

2017 IAU 24hr WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION POLICY; 1 - 2 July, Belfast, Northern Ireland

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 2017 IAU 24 Hour World Championships (the “2017 IAU 24hr”).
- 1.2 The *Selectors* will nominate athletes for selection and nominations will be subject to ratification by the Board of Athletics NZ (the “*Board*”).
- 1.3 The 2017 IAU 24hr is an Athletics NZ “Silver” Singlet competition (i.e. a competition other than an Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games or IAAF World Track & Field Championship).
- 1.4 For *Team Events*, the Selectors may nominate teams deemed capable of achieving a *Top 8* placing at the Championships.
- 1.5 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 Championships.
Note: Any athlete selected as part of the *Team Event* is eligible for *Individual Event* honours as well as *Team Event* honours (i.e. the *Individual Event* and the *Team Event* are contested concurrently for each category).
- 1.6 The 2017 IAU 24hr is an athlete-funded competition and athletes seeking selection in accordance with this Selection Policy will have to fund their participation in full (i.e. they will participate at no-cost to Athletics NZ).
- 1.7 It is an Athletics NZ requirement for athletes to have a support person/crew in place at the 2017 IAU 24hr. Further information regarding this will be provided upon selection.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 In order to be eligible for selection for the 2017 IAU 24hr an athlete must:
 - a) Submit an [Application for Selection Form](#) and pay a \$250.00 Bond (refer clause 11.6) by 5pm Monday 30 January 2017; AND
 - b) Be a registered member of Athletics NZ at the time of achieving their *Performance Standard* (refer clause 4); AND
 - c) Have satisfied all IAU eligibility, nationality and participation requirements, and the Local Organising Committee (LOC) entry requirements (refer 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; AND
 - g) Have achieved a *Performance Standard* (see clause 4) within the following *Qualification Period*.

Categories/Events	Qualification Period
All athletes	11 April 2015 to 29 January 2017

3. **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

3.1 Athletics NZ entries must comply with the IAU Technical Regulations and LOC Entry Requirements.

Categories

3.2 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

3.3 In order to be considered for nomination for a *Teams Event* an athlete must have achieved the "*Team Event*" *Performance Standard* for that *Category* during the *Qualification Period*.

3.4 In any category where the Selectors decide that a *Top 8 Team Event* placing is not realistic, then they may nominate up to:

- a) Two (2) athletes to compete in the *Individual Event* in the Senior Women's category
- b) Two (2) athletes to compete in the *Individual Event* in the Senior Men's category

3.5 In order to be considered for nomination solely for an *Individual Event* (i.e. a *Team Event* is not being nominated for that category) an athlete must have achieved the "*Individual Event*" *Performance Standard* for that *Category* during the *Qualification Period*.

4. **PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

4.1 For an athlete to be considered for nomination for the *2017 IAU 24hr*, they must have achieved the following *Performance Standard/s* during the *Qualification Period*:

Category	Individual Event Performance Standards	Team Event Performance Standards
Senior Women	200km	185km
Senior Men	235km	220km

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

4.2 Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised in conformity with rules set by the IAU, its Area Associations or its Member Federations.

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 *2017 IAU 24hr* are:

- a) John Muskett (*Convenor*)
- b) Barry Ellis
- c) Warren Drought

5.2 The *Board* reserves the right to replace any member of the *Selectors* at any time for any reason.

6. **COMPULSORY SELECTION TRIAL**

6.1 There will be no *Compulsory Trial/s* for the *2017 IAU 24hr* for any category.

7. **OTHER NOMINATION/SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS**

- 7.1 All nominations for the *2017 IAU 24hr* will be decided by the *Selectors*. Subject to the requirements of this *Selection Policy*, the *Selectors* may consider any athlete for nomination who has achieved at least one *Performance Standard* during the *Qualification Period*.
- 7.2 Notwithstanding the provisions outlined in this *Selection Policy*, the *2017 IAU 24hr Selectors* have an overriding discretion to nominate any eligible athlete for the *2017 IAU 24hr* if they believe it is in the best interests of Athletics NZ to do so.
- 7.3 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 *2017 IAU 24hr*, including but not limited, to an athlete's:
- a) Potential to be highly competitive at the *2017 IAU 24hr*;
 - 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 *2017 IAU 24hr*;
 - e) History of performances at previous selected individual or team events;
 - f) Performances in other ultra- races during the *Qualification Period*; or
 - g) Recent injuries or illness.

8. **SELECTION PROCESS**

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

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 *2017 IAU 24hr* will be published on the Athletics NZ website by 5pm Thursday 9 February 2017.

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*, [John Muskett](#) (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 Thursday 9 February 2017 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 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) 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 ([Linda Hamersley](#)) within 72 hours of the decision of the *Board* being published on the Athletics NZ website (i.e., within 72 hours of the *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 Regulations of Athletics NZ will not apply.

10. VILLAGE PRE-ENTRY PROOF OF FITNESS

- 10.1 All selections for the *2017 IAU 24hr* remain conditional until each athlete has met their *Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness Requirements*.
- 10.2 All selected athletes will be advised in writing of their specific *Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness Requirements* by the *Convenor* and/or the *2017 IAU 24hr* Team Leader.
- 10.3 The time frame for all athletes to achieve specific *Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness Requirements* will be at the discretion of the *Convenor* and/or the *2017 IAU 24hr* Team Leader. However, generally it will be prior to them leaving for the *2017 IAU 24hr* from New Zealand or their place of residence.
- 10.4 Failure by a selected athlete to meet the *Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness Requirements* may result in that athlete who has been selected to the team being withdrawn from the *2017 IAU 24hr*. Such a decision is at the discretion of the *Convenor* in consultation with the *2017 IAU 24hr* Team Leader and the *Selectors*.

11. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 11.1 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

- 11.2 The *2017 IAU 24hr* 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 *2017 IAU 24hr* should plan their funding and budgets early. The trip cost is expected to be around \$6,000NZD 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 cost of the *2017 IAU 24hr* Team Leader and/or support staff (if applicable).
- 11.5 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 *2017 IAU 24hr*. 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 *2017 IAU 24hr* will be required to pay a Bond of \$250.00 along with their [Application for Selection Form](#) by 5pm Monday 30 January 2017. The conditions associated with Bond are:
- a) The Bond should either be paid by:
- i. depositing cleared funds into 12-3192-0002433-00 noting “*2017 IAU 24hr*” 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 30 January 2017. The cheque must be accompanied with a note recording the athlete’s name and that the payment is made as a bond for the *2017 IAU 24hr* team.
 - 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 [Deb Develter](#) 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 payable by that selected athlete as a member of the *2017 IAU 24hr* team (i.e., it is not an “extra” fee/levy).

Team Leader /Coach/Staff Appointment

- 11.7 [Expressions of Interest](#) for the position of *2017 IAU 24hr* Team Leader, if deemed necessary, will be advertised by 5pm Monday 23 January 2017.
- 11.8 Any additional support staff and/or coaches required for the team, if deemed necessary, will be advertised at a later date.
- 11.1 For further information regarding staff appointments, contact [Kat Austin](#)

Additional Competition Information

- 14.0 For further information regarding the *2017 IAU 24hr* refer to www.iau-ultramarathon.org