

2014 OCEANIA CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION POLICY: 16th - 17th October, Guam

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 5.1) will consider the selection of one (1) male and one (1) female athlete to be funded by the Oceania Athletics Association (OAA) to compete in the *2014 Oceania Cross Country Championships* (the “**2014 OXCCs**”).

Note: OAA will cover return international flights, ground transport and share accommodation (the number of nights will be determined by OAA by the incoming flight schedule) for:

- One (1) female athlete, AND
- One (1) male athlete

1.2 The Selection Panel will nominate athletes for selection and nominations will be subject to ratification by the Board of Athletics NZ.

1.3 The *2014 OXCCs* is an Athletics NZ “White” Singlet competition (i.e. a competition other than an Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games or World Championship).

1.4 Athletes seeking selection in accord with this selection policy will have to cover any costs incurred over and above the funding being provided by the OAA (i.e. athletes will participate at no-cost to Athletics NZ).

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 In order to be eligible for selection for the *2014 OXCCs* an athlete must:

- a) Submit an online ***Application for Selection Form*** at <http://performance.athletics.org.nz> and pay a \$100.00 Bond (refer clause 8.5) by 5pm Wednesday 20th August 2014; AND
- b) Be a registered member of Athletics NZ **at the time of achieving their *Qualifying Performance***; AND
- c) Must compete in the ***2014 Athletics NZ Cross Country Championships (Christchurch, 9th August 2014)***; AND
- d) Satisfy all OAA eligibility, nationality and participation requirements; AND
- e) 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 their sport or the team into disrepute.

3. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Athletics NZ entries must comply with OAA Regulations, IAAF Technical Regulations and Local Organising Committee (LOC) entry requirements.

3.2 Athletics New Zealand is entitled to select one (1) female and one (1) male athlete to receive OAA funding to compete at the *2014 OXCCs*.

4. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS/REQUIREMENTS

4.1 There are no prescribed Performance Standards for selection for the *2014 OXCCs*. However, for athletes to be considered for selection, they must have competed in the 2014 Athletics NZ Cross Country Championships (Christchurch, 9th August 2014).

4.2 The “open age” winners of the 2014 Athletics NZ Cross Country Championships will be given priority consideration for selection.

- 4.3 If the winners of the 2014 Athletics NZ Cross Country Championships are not seeking selection, then the selectors will nominate the athletes that they deem to be the next best athletes that competed in the 2014 Athletics NZ Cross Country Championships that are seeking selection for the 2014 OXCCs.

5. SELECTION PANELLISTS

- 5.1 The *Selection Panel* and the *Convenor* appointed to nominate athletes for the 2014 OXCCs are:
- a) Alec McNab (**Convenor**)
 - b) Craig Motley
 - c) Barry Ellis
- 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. SELECTION PROCESS

- 6.1 Athletics NZ will select Individual(s) based on nominations from the Selection Panel according to the criteria set out in this Selection Policy and as allowed by the OAA Technical Regulations and the LOC entry requirements.
- 6.2 Nothing in this Selection Policy obliges Athletics NZ to select a full contingent of athletes in any particular event regardless of the OAA Technical Regulations or the LOC entry requirements.

Ratification Review

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

Selection Announcements

- 6.5 Selection Panel Meetings will be scheduled to allow adequate time for the Athletics NZ Board to complete a ratification review of the nomination process prior to the Selection Announcement.
- 6.6 The Selection Announcement of the athletes selected for the 2014 OXCCs will be published on the Athletics NZ website by 5pm Thursday 28th August 2014.

7. NON-SELECTION QUERIES &/OR APPEALS PROCESS

- 7.1 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-selection in writing to the CEO of Athletics NZ or the ANZ-HP Director within 72 hours of the Selection Announcement.
- 7.2 Any appeal will be considered by the New Zealand 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.

Non-Selection Appeals Process

- 7.3 The publishing of the Selection Announcement on Athletics NZ website by 5pm Thursday 28th August 2014 will **be deemed to be the commencement of the 72 hour period to lodge non-Selection Appeals** in accord with this Selection Policy.
- 7.4 Any athlete whose selection is not ratified by the Board of Athletics NZ in accord with this Selection Policy may appeal their non-selection to the NZ Sports Tribunal providing they:
- a) Have submitted an Application for Selection in accord with timelines contained in this Selection Policy; AND
 - b) Submitted a notice of their intention to appeal their non-selection in writing to the CEO of Athletics NZ or the ANZ-HP Director within 72 hours of the decision of the Board being published on the Athletics NZ website (i.e. the Selection Announcement).

- 7.5 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 the Athletics NZ will not apply.

8. **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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

Funding

- 8.2 The 2014 OXCCs is an OAA athlete-funded competition for the two (2) Athletics NZ selected representatives.
- 8.3 OAA will cover return international flights, ground transport, and share accommodation (the number of nights will be determined by OAA by the incoming flight schedule).
- 8.4 Athletes seeking selection in accord with this selection policy will have to cover any costs incurred over and above the funding being provided by the OAA (i.e. athletes will participate at no-cost to Athletics NZ).

Bond

- 8.5 Athletes seeking selection for the 2014 OXCCs will be required to pay a Bond of \$100.00 along with their Application for Selection form by 5pm Wednesday 20th August 2014.
- 8.6 The conditions associated with Bond are:
- a) The Bond should either be paid by:
 - i. depositing cleared funds into 12-3192-0002433-00 noting "2014 OXCC" in the Particulars field and athlete's name (e.g., "C P Taylor") 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 Wednesday 20th August 2014. The cheque must be accompanied with a note recording the athlete's name and that the payment is made as a bond for the 2014 OXCC team.

Refund of Bond

- b) The full amount of the Bond paid will be refunded (without interest) if an athlete is not selected;
- c) If an athlete withdraws from the team after nomination for any reason, they must notify the 2014 OXCCs 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 \$50 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 (i.e. Uniforms, Travel insurance) payable by that selected athlete as a member of the 2014 OXCCs team (i.e. it is not an "extra" fee/levy).
- 8.7 For further information contact Deb Develter at: deb@athletics.org.nz

9. **ADDITIONAL COMPETITION INFORMATION**

- 9.1 For further information regarding the 2014 OXCCs refer to: <http://www.oceania-athletics.com>