



2014 OCEANIA RACE WALKING SELECTION POLICY: 2nd February, Hobart, Australia

1. NOMINATION/SELECTION PHILOSOPHY

- 1.1 This Selection Policy sets out the basis on which the Athletics New Zealand (“**Athletics NZ**”) Selection Panel (refer to clause 5) will consider athletes for selection for the *2014 Oceania Race Walking Trophy* (the “2014 ORWT”).
- 1.2 The Selection Panel will nominate athletes for selection and nominations will be subject to ratification by the Board of Athletics New Zealand.
- 1.3 Athletes must note that the 2014 ORWT is an athlete-funded competition and athletes seeking selection in accord with this Selection Policy will have to fund their participation in full (i.e., they will participate at no-cost to Athletics NZ).
- 1.4 The 2014 ORWT is considered to be an Athletics NZ “White Singlet competition (i.e. a competition other than an Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games or World Championship).

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 In order to be eligible for selection for the 2014 ORWT an athlete must:
 - a) Submit an **Application for Selection Form** at <http://performance.athletics.org.nz> and pay a \$500 Bond (refer Clause 11.3) by 5pm on Wednesday the 20th of November 2013; AND
 - b) Must be a registered member of Athletics NZ at the time of achieving their **Performance Standard** (refer clause 4); AND
 - c) Must have achieved a **Performance Standard** (refer clause 4) within the following **Qualification Periods**; AND

Events	Qualification Period
Junior Women 10km & Junior Men 10km	1-Apr-2013 to 17-Nov-2013
Women 20km & Men 20km	1-Apr-2013 to 17-Nov-2013

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

- d) Must compete in the *Compulsory Selection Trials* or receive dispensation from competing in that Compulsory Trial/s from the Selection Panel in accordance with clause 6; AND
- e) Satisfy all IAAF eligibility, Nationality and the LOC entry requirements (refer clause 3); AND
- f) Remain in “good standing” with Athletics NZ 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 the sport or the team into disrepute; AND
- g) Acknowledge and agree that the 2014 ORWT is an athlete-funded competition and athletes seeking selection in accord with this Selection Policy will have to participate at no-cost to Athletics New Zealand.

3. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 Entries must comply with the International Association of Athletics Federations (**IAAF**) Technical Regulations and the Local Organising Committee (LOC) entry requirements.

Team Event Categories & Distances

- 3.2 Athletics NZ can enter one (1) team in the following categories:
- Junior Women 10km: Up to 3 athletes with 2 to score
 - Junior Men 10km: Up to 3 athletes with 2 to score
 - Senior Women 20km: Up to 4 athletes with 3 to score
 - Senior Men 20km: Up to 4 athletes with 3 to score

Individual Event Categories & Distances

- 3.3 Any athlete selected as part of a Team Event is eligible for Individual Event honours as well as Team Event honours. (i.e. the Individual Event and the Team Event are contested concurrently for each category).

Age Requirements for the Junior Category

- 3.4 **Junior Athletes** aged 18 or 19 years on the 31st December 2014 (i.e. born in 1995 or 1996) may be entered in the junior category at the 2014 ORWT.
- 3.5 **Athletes aged 17 years or younger** on the 31st of December 2014 (i.e. born in 1997 or later) cannot be entered in any category at the 2014 ORWT.

4. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

- 4.1 In order to qualify as a “**Performance Standard**” for consideration by the Selection Panel, an athlete’s performance must:
- Be verified by Athletics NZ and listed on the official Athletics NZ Ranking Lists; AND
 - Have been achieved within the relevant Qualification Period (see clause 2.1c); AND
 - Be equal to or better than the following specific event standards:

Events	Performance Standards
Junior Women 10km	58:00 minutes
Junior Men 10km	53:00 minutes
Women 20km	2hrs 4:00 minutes
Men 20km	1hr 50:00 minutes

Note: As stated in clause 2.1c, achieving a Performance Standard does not give any athlete a right to, or a guarantee of, selection.

5. SELECTION PANEL

- 5.1 The Selection Panel and the Convenor appointed to nominate athletes for the 2014 ORWT are:
- Graham Seatter (**Convenor**)
 - Graeme Jones
 - Tony Sargisson
- 5.2 The board of Athletics NZ reserves the right to replace any member of the Athletics NZ Selection Panel at any time for any reason.

6. COMPULSORY TRIAL

- 6.1 The 2013 Athletics NZ Long Distance Race Walk Championships to be held in Auckland on the 16th of November 2013 will be the *Compulsory Trial* for all athletes seeking selection for the 2014 ORWT in all events unless they have dispensation from that competition (see below).

Dispensation from Compulsory Trial

- 6.2 Athletes who would like to be eligible for selection despite being unable to compete at the Compulsory Trial must **make a request in writing or preferably by E-Mail** no later than 10th November 2013 to either:
- a) The 2014 ORWT Selection Panel Convenor (graham@athletics.org.nz); or
 - b) The Athletics NZ High Performance (ANZ-HP) Director (performance@athletics.org.nz).
- 6.3 Dispensations from competing at the Compulsory Trial may be granted at the sole discretion of the Selection Panel. In no way limiting the Selection Panel's discretion, athletes should note that dispensations will generally only be granted in exceptional circumstances and may be granted with or without conditions.

Medical Exemption from Compulsory Trial

- 6.4 If an athlete has failed to make an application for dispensation in compliance with Clause 6.2, then the Selection Panel will, absent exceptional circumstances, only consider an application for dispensation from competing in that Compulsory Trial on medical grounds.
- 6.5 Athletes who are unable to compete effectively at the Compulsory Trials as a result of injury or illness that occurred during the Compulsory Trial or during the ten (10) days immediately prior to the start of their event at that Compulsory Trial must make a request for a Medical Exemption in writing, preferably by e-mail, accompanied by a copy of a Medical Certificate from a doctor acceptable to the Selection Panel to verify their circumstances as soon as they are aware of their situation, but no later than 72 hours after the conclusion of the competition to either:
- a) The 2014 ORWT Selection Panel Convenor (graham@athletics.org.nz); or
 - b) The Athletics NZ High Performance (ANZ-HP) Director (performance@athletics.org.nz).
- 6.6 Dispensations may be granted with or without conditions as the Selection Panel may determine. Athletes who are granted a dispensation from competing in the Compulsory Trial will generally be required to complete an alternative Proof of Form trial by a date agreed between the athlete, their personal coach (if applicable) and the 2014 ORWT Selection Panel Convenor in consultation with the 2014 CG Athletics Team Leader (refer Clause 11.7) and the ANZ-HP Director.

7. OTHER NOMINATION CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 Subject to the entry and eligibility requirements stipulated in this Selection Policy, and providing they have achieved the required Performance Standard during the Qualification Period, **the winners of the Compulsory Trial** in the Junior Women, Junior Men, Senior Women or Senior Men categories will be given priority consideration for selection for that category at the 2014 ORWT.
- 7.2 All other nominations for the 2014 ORWT will be decided by the Selection Panel.
- 7.3 In considering athletes for nomination in accordance with clause 7.1 and 7.2, the Selection Panel may consider any factor or combination of factors that they consider relevant to their decision, including but not limited to an athlete's:
- a) Performances at the *2013 Athletics NZ Long Distance Race Walk Championships* to be held in Auckland on the 16th of November 2013;
 - b) Competitive record against other athletes under consideration for nomination in the same event;
 - c) The quality and consistency of performances during the qualification period;
 - d) Commitment and focus on competing at the 2014 ORWT;
 - e) History of performances at previous major competitions; and/or
 - f) Recent injuries or illness.

8. SELECTION PROCESS

- 8.1 Athletics NZ will select Individual(s) or Team(s) according to the criteria set out in this Selection Policy as allowed by the IAAF 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 IAAF Technical Regulations or the LOC entry requirements.

Ratification Review

- 8.3 The Selection Panel will provide the Athletics NZ Board with details of those athletes the Panel wishes to nominate for selection.
- 8.4 The Athletics New Zealand Board must ratify all nominations prior to any associated selection announcement.

Selection Announcements

- 8.5 The Selection Announcement of the athletes selected for the 2014 ORWT will be published on the Athletics NZ website by 5pm Monday the 25th of November 2013.

9. NON-SELECTION APPEALS PROCESS

- 9.1 An athlete may appeal their non-selection to the New Zealand Sports Tribunal providing they submit a notice of their intention to appeal their non-nomination in writing to the CEO of Athletics NZ or the ANZ-HP Director within 72 hours of the Selection Announcement.
- 9.2 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-nomination appeals. General provisions relating to appeals in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Athletics NZ will not apply.

10. VILLAGE PRE-ENTRY PROOF OF FITNESS

- 10.1 **All selections for the 2014 ORWT remain conditional** until an athlete has met their Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness Requirements and paid all associated costs of being a member of the team.
- 10.2 All selected athletes will be advised in writing of their specific Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness Requirements after their selection has been confirmed by the 2014 ORWT Selection Panel Convenor and/or the 2014 ORWT Team Manager.
- 10.3 The time frame for all athletes to achieve specific Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness Requirements will be at the discretion of the 2014 ORWT Selection Panel Convenor and/or the 2014 ORWT Team Manager. However, generally that will be prior to them leaving for the 2014 ORWT 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 Requirements will result in an athlete who has been selected for the team being withdrawn from the competition. However, such a decision would be at the discretion of the 2014 ORWT Selection Panel Convenor in consultation with the 2014 ORWT Team Manager.

11. GENERAL INFORMATION

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

Funding

- 11.2 The 2014 ORWT is an athlete-funded competition and athletes seeking selection in accord with this *Selection Policy* will have to participate at no-cost to Athletics New Zealand.

11.3 Athletes seeking selection for the 2014 ORWT will be required to pay a Bond of \$500 along with their **Application for Selection Form** by 5pm on Wednesday the 20th of November 2013. The conditions associated with Bond are:

- a) The Bond should either be paid by:
 - i. depositing cleared funds into 12-3192-0002433-00or
 - ii. sending a cheque made payable to Athletics New Zealand, P O Box 305 504, Triton Plaza, Auckland 0757 to be received no later than Wednesday the 20th of November 2013.

Refund of Bond

- b) If an athlete notifies the Selection Panel prior to the Compulsory Trial (i.e. prior to 15th of November 2013) that they would like to withdraw their **Application for Selection Form** and no longer be considered for nomination, then the full amount of the Bond paid (without interest) will be refunded within 10 days of receipt of such notice;
- c) The full amount of the Bond paid will be refunded (without interest) if an athlete is not selected;
- d) If an athlete withdraws from the team after nomination for any reason, they must notify the 2014 ORWT Selection Panel Convenor 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.

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 2014 ORWT team (i.e. it is not an “extra” fee/levy); and

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 cost of the 2014 ORWT Team Managers and/or support staff (if applicable).

11.5 Athletes considering competing at the 2014 ORWT should plan their funding and budgets early.

11.6 For athlete-funded competitions, two weeks prior to the departure of “the team” from New Zealand all athlete-funding components must be paid to Athletics New Zealand. Non-payment of the athlete-funding components will result in removal from the team – removal will not relieve that athlete from paying any and all costs that may be associated with the athlete’s selection and inclusion in the team up to removal.

Team Leader/Coach/Staff Appointments

11.7 Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for the position 2014 ORWT Team Manager are being sought by Friday the 1st of November 2013. A 2014 ORWT Team Manager is expected to be appointed by Friday the 15th of November 2013.

11.8 Coach/support staff, if deemed necessary, will be advertised from Thursday the 21st of November 2013.

11.9 For further information contact Kat Austin at: kat@athletics.org.nz

Addition Competition Information

11.10 For further information regarding the 2014 ORWT refer to: ([link TBC](#)).