

## 2017 IAAF WORLD CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION POLICY: 26 March, Kampala, Uganda

### 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 IAAF World Cross Country Championships* (the “*2017 WXCC*”).
- 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 WXCC* 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).
- 1.4 Athletes must note that the *2017 WXCC* 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).
- 1.5 For *Team Events*, the Selectors may nominate teams deemed capable of achieving a *Top 8* placing at the Championships.
- 1.6 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:** 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 (refer clause 3).
- 1.7 *Athletics NZ* reserves the right to withdraw the selected athletes or team from this competition if safety concerns reach a level deemed unacceptable by the *Board*. Given where this competition is, the city and country’s security status is being monitored closely.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 In order to be eligible for selection for the *2017 WXCC* an athlete must:
  - a) Submit an [Application for Selection Form](#) and pay a \$500.00 bond (refer Clause 12.6) by 5pm Monday 5 December 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 *International Athletics Association Federation (IAAF)* 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 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
  - f) Abide by Athletics NZ’s anti-doping requirements; AND
  - g) Have competed at the *Compulsory Selection Trial/s* (refer to Clause 6) or have been granted dispensation from those competitions (refer to Clause 6 for details); AND
  - h) Have achieved a *Performance Standard* (refer Clause 4) that is listed on the official Athletics NZ Rankings website within the following *Qualification Period*.

Categories/Events	Qualification Period
All Athletes	4 June 2016 to 28 January 2017

### 3. **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

3.1 Athletics NZ entries must comply with the IAAF Technical Regulations and the LOC entry requirements.

#### **Categories & Distances**

3.2 The program comprises of 4 categories held over the following approximate distances:

- a) Junior Women 6km
- b) Junior Men 8km
- c) Senior Women 10km
- d) Senior Men 10km

3.3 Each of the 4 categories will include an *Individual Event* and a *Team Event* held concurrently.

#### **Teams and Reserves**

3.4 Athletics NZ may enter a maximum of eight (8) athletes per category.

3.5 No more than six (6) athletes will be allowed to start in each category.

#### **Age Requirements for each Category**

3.6 Any athlete aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December of the year of the competition (e.g. for the 2017 Championships, born in 1998 or 1999) may compete in the Senior category or the Junior Category.

3.7 Any athlete aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December of the year of the competition (e.g. for the 2017 Championships, born in 2000 or 2001) may only compete in the Junior category.

3.8 No athlete younger than 16 years on 31 December in the year of the competition (e.g. for the 2017 Championships, born in 2002 or later) may be entered.

### 4. **PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

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

Category	Individual Category Performance Standard	Team Category Performance Standard
Junior Women's (6Km)	16min 45sec (5Km) or 9min 30sec (3Km)	17min 30sec (5Km) or 10min 00sec (3Km)
Junior Men's (8Km)	31min 00sec (10Km) or 14min 15sec (5Km)	32min 00sec (10Km) or 14min 45sec (5Km)
Senior Women's (10Km)	33min 30sec (10Km)	34min 00sec (10Km)
Senior Men's (10Km)	29min 00sec (10Km)	29min 30sec (10Km)

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

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

4.3 Road performances must be achieved at IAAF and/or AIMS (Association of International Marathon and Road Races) Certified competitions.

### 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 WXCC are:

- a) Alec McNab (*Convenor*)
- b) Craig Motley
- c) Sarah Biss

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 The *Compulsory Selection Trial/s* for athletes seeking selection for the 2017 WXCC will be:
- For Senior Men and Senior Women, the Athletics New Zealand 10,000m Championships, 28 January 2017, Inglewood.
  - For Junior Men, the Athletics New Zealand 10,000m Championships, 28 January 2017, Inglewood AND/OR the 5000m, 14 January 2017, Potts Classic, Hastings.
  - For Junior Women, the Athletics New Zealand Junior 3000m Championships, 17 January 2017, Wanganui AND/OR the 5000m, 14 January 2017, Potts Classic, Hastings.
- 6.2 All athletes seeking selection for the 2017 WXCC should compete at the *Compulsory Selection Trial/s* listed above unless:
- They have dispensation from that competition; or
  - They receive a medical exemption from that competition 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.

### Dispensation from Compulsory Selection Trial

- 6.3 Athletes who would like to be eligible for selection for the 2017 WXCC despite being unable to compete at the *Compulsory Selection Trial/s* must **make a request in writing or preferably by E-Mail** no later than 5pm on Thursday 12 January 2017 to the *Convenor* (<mailto:alec@athletics.org.nz>).
- 6.4 Dispensations will be at the sole discretion of the *Convenor* and may be granted with or without conditions.

### Medical Exemption from Compulsory Selection Trial

- 6.5 If an athlete has failed to make an application for dispensation in compliance with clauses 6.3 or 6.4, then the *Selectors* will, other than in exceptional circumstances (as determined by the *Selectors*), only consider an application for dispensation from competing in that *Compulsory Selection Trial/s* on medical grounds.
- 6.6 Athletes who are unable to compete effectively at the *Compulsory Selection Trial/s* as a result of injury or illness that occurred during the *Compulsory Selection Trial/s* or during the ten (10) days immediately prior to the start of their event at that *Compulsory Selection Trial/s* must make a request for a Medical Exemption in writing, preferably by e-mail to the *Convenor* (<mailto:alec@athletics.org.nz>), accompanied by a copy of a Medical Certificate from a doctor acceptable to the *Selectors* to verify their circumstances as soon as they are aware of their situation, but no later than 72 hours after the conclusion of the *Compulsory Selection Trial*.
- 6.7 Dispensations may be granted with or without conditions as the *Selectors* may determine. Athletes who are granted a dispensation from competing in the *Compulsory Selection Trial/s* will generally be required to complete an alternative Proof of Form trial by a date agreed between the athlete, their personal coach (if applicable) and the 2017 WXCC *Convenor* in consultation with the 2017 WXCC Team Leader (refer clause 12.8).

## 7. OVERSEAS BASED ATHLETES

- 7.1 Athletes residing outside New Zealand may be considered for selection providing they submit an online [Application for Selection Form](#) and pay a \$500.00 bond (refer Clause 12.6) by 5pm Monday 5 December 2016.
- 7.2 Performances achieved outside of New Zealand can be used as a performance for selection.
- 7.3 Overseas based athletes, like all athletes, must:
- Request dispensation from competing in the Compulsory Selection Trial/s; and
  - Must achieve a Performance Standard during the Qualification Period.

## 8. OTHER NOMINATION/SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 All nominations for the 2017 WXCC will be decided by the Athletics NZ *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*.
- 8.2 Notwithstanding the provisions outlined in this *Selection Policy*, the *Selectors* have an overriding discretion to nominate any eligible athlete for the 2017 WXCC 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 2017 WXCC, including but not limited to an athlete's:
- a) Performance at the 2016 New Zealand Cross Country Championships held in Auckland on 7 August 2016;
  - b) Performance at the *Compulsory Selection Trial/s* (refer to clause 6.1 for details);
  - c) Potential to be highly competitive at the 2017 WXCC;
  - d) Competitive record against other athletes under consideration for selection in the same event;
  - e) Quality and consistency of performances during the *Qualification Period*;
  - f) Commitment and focus on competing at the 2017 WXCC;
  - g) History of performances at previous selected individual or team events;
  - h) Performances in other cross country races during the qualification period;
  - i) Results from NCAA National Cross Country Championships and NCAA Regional Championships;
  - j) History of performances at previous major competitions; or
  - k) Recent injuries or illness.

## 9. SELECTION PROCESS

- 9.1 Athletics NZ will select Individual(s) or Team(s) according to the criteria set out in this *Selection Policy* as allowed by the IAAF Technical Regulations and the LOC entry requirements.
- 9.2 Nothing in this *Selection Policy* obliges Athletics NZ to select any or a full contingent of athletes in any particular event regardless of the IAAF Technical Regulations or the LOC entry requirements.

### **Ratification Review**

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

### **Selection Announcements**

- 9.4 The *Selection Announcement* of athletes selected for the 2017 WXCC will be published on the Athletics NZ website by 5pm Wednesday 8 February 2017.

## 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*, [Alec McNab](#) (i.e. seek clarification regarding their non-selection).

### **Non-selection appeals process**

- 10.2 The publishing of the *Selection Announcement* on the Athletics NZ website by 5pm Wednesday 8 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*.
- 10.3 Any athlete whose selection is not ratified by the *Board* in accord 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 ANZ-HP Director ([Scott Goodman](#)) 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*).

- 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-nomination/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 selections for the 2017 WXCC remain conditional until an athlete has met their *Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness Requirements*.
- 11.2 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 WXCC Team Leader*.
- 11.3 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 WXCC Team Leader*. However, generally it will be prior to them leaving for the 2017 WXCC from New Zealand or their place of residence.
- 11.4 Failure by a selected athlete to meet the *Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness Requirements* may result in an athlete who has been selected to the team being withdrawn from the 2017 WXCC. Such a decision is at the discretion of the *Convenor* in consultation with the *2017 WXCC Team Leader* and the *Selectors*.

## 12. GENERAL INFORMATION

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

### **Funding**

- 12.2 The 2017 WXCC is an athlete-funded competition and athletes seeking selection in accord with this *Selection Policy* will have to participate at no cost to Athletics NZ.
- 12.3 Athletes considering competing at the 2017 WXCC should plan their funding and budgets early. The trip cost is estimated to be around NZD \$6,000.
- 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 2017 WXCC Team Leader and/or Support Staff (if applicable).
- 12.5 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 WXCC. 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 2017 WXCC will be required to pay a Bond of \$500.00 along with their [Application for Selection Form](#) by 5pm Monday 5 December 2016.
- 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 “ 2017 WXCC” 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 Monday 5 December 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 2017 WXCC 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 *2017 WXCC 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 *2017 WXCC* team (i.e., it is not an “extra” fee/levy)

**Team Leader/Coach/Staff Appointments**

- 12.8 [Expressions of Interest](#) for the position of *2017 WXCC* Team Leader, if deemed necessary, will be advertised by 5pm Tuesday 6 December 2016.
- 12.9 Any additional support staff and/or coaches required for the team, if deemed necessary, will be advertised at a later date.
- 12.10 For further information contact [Deb Develter](#).

**13. ADDITIONAL COMPETITION INFORMATION**

- 13.1 For further information regarding the *2017 WXCC* refer to: [www.iaaf.org](http://www.iaaf.org)