

2018 OCEANIA POLYNESIAN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION POLICY: 4 - 5 October, Apia, Samoa

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 New Zealand ("*Athletics NZ*") Selectors (refer to clause 2.1) will consider athletes for nomination to the *Athletics NZ Board* for the 2018 Oceania Polynesian Regional Championships (the "*2018 OPRCs*").
- 1.2** The *2018 OPRCs* is an *Athletics NZ* "White" Singlet competition. It is considered a development opportunity for New Zealand athletes to compete for New Zealand for the below distinct purposes:
- a) **Youth (i.e. Under 18):** To provide an international competition opportunity for Youth athletes to represent New Zealand in 2018; AND
 - b) **Senior (i.e. Open):** To provide an opportunity for developing athletes to represent New Zealand as a senior athlete for the first-time (i.e. to encourage them to stay in the sport).
 - c) **Para-Athlete Representation:** To provide an international competition opportunity for Para-Athletes to represent New Zealand in 2018.
- Please note:** Para events have not been confirmed for the *2018 OPRCs*. We are working with the Local Organizing Committee ("*LOC*") to gain clarity on if these will be added.
- 1.3** Countries competing at the Polynesian *2018 OPRCs* are New Zealand, Cook Islands, Niue, Tonga, Samoa, American Samoa, French Polynesian and Tuvalu.
- 1.4** Athletes must note that the *2018 OPRCs* 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 OPRCs* are:
- a) Alec McNab (*Convenor*)
 - b) Sarah Cowley-Ross
 - c) Terry Lomax
- 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 OPRCs* an athlete must:
- a) For Senior Athletes they must have achieved a *Performance Standard* that is listed on the official *Athletics NZ* Rankings website within the following *Qualification Period*; AND

| Individual Events | Qualification Period |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| All Individual Events | 1 October 2017 to 29 April 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 \$200.00 Bond (refer clause 11.6, 11.7 a-e) by 5pm Monday 9 April 2018; AND
- d) Have satisfied all Oceania Athletics Association (the “OAA”) eligibility, nationality and participation requirements, and the *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 International Association of Athletics Federations (“IAAF”) Anti-doping 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* and *Relay Events*, the *Selectors* will nominate athletes/teams considered capable of performing with distinction at the *2018 OPRCs*.

5. **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

- 5.1** Entries must comply with *OAA Regulations*, *IAAF Technical Regulations* and *LOC* entry requirements.

Individual Events

- 5.2** Member Federations may enter a maximum of three (3) athletes per *Individual Event*.

Relays

- 5.3** Member Federations may enter one (1) team per *Relay Event*.

- 5.4** *OAA* have not stipulated any restriction on the number of athletes that can be entered per *Relay Team*.

Age Requirements

- 5.5** In order to be eligible for the senior events at the *2018 OPRCs*, athletes must have reached a minimum age of 15 years by 31 December 2018 (i.e. born before or during 2003).

- 5.6** In order to be eligible for the Youth (i.e. Under 18) Events for the *2018 OPRCs*, athletes must be born in 2001, 2002 or 2003.

6. **PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

- 6.1** Youth (under 18) Performance Standards have not been stipulated in this *Selection Policy* for the *2018 OPRCs*. Rather, a team of up to eight (8) Youth Men and eight (8) Youth Women who have completed an [Application for Selection Form](#) may be selected to compete in the *Individual Events* at the *2018 OPRCs*.

Note: This number may be increased to accommodate Relay selections if the eight (8) selected athletes who have submitted an [Application for Selection Form](#) warrant the inclusion of relay teams.

- 6.2** For Senior athletes to be considered for nomination for the *2018 OPRCs* they must have achieved the following *Performance Standard/s* during the *Qualification Period*:

| Men | | Women |
|----------|---------|----------|
| Senior | Event | Senior |
| 11.10 | 100m | 12.30 |
| 22.20 | 200m | 25.00 |
| 49.60 | 400m | 56.60 |
| 1:54.80 | 800m | 2:13.00 |
| 3:54.30 | 1500m | 4:34.80 |
| 14:43.00 | 5000m | 17:30.00 |
| 34:00.00 | 10,000m | 44.00.00 |

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|---------------|------------------------|---------------|
| 23:00 | 5000m Race Walk | 27:00 |
| 47:00 | 10km Race Walk | 55:00 |
| 1.98 | High Jump | 1.70 |
| 6.90 | Long Jump | 5.60 |
| Men | | Women |
| Senior | Event | Senior |
| 14.20 | Triple Jump | 11.30 |
| 14.00 | Shot Put | 13.75 |
| 45.00 | Discus Throw | 39.50 |
| 57.00 | Javelin Throw | 40.00 |

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

- 6.3** The LOC have not confirmed what events are available at the 2018 OPRCs, so the above list of events are subject to change. Should an event be removed from the event programme by the LOC prior to team departure and is the sole event for a selected athlete, monies paid for entry will be refunded to that athlete and they will not travel.

7. COMPULSORY SELECTION TRIAL

- 7.1** The following competition is the *Compulsory Selection Trial* for the 2018 OPRCs
- a) 2018 Jennian Homes NZ Track and Field Championships in Hamilton, 9 - 11 March
- 7.2** There will be no *Compulsory Selection Trial* for the 10,000m or Race Walk Events.
- 7.3** Other than the 10,000m and Race Walk Events, all athletes seeking selection for the 2018 OPRCs must have either:
- Competed in the *Compulsory Selection Trial* in the event/s most relevant to the event/s in which they are seeking selection; OR
 - Have received dispensation from the relevant *Compulsory Selection Trial* (refer to clauses 7.4 and 7.5); OR
 - Have received a medical exemption from the relevant *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 the Medical Certificate (refer to clause 7.6).

Dispensations from Compulsory Selection Trial

- 7.4** Athletes seeking dispensation from one or more *Compulsory Selection Trial* (other than a medical exemption covered by clause 7.6) must make a request by email no later than ten (10) days prior to the competition/s, to the [Convenor](#).
- 7.5** Dispensations from one or more of 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

- 7.6** Athletes that are unable to effectively compete at a *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

- 7.7** Athletes who are granted dispensation or a medical exemption from competing in any *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 2018 OPRCs Team Leader.

8. **DISCRETIONARY NOMINATIONS**

- 8.1** Subject to the requirements of this Selection Policy, the *Selectors* may consider any athlete in accordance with clauses 3.1, 4.1 and 5.1-5.7.
- 8.2** Notwithstanding the provisions outlined in this Selection Policy, the *Selectors* have an overriding discretion to nominate any eligible athlete for the 2018 OPRCs 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 OPRCs, including but not limited to an athlete's:
- a) Potential to be highly competitive at the 2018 OPRCs;
 - 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 OPRCs;
 - e) Performances at NZ Secondary School Athletics Championships;
 - f) Performances at *Athletics NZ* Classic Meets during the Qualification Period;
 - g) History of performances at previous selected individual or team events;
 - h) History of performances at previous major competitions;
 - i) Recent injuries or illness.
- 8.4** 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.
- 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) and/or Relay Team(s) based on nominations from the *Selectors* accordance to the criteria set out in this Selection Policy as allowed by the OAA Regulations, 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 OAA Regulations, the IAAF Technical Regulations and 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 the athletes selected for the 2018 OPRCs will be published on the *Athletics NZ* website by 5pm on Friday 18 May 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. To seek clarification regarding their non-selection).

Non-selection appeals process

- 10.2** The publishing of the *Selection Announcement* on *Athletics NZ* website by 5pm on Friday 18 May 2018 will be deemed to be the commencement of the 72 hour period to lodge non-selection appeals in accordance with this Selection Policy.
- 10.3** 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:
- Have submitted an [Application for Selection Form](#) in accordance with timelines contained in this Selection Policy; AND
 - 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*).
- 10.4** 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 nomination/selection appeals. General provisions relating to appeals in the Constitution and By-Laws of *Athletics NZ* will not apply.

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 *2018 OPRCs* 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 *2018 OPRCs* should plan their funding and budgets early. The trip cost is estimated to be around NZD \$2,800 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 costs of the *2018 OPRCs* 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*.

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 2018 OPRCs. 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 *2018 OPRCs* will be required to pay a Bond of \$200.00 along with their [Application for Selection Form](#) by 5pm Monday 9 April 2018.
- 11.7** The conditions associated with Bond are:
- The Bond should either be paid by:
 - Depositing cleared funds into 12-3192-0002433-00 noting “*2018 OPRCs*” in the Particulars field and athlete’s name (e.g., “J A Blogs”) in the reference field in internet banking. The payee is *Athletics NZ*; or
 - 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 9 April 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 OPRCs* team; or
 - 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

- 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 OPRCs 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 member of the *2018 OPRCs* team (i.e. it is not an “extra” fee/levy).

Team Leader /Coach/Staff Appointment

- 11.8** 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.
- 11.9** Expressions of Interest for the position of *2018 OPRCs Team Leader* will be published by Friday 13 April 2018
- 11.10** Expressions of Interest for coaches will be published by Friday 4 May 2018
- 11.11** For further information regarding staff appointments contact [Jess Jones](#).

12. ADDITIONAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

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