

2018 IAAF WORLD HALF MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION POLICY: 24 March, Valencia, Spain

1. NOMINATION/SELECTION PHILOSOPHY

- 1.1 This Selection Policy is issued by the Board of Athletics New Zealand (*"Athletics NZ Board"*) and sets out the basis on which the (*"Athletics NZ"*) Selectors (refer to clause 2.1) will consider athletes for nomination to the *Athletics NZ Board* for the 2018 IAAF World Half Marathon Championships (the *"2018 WHMCs"*).
- 1.2 The *2018 WHMCs* 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).
- 1.3 Athletes must note that the *2018 WHMCs* is an athlete-funded competition and athletes seeking selection in accordance with this Selection Policy will have to cover any costs incurred (i.e. athletes will participate at no-cost to *Athletics NZ*).

2. SELECTION PANEL

- 2.1 The *Athletics NZ Board* endorsed Selection Panel (*the "Selectors"*) and the *Convenor* appointed to nominate athletes for selection for the *2018 WHMCs* are:
 - a) John Bowden (*Convenor*)
 - b) Craig Motley
 - c) Sarah Biss
- 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 *2018 WHMCs* an athlete must:
 - a) Have achieved a *Performance Standard* that is listed on the official *Athletics NZ* Rankings website within the following *Qualification Period*; AND

Categories/Events	Qualification Period
Men's and Women's Half Marathon	29 January 2017 to 21 January 2018

- 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 bond (refer clause 12.6, 12.7 a-e) by 5pm Sunday 14 January 2018; AND
- d) Have satisfied all International Athletics Association Federation (*"IAAF"*) eligibility, nationality and participation requirements, and the Local Organising Committee (*"LOC"*) entry requirements (refer clause 5); AND
- e) Enter into an athlete agreement with *Athletics NZ*; AND
- f) Be and remain in "good standing" with *Athletics NZ* and at all times comply with any established code of conduct or athlete agreement of *Athletics NZ* and otherwise conduct themselves in a way that does not bring their sport or the team into disrepute; AND
- g) To *Athletics NZ's* knowledge, 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 *Athletics NZ* or *IAAF Anti- 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 nomination and/or selection.

4. **ELIGIBILITY**

4.1 For *Individual Events*, for categories where *Athletics NZ* are not nominating a “Team”, the *Selectors* may nominate athletes deemed capable of achieving a Top 32 placing at the 2018 *WHMCs*.

4.2 For *Team Events*, the *Selectors* may nominate teams deemed capable of achieving a Top 8 placing at the 2018 *WHMCs*.

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.

5. **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

5.1 Entries must comply with the *IAAF Technical Regulations* and the *LOC* entry requirements.

Categories

5.2 *Athletics NZ* can enter one (1) team in the following categories:

- a) Women’s Half-Marathon: Up to five (5) athletes with three (3) to score
- b) Men’s Half-Marathon: Up to five (5) athletes with three (3) 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 (2) athletes in the Senior Men’s and/or Senior Women’s categories.

Age Requirements

5.4 Athletes aged 17 years or younger on the 31 December 2018 (i.e. born in 2001 or later) cannot be entered in any category at the 2018 *WHMCs*.

6. **PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

6.1 For an athlete to be considered for nomination for the 2018 *WHMCs* in an *Individual Event*, they must have achieved the following *Performance Standard/s* during the *Qualification Period*:

Event/Category	Individual Event Performance Standards	Team Event Performance Standards
Women’s Half-Marathon	1hr 14:30	1hr 17:30
Men’s Half-Marathon	1hr 05:00	1hr 06:00

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

7. **COMPULSORY SELECTION TRIAL/S**

7.1 There will be no *Compulsory Trial/s* for the 2018 *WHMCs* for any category.

8. **DISCRETIONARY NOMINATIONS**

8.1 Subject to the requirements of this Selection Policy, the *Selectors* may consider any athlete for nomination who has achieved at least one (1) *Performance Standard* during the *Qualification Period*.

8.2 Notwithstanding the provisions outlined in this Selection Policy, the *Selectors* have an overriding discretion to nominate any eligible athlete for the 2018 *WHMCs* if they believe it is in the best interests of *Athletics NZ* to do so.

- 8.3 In considering athletes for nomination, the *Selectors* may consider any factor or combination of factors that they deem relevant to their decision whether or not to nominate an athlete for the 2018 WHMCs, including but not limited to an athlete's:
- a) Potential to be highly competitive at the 2018 WHMCs;
 - b) Competitive record against other athletes under consideration for selection in the same event;
 - c) Quality and consistency of performances during the Qualification Period;
 - d) Commitment and focus on competing at the 2018 WHMCs;
 - e) History of performances at previous selected individual or team events;
 - f) Recent injuries or illness; and
 - g) Any other factors reasonably considered by the *Selectors* to constitute extenuating circumstances.
- 8.4 In any decision regarding the nomination of athletes for the 2018 WHMCs, 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.
- 8.5 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.

9. **SELECTION PROCESS**

- 9.1 *Athletics NZ* will select Individual(s) or Team(s) based on nominations from the *Selectors* in accordance to the criteria set out in this Selection Policy as allowed by the IAAF Technical Regulations and the LOC entry requirements.
- 9.2 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

- 9.3 The *Athletics NZ Board* must ratify nominations prior to the *Selection Announcement*.

Selection Announcements

- 9.4 The *Selection Announcement* of athletes selected for the 2018 WHMCs will be published on the *Athletics NZ* website by 5pm Friday 26 January 2018.

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

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

Non-selection appeals process

- 10.2 The publishing of the *Selection Announcement* on the *Athletics NZ* website by 5pm Friday 26 January 2018 will be deemed to be the commencement of the 72 hour period to lodge non-selection appeals in accordance with this Selection Policy.

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* ([Hamish Grey](#)) within 72 hours of the decision of the *Athletics NZ Board* being published on the *Athletics NZ* website (i.e. the *Selection Announcement*).

10.3 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/selection appeals. General provisions relating to appeals in the Constitution and By-Laws of *Athletics NZ* will not apply.

11. VILLAGE PRE-ENTRY PROOF OF FITNESS

- 11.1 All selections for the 2018 WHMCs remain conditional until an athlete has met their Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness.
- 11.2 Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness will be confirmed by the *Convenor* and/or 2018 WHMCs Team Leader in consultation with the athlete, their coach and the *Athletics NZ* High Performance Director ("*Athletics NZ-HPD*").
- 11.3 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 2018 WHMCs Team Leader. However, generally it will be prior to them leaving for the 2018 WHMCs from New Zealand or their place of residence.
- 11.4 Generally, failure by a selected athlete to meet the Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness will result in an athlete who has been selected to the team being withdrawn from the competition. Such a decision would be at the discretion of the *Convenor* and/or 2018 WHMCs Team Leader in consultation with the Athletics NZ-HPD.
- 11.5 Athletes selected for the 2018 WHMCs shall not compete in a road race exceeding 10km after Sunday 11 February 2018 without the approval of the *Convenor* in consultation with the 2018 WHMCs Team Leader.
- 11.6 *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.

12. GENERAL INFORMATION

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

Funding

- 12.2 The 2018 WHMCs 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*.
- 12.3 Athletes considering competing at the 2018 WHMCs should plan their funding and budgets early. The trip cost is estimated to be around NZ\$5,000.
- 12.4 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 2018 WHMCs Team Leader and/or Support Staff (if applicable).
- 12.5 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 2018 WHMCs. Unpaid amounts will remain outstanding and will be subject to collection in accordance with [Athletics NZ Debtors policy](#).**

Bond

- 12.6 Athletes seeking selection for the *2018 WHMCs* will be required to pay a Bond of \$250.00 along with their [Application for Selection Form](#) by 5pm Monday 15 January 2018.
- 12.7 The conditions associated with Bond are:
- a) The Bond should either be paid by:
 - i. depositing cleared funds into 12-3192-0002433-00 noting “*2018 WHMCs*” 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 15 January 2018. The cheque must be accompanied with a note recording the athlete’s name and that the payment is made as a bond for the *2018 WHMCs* team; or
 - 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 the *2018 WHMCs 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.
- 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 *2018 WHMCs* team (i.e., it is not an “extra” fee/levy)

Team Leader/Coach/Staff Appointments

- 12.8 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-HPD* and approval of the *Athletics NZ Board*, team management appointments will not be advertised.
- 12.9 If required, expressions of interest for the position of *2018 WHMCs* Team Leader, will be advertised by Monday 15 January 2018.
- 12.10 If required, additional support staff and/or coaches, will be advertised by Friday 26 January 2018.
- 12.11 For further information contact [Jess Jones](#).

13. ADDITIONAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

- 13.1 For further information regarding the *2018 WHMCs* refer to the [website](#) or contact [Jess Jones](#).