

2018 IAU TRAIL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION POLICY:

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Please Note: IAAF are yet to send us this competition circular, therefore the following details are subject to change.

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 IAU Trail World Championships (the “*2018 TWCs*”).
- 1.2 The *2018 TWCs* 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 TWCs* 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 TWCs* are:
 - a) John Bowden (*Convenor*)
 - b) Barry Ellis
 - c) Warren Drought
- 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 TWCs* 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
All athletes	1 March 2017 to 25 February 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 \$250.00 Bond (refer clause 12.6) by 5pm Monday 26 February 2018; AND
- d) Have satisfied all International Association of Ultrarunners (“*IAU*”) 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 IAU Anti-doping Policy.

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

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.

5. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 5.1 Entries must comply with *IAU* Technical Regulations and *LOC* entry requirements.

Categories and Distance

- 5.2 The *2018 TWCs* will be contested on a course distance of approximately 80km over a profile of 2600m.
- 5.3 *Athletics NZ* can enter one (1) team in the following categories:
 - a) Senior Women: Up to six (6) athletes with three (3) to score
 - b) Senior Men: Up to six (6) athletes with three (3) to score
- 5.4 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

- 5.5 Athletes aged 16 years or younger on the 31 December 2018 (i.e. born in 2002 or later) cannot be entered in any category at the *2018 TWCs*.

6. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

- 6.1 For an athlete to be considered for nomination for the *2018 TWCs* 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 3” in a NZ trail running race which is 50km or greater in distance; AND/OR
 - b) For an *Individual Event* in a category where the *Selectors* decide not to nominate a team, an athlete should have finished in the “Top 3” in a NZ trail running race which is 50km or greater in distance.
- 6.2 For an athlete to be considered for nomination for the *2018 TWCs* 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 10” in at least one trail running race during the *Qualification Period*. Results will be considered from *IAU* labelled Trail Races and any Major International Trail Running event. The race/s is to be 50km or greater in distance.
 - 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 5” in a trail running race during the *Qualification Period*. Results will be

considered from *IAU* labelled Trail Races and any Major International Trail Running event. The race/s is to be 50km or greater in distance.

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

7. COMPULSORY SELECTION TRIAL

7.1 There will be no *Compulsory Trial* for the 2018 *TWCs* 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 *TWCs* if they believe it is in the best interests of *Athletics NZ* to do so.

8.3 It is recognised that due to the nature of trail 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 making nomination decisions.

8.4 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 *TWCs*, including but not limited to an athlete's:

- a) Potential to be highly competitive at the 2018 *TWCs*;
- 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 *TWCs*;
- e) History of performances at previous selected individual or team events;
- f) Performances in other trail running races during the *Qualification Period*;
- g) Recent injuries or illness; and
- h) Any other factors reasonably considered by the *Selectors* to constitute extenuating circumstances.

8.5 In any decision regarding the nomination of athletes for the 2018 *TWCs*, 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.

8.6 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 Team(s) based on nominations from the *Selectors* in accordance to the criteria set out in this Selection Policy and as allowed by the *IAU* 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 *IAU* 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 the athletes selected for the *2018 TWCs* will be published on the *Athletics NZ* website by 5pm Friday 9 March 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 Friday 9 March 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:
- 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 *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 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 TWCs* remain conditional until each 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 TWCs* Team Leader in consultation with the athlete and their coach.
- 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 TWCs* Team Leader. However, generally it will be prior to them leaving for the *2018 TWCs* 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 TWCs* Team Leader.
- 11.5 Athletes selected for the *2018 TWCs* shall not compete in a trail running race exceeding 10km after Sunday 11 February 2018 without the approval of the *Convenor* in consultation with the *2018 TWCs* 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 TWCs 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 TWCs should plan their funding and budgets early. The trip cost is expected 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 TWCs 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 TWCs. 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 TWCs will be required to pay a Bond of \$250.00 along with their [Application for Selection Form](#) by 5pm Monday 26 February 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 TWCs” 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 26 February 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 TWCs 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 TWCs *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 TWCs team (i.e., it is not an “extra” fee/levy).

Team Leader /Coach/Staff Appointment

- 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 High Performance Director* 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 TWCs Team Leader, will be advertised by Monday 26 February 2018.
- 12.10 If required, additional support staff and/or coaches, will be advertised by Monday 19 March 2018

12.11 For further information regarding staff appointments contact [Jess Jones](#).

13. ADDITIONAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

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