections for the 2019 WMRCs remain conditional until each athlete has met their Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness.

10.2 All Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness will be confirmed by the Convenor and/or 2019 WMRCs Team Leader in consultation with the athlete and their coach

10.3 The time frame for all athletes to achieve specific Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness will be at the discretion of the Convenor and/or the 2019 WMRCs Team Leader. However, generally it will be prior to them leaving for the 2019 WMRCs from New Zealand or their place of residence.

10.4 Generally, failure by a selected athlete to meet the Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness may result in that athlete who has been selected to the team being withdrawn from the 2019 WMRCs. Such a decision is at the discretion of the Convenor in consultation with the 2019 WMRCs Team Leader and the Selectors.

10.5 Athletics NZ reserves the right to select a replacement athlete if any athlete is withdrawn or otherwise fails to meet the requirements set out in this Selection Policy.

11. GENERAL INFORMATION

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

Funding

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

11.3 Athletes considering competing at the 2019 WMRCs should plan their funding and budgets early. The trip cost is expected to be around NZ \$7,000 per athlete.

- 11.4 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 cost of the 2019 WMRCs Team Leader and/or support staff (if applicable).
- 11.5 For athlete-funded competitions, two (2) weeks prior to the departure of “the team” from New Zealand all athlete-funding components must be paid in full to Athletics NZ.
- Please Note: Non-payment of the athlete-funded component 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 WMRCs. Unpaid amounts will remain outstanding and will be subject to collection in accordance with [Athletics NZ Debtors policy](#).**

Bond

- 11.6 Athletes seeking selection for the 2019 WMRCs will be required to pay a Bond of \$250.00 along with their [Application for Selection Form](#) by 5pm Monday 3 June 2019. 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 WMRCs” in the Particulars field and athlete’s name (e.g., “J A Bloggs”) in the Reference field in internet banking. The Payee is Athletics NZ; or
 - ii. sending a cheque made payable to Athletics NZ, P O Box 305 504 Triton Plaza, Auckland 0757 to be received no later than 5pm Monday 27 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 WMRCs team.
 - iii. By credit card when completing the [Application for Selection Form](#). **Please 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 [Jess Jones](#) 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.
- 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 athlete as a member of the 2019 WMRCs team (i.e., it is not an “extra” fee/levy).

Team Leader /Coach/Staff Appointment

- 11.7 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 High Performance Director and approval of the Athletics NZ Board, team management appointments will not be advertised.
- 11.8 If required, expressions of interest for the position of 2019 WMRCs Team Leader will be advertised by Friday 2 August 2019.
- 11.9 If required, additional support staff and/or coaches, will be advertised by Friday 2 August 2019.
- 11.10 For further information regarding staff appointments contact [Jess Jones](#).

12. ADDITIONAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

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

