

2017 World Para Athletics Junior Championships Selection Policy: 3 - 6 August, Nottwil, Switzerland

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 2017 World Para Athletics Junior Championships (the “2017 WPJCs”).
- 1.2 The 2017 WPJCs is an Athletics NZ “Black” Singlet competition (i.e. an Olympic Games, an International Athletics Association Federation (“IAAF”) World Track & Field Championships or a Commonwealth Games).

2. SELECTION PANEL

- 2.1 The Athletics NZ Selection Panel (the “*Selectors*”) and the *Convenor* appointed to nominate athletes for 2017 WPJCs 2017 WPJCs selection for the 2017 WPJCs are:
 - a) Graham Seatter (*Convenor*)
 - b) Brett Addison
 - c) Scott Goodman
- 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 2017 WPJCs, an athlete must:
 - a) Be ranked as a Top 8 Junior on the IPC World Rankings List at the conclusion of the qualification period.
Note: This list is inclusive of senior athletes, therefore the top 8 ranking applies for athletes born between 1998 to 2003.

Events	Athletics NZ Qualification Period
All Track & Field Events	1 July 2016 - 2 April 2017 (NZ time)

- 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](#) by 5pm Monday 20 March 2017; AND
- d) Have competed at the *Compulsory Selection Trial* (refer to Section 7) or have been granted dispensation from this competition; AND
- e) Have satisfied all IPC eligibility, age, nationality (be a citizen of New Zealand) and participation requirements, including the requirements set out in clause 4; AND
- f) Hold an IPC Classification (Review or Confirmed) as per the IPC Classification Masterlist; AND
- g) Hold an IPC Athlete Licence for 2017 and that it is active at the time of reaching a performance standard; AND
- h) Enter into an athlete agreement with Athletics NZ; AND
- i) Be and remain in “good standing” with Athletics NZ and at all times comply with any established code of conduct or athlete agreement and otherwise conduct themselves in a way that does not bring their sport or the team into disrepute; AND

- j) 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 them ineligible for nomination and/or selection.

4. **ELIGIBILITY**

- 4.1 The maximum number of athletes that *Athletics NZ* can select to attend the *2017 WPJCs* will be limited to a maximum of three (3) eligible athletes per individual medal event. To view a list of events available at the *2017 WPJCs* please see Appendix 1.
- 4.2 For *Individual Events*, the Selectors will consider for nomination athletes deemed capable of a Top 8 finishing at the *2017 WPJC's*.
- 4.3 Entry is also subject to the following:
- a) A minimum of four (4) athlete entries from two (2) National Paralympic Committees (NPCs) is necessary to sustain an individual medal event on the programme.
 - b) IPC shall review the viability of all events following the close of the final entries (22 June 2017). IPC also reserve the right to cancel such events or run the events, as non-medal events.

5. **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Age

- 5.1 Athletes must be aged between 14 and 19 years old on 31 December 2017.
- 5.2 Athletes will be divided into two age categories;
- a) Under 20, athletes born in 1998 or 1999
 - b) Under 18, athletes born in 2000, 2001, 2002 or 2003

Individual Events

- 5.3 For single class events, *Athletics NZ* can select up to three (3) athletes per event.

6. **PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

- 6.1 For an athlete to be considered for nomination for the *2017 WPJCs* in an *Individual Event*, they must have achieved a performance that places them as a Top 8 Junior on the IPC World Rankings List (at the conclusion of the qualification period) from a competition that was organized in conformity with *IAAF* and *IPC Athletics Rules & Regulations*.
- 6.2 Performances achieved in mixed events, will only be accepted under the following circumstances:
- a) For all field events held completely in the stadium, the results will be automatically accepted if achieved at an *IPC* athletics sanctioned and/or approved competition, and the two events were conducted concurrently with separate results.
 - b) Never accepted for track events.

7. **COMPULSORY SELECTION TRIAL**

- 7.1 The following) competition is the *Compulsory Selection Trial* for the *2017 WPJCs* :
- a) *Athletics NZ Track & Field Championships*, Hamilton 17 - 19 March 2017
- 7.2 All athletes seeking selection for the *2017 WPJCs* must have either:
- a) Competed in the *Compulsory Selection Trial* in the event/s most relevant to the event/s in which they are seeking selection; OR
 - b) Received dispensation from the relevant *Compulsory Selection Trial* (refer to clauses 7.3 and 7.4); OR

- c) 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 7.5).

Dispensations from Compulsory Selection Trial

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

- 7.5 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* [Graham Seatter](#).

Requirements for athletes granted a Dispensation or a Medical Exemption

- 7.6 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 2017 WPJCs Team Leader.

8. DISCRETIONARY NOMINATIONS

- 8.1 The *Selectors* may consider any combination of factors that they deem relevant to their decision whether or not to nominate an athlete, including but not limited to an athlete's:
- a) Performance at the *Compulsory Selection Trial*;
 - b) Potential to be highly competitive at the 2017 WPJCs ;
 - c) Competitive record against other athletes under consideration for nomination in the same event;
 - d) Quality and consistency of performances during the *Qualification Period*;
 - e) Commitment and focus on competing at the 2017 WPJCs ;
 - f) History of performances at previous selected individual or team events;
 - g) Performances in international competitions during the *Qualification Period*;
 - h) Recent injuries or illness; and/or
 - i) Any other factors reasonably considered by the *Selectors* to constitute extenuating circumstances.
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 All Athletes nominated must comply with the form and fitness obligations set out in the *Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness Requirements* as set out in Section 11.
- 8.4 Athletes unable to compete at competitions relevant to meeting the requirements outlined in this *Selection Policy*, must advise the *Convenor* [Graham Seatter](#) 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 seven 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) in accordance to the criteria set out in this Selection Policy as allowed by the *IPC Technical Regulations* and the Local Organising Committee (“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 *IPC Technical Regulations* or the *LOC* entry requirements.

Ratification Review

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

Nomination/Selection Announcements

- 9.4 The *Selection Announcement* will be published on the *Athletics NZ* website by 5pm on Wednesday 19 April 2017.

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

- 10.1 Non-selected athletes can query their non-selection after any *Selection Announcement* by contacting the *Convenor* [Graham Seatter](#) i.e. seek clarification regarding their non-selection and/or requirements regarding what they need to do to meet selection requirements).

Non-selection appeals process

- 10.2 The publishing of the *Final Selection Announcement* on *Athletics NZ* website by 5pm on Wednesday 19 April 2017 will be deemed to be the commencement of the 48 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 *Convenor* within 48 hours of the decision of the *Athletics NZ Board* being published on the *Athletics NZ* website (i.e. the *Final 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 REQUIREMENTS**

- 11.1 All athletes seeking nomination and selection should be aware that selected athletes will be required to undertake the following prior to the *2017 WPJCs* ;
- a) All selected athletes must meet their *Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness Requirements*. Generally, *Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness Requirements* will be assessed at the Village Pre-Entry Camp (date and venue to be confirmed)
 - b) Exemptions from the compulsory *Village Pre-Entry Camp* can only be approved by the *Athletics NZ* High Para Performance Head Coach and will only be approved in exceptional circumstances. Applications for such exemption must be made to [Raylene Bates](#) by Friday 5 May 2017.
 - c) All selected athletes will be advised in writing of their specific *Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness Requirements* by the *2017 WPJCs* Team Leader.
 - d) The time frame for all athletes to achieve specific *Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness Requirements* will be at the discretion of the *2017 WPJCs* Team Leader. However, generally it will be prior to them leaving for the Championships from New Zealand or their place of residence.
 - e) Generally, failure by a selected athlete to meet the *Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness Requirements* will result in an athlete who has been selected to the team being withdrawn from the *2017 WPJCs*. Such a decision is the responsibility of the *2017 WPJCs* Team Leader based on feedback/advice from the *Convenor* and relevant medical personnel.

12. **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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

12.2 Estimate travel dates are 23 July through to 9 August.

Funding

12.3 It is expected that some funding will be available to support selected athletes. However, this is unlikely to cover the full amount of the costs for each athlete. Athletes will not be expected to fund the management costs of the *2017 WPJCs*, they will be funded by *Athletics NZ*.

12.4 Funding priority will be weighted in accord with athletes achieving an:

- a) Athletes ranked in the Top 3 on the IPC World Rankings List at the end of the qualification period will receive the highest level of funding.
- b) Athletes ranked from 4 to 8 on the IPC World Rankings List will be partially funded.

Team Leader/Coach/Staff Appointments

12.5 The *2017 WPJCs Team Leader* will be named by Tuesday 7 March 2017

12.6 The *2017 WPJCs Team Leader*, in consultation with the *ANZ-HP Director*, will identify a shortlist of possible team coaches and liaise with those coaches regarding their availability for the *Championships*.

12.7 For further information regarding staff appointments contact Raylene Bates at:
Raylene@athletics.org.nz

13. **ADDITIONAL COMPETITION INFORMATION**

13.1 For further information regarding the *2017 WPCs* refer to: www.paralympic.org/athletics

APPENDIX 1

Medal Events – Men		
Event	U18	U20
100m	T11-13	T11-13
	T35-38	T35-38
	T40/41	T40/41
	T42-47	T42-47
	T33/34	T33/34
	T51-54	T51-54
200m	T11-13	T11-13
	T35-38	T35-38
	T42-47	T42-47
	T33/34	T33/34
	T51-54	T51-54
400m	T11-13	T11-13
	T20	T20
	T42-47	T42-47
	T33/34	T33/34
	T51-54	T51-54
800m	T11-13	T11-13
	T35-38	T35-38
	T53-54	T53-54
1500m	T11-13	T11-13
	T20	T20

	T42-46	T42-46
	T53-54	T53-54
Long Jump	T11-13	T11-13
	T20	T20
	T35-38	T35-38
	T42-47	T42-47
High Jump	T11-13	T11-13
	T42-47	T42-47
Shot Put	F11-13	F11-13
	F20	F20
	F35-38	F35-38
	F40/41	F40/41
	F42-46	F42-46
	F32-34	F32-34
	F52-57	F52-57
Discus Throw	F11-13	F11-13
	F35-38	F35-38
	F40/41	F40/41
	F42-46	F42-46
	F32-34	F32-34
	F51-57	F51-57
Javelin Throw	F11-13	F11-13
	F35-38	F35-38
	F40/41	F40/41
	F42-46	F42-46
	F32-34	F32-34

	F52-57	F52-57
Club Throw	F31/32/51	F31/32/51
Medal Events – Women		
Event	U18	U20
100m	T11-13	T11-13
	T35-38	T35-38
	T40/41	T40/41
	T42-47	T42-47
	T33/34	T33/34
	T51-54	T51-54
200m	T11-13	T11-13
	T35-38	T35-38
	T42-47	T42-47
	T33/34	T33/34
	T51-54	T51-54
400m	T11-13	T11-13
	T20	T20
	T42-47	T42-47
	T33/34	T33/34
	T51-54	T51-54
800m	T11-13	T11-13
	T35-38	T35-38
	T53-54	T53-54
1500m	T11-13	T11-13
	T20	T20
	T42-46	T42-46

	T53-54	T53-54
Long Jump	T11-13	T11-13
	T20	T20
	T35-38	T35-38
	T42-47	T42-47
High Jump	T11-13	T11-13
	T42-47	T42-47
Shot Put	F11-13	F11-13
	F20	F20
	F35-38	F35-38
	F40/41	F40/41
	F42-46	F42-46
	F32-34	F32-34
	F52-57	F52-57
Discus Throw	F11-13	F11-13
	F35-38	F35-38
	F40/41	F40/41
	F42-46	F42-46
	F32-34	F32-34
	F51-57	F51-57
Javelin Throw	F11-13	F11-13
	F35-38	F35-38
	F40/41	F40/41
	F42-46	F42-46
	F32-34	F32-34
	F52-57	F52-57
Club Throw	F31/32/51	F31/32/51