

2016 OCEANIA REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION POLICY 7 – 9 April, Papeete, Tahiti

1. NOMINATION/SELECTION PHILOSOPHY

- 1.1 This Selection Policy sets out the basis on which the Athletics New Zealand (“Athletics NZ”) Selectors (refer to clause 5.1) will consider athletes for selection for the 2016 Oceania Regional Championships (the “2016 ORC”).
- 1.2 The Selectors will nominate athletes for selection and selections will be subject to ratification by the Board of Athletics NZ (the “Board”).
- 1.3 The 2016 ORC in Tahiti is an Athletics New Zealand (“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 2016; 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).
- 1.4 For *Individual Events* and *Relay Events*, the *Selectors* will nominate athletes/teams considered capable of performing with distinction at the 2016 ORC.
- 1.5 Countries competing at the ORC are New Zealand, Cook Islands, Niue, Tonga, Samoa, American Samoa and French Polynesian.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 In order to be eligible for selection to compete at the 2016 ORC an athlete must:
 - a) Submit an online [Application for Selection Form](#) and pay a \$250.00 Bond (refer clause 10.6) by 5pm on Monday 1 February 2016; AND
 - b) Be a registered member of Athletics NZ at the time of achieving their *Performance Standard* as set out in Clause 4; AND
 - c) Have satisfied all Oceania Athletics Association (the “OAA”) eligibility, nationality and participation requirements, including the requirements set out in Clause 3; AND
 - d) Enter into an Athlete Agreement with Athletics NZ; AND
 - e) Be and remain in “good standing” with Athletics NZ, and at all times comply with any established code of conduct and the terms and conditions of the athlete agreement of Athletics NZ and otherwise conduct themselves in a way that does not bring their sport or the team into disrepute; AND
 - f) Abide by Athletics NZ’s anti-doping requirements
- 2.2 For **Senior Athletes** they must have achieved a *Performance Standard* that is listed on the official Athletics NZ Rankings lists within the following *Qualification Period*:

Individual Events	Qualification Period
All Individual Events	1-Nov-2015 to 7-Feb-2016

3. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 Athletics NZ entries must comply with OAA Regulations, International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) Technical Regulations and Local Organising Committee (LOC) Entry Requirements.

Age Requirements

- 3.2 In order to be eligible for the Senior Events at the 2016 ORC, athletes must have reached a minimum age of 15 years by 31 December 2016 (i.e. born before or during 2001).
- 3.3 In order to be eligible for the Youth (i.e. Under 18) Events for the 2016 ORC, athletes must be born in 1999, 2000 & 2001.

Individual Events

- 3.4 Athletics NZ may enter a maximum of three (3) athletes per *Individual Event*.

Relays

- 3.5 Member Federations may enter one (1) team per *Relay Event*.
- 3.6 The OAA have not stipulated any restriction on the number of athletes that can be entered per *Relay Team*.
- 3.7 For further information regarding Relay confirmation and composition requirements refer to the 2016 OAA Rules.

4. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

- 4.1 Youth (under 18) Performance Standards have not been stipulated in this *Selection Policy* for the 2016 ORC. Rather, a team of up to eight (8) Youth Men and eight (8) Youth Women who have completed an [Application for Selection Form](#) (refer clause 2.1a) may be selected to compete in the *Individual Events* at the 2016 ORC.

Note: This number may be increased to 10 athletes each for Youth Men and Youth Women to accommodate Relay selections if the eight (8) selected athletes who have submitted an [Application for Selection Form](#) warrant the inclusion of relay teams.

- 4.2 For Senior athletes to be considered for nomination for the 2016 ORC they must have achieved the following *Performance Standard/s* during the *Qualification Period*:

Men	Event	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
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
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 nomination or selection.

- 4.3 The LOC has advised Athletics NZ that the following events will not be held as part of the 2016 ORC: 100m Hurdles, 110m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles, 3000m Steeplechase, Hammer and Combined Events (i.e. no heptathlon or decathlon). In addition Athletics NZ will not be nominating athletes for selection for the pole vault at the 2016 ORC.

5. SELECTION PANEL

- 5.1 The Athletics NZ *Board* endorsed Selection Panel (*the "Selectors"*) and the *Convenor* appointed to nominate athletes for selection for the 2016 ORC are:
- a) Alec McNab (*Convenor*)
 - b) Lance Smith
 - c) Sarah Cowley-Ross
- 5.2 The *Board* reserves the right to replace any member of the *Selectors* at any time for any reason.

6. COMPULSORY SELECTION TRIAL/S

- 6.1 There will be no *Compulsory Selection Trial/s* for the 2016 ORC for any event or age category.

7. OTHER NOMINATION/SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 All nominations for the 2016 ORC will be decided by the Athletics NZ *Selectors*.
- 7.2 Subject to the requirements of this *Selection Policy*, the *Selectors* may consider any Senior athlete for nomination who has achieved at least one *Performance Standard* during the *Qualification Period*.
- 7.3 Notwithstanding the provisions outlined in this *Selection Policy*, the *Selectors* have an overriding discretion to nominate any eligible athlete for the 2016 ORC if they believe it is in the best interests of Athletics NZ to do so.
- 7.4 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 2016 ORC, including but not limited to an athlete's:
- a) Potential to be highly competitive at the 2016 ORC;
 - 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 2016 ORC;
 - 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. SELECTION PROCESS

- 8.1 Athletics NZ will select *Individual(s)* and/or *Relay Team(s)* based on nominations from the *Selectors* according to the criteria set out in this *Selection Policy*.
- 8.2 Nothing in this *Selection Policy* obliges Athletics NZ to select a full contingent of athletes in any particular event.

Ratification Review

- 8.3 The *Board* must ratify nominations prior to the *Selection Announcement*.

Selection Announcements

- 8.4 The *Selection Announcement* of the athletes selected for the 2016 ORC will be published on the Athletics NZ website by 5pm on Monday 15 February 2016.

9. NON-SELECTION QUERIES &/OR APPEALS PROCESS

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

Non-selection appeals process

- 9.2 The publishing of the *Selection Announcement* on Athletics NZ website by 5pm on Monday 15 February 2016 will be deemed to be the commencement of the 72 hour period to lodge non-selection appeals in accordance with this *Selection Policy*.
- 9.3 Any athlete who is not nominated or whose selection is not ratified by the *Board* in accordance with this *Selection Policy* may appeal their non-selection to the New Zealand Sports Tribunal providing they:
- a) Submit a notice of their intention to appeal their non-selection in writing to the CEO of Athletics NZ ([Linda Hamersley](#)) within 72 hours of the decision of the *Board* being published on the Athletics NZ website (i.e. the *Final Selection Announcement*).
- 9.4 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.

10. GENERAL INFORMATION

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

Funding

- 10.2 The *2016 ORC* 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.
- 10.3 Athletes considering competing at the *2016 ORC* should plan their funding and budgets early. The trip cost is estimated to be around NZD \$3,000 per athlete.
- 10.4 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 *2016 ORC* Team Leader and/or support staff (if applicable).
- 10.5 For athlete-funded competitions, two 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 2016 ORC. Unpaid amounts will remain outstanding and will be subject to collection in accordance with [Athletics NZ Debtors policy](#).

Bond

- 10.6 Athletes seeking selection for the *2016 ORC* will be required to pay a Bond of \$250.00 along with their [Application for Selection Form](#) by 5pm on Monday 1 February 2016.
- 10.7 The conditions associated with Bond are:
- a) The Bond should either be paid by:
 - i. Depositing cleared funds into 12-3192-0002433-00 noting "*2016 ORC*" 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
 - 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 on Monday 1 February 2016. The cheque must be accompanied with a note recording the athlete's name and that the payment is made as a bond for the *2016 ORC* 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% 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 *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 2016 ORC team (i.e. it is not an “extra” fee/levy).

Team Leader /Coach/Staff Appointment

- 10.8 Expressions of Interest for the position of *2016 ORC Team Leader* will be published by Tuesday 26 January 2016 and expected to be appointed by Friday 12 February 2016.
- 10.9 Expressions of Interest for coaches will be published by Tuesday 2 February 2016 and expected to be appointed by Monday 22 February 2016.
- 10.10 For further information regarding staff appointments contact Deb Develter at: Deb@athletics.org.nz

Additional Competition Information

- 10.11 For further information regarding the 2016 ORC refer to www.athletics-oceania.com