

2017 OCEANIA AREA AND COMBINED EVENTS CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION POLICY

29, 30 June - 1 July, Suva, Fiji

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 2.1) will consider athletes for selection for the 2017 Oceania Area and Combined Events Championships (the “2017 OAC”).
- 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 OAC is an Athletics NZ “White” Singlet competition. It is considered a development opportunity for athletes to compete for New Zealand.

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 2017 OAC are:
 - a) Alec McNab (*Convenor*)
 - b) Lance Smith
 - c) Craig Motley
- 2.2 The 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 OAC, an athlete must:
 - a) Have achieved a *Performance Standard* (refer Clause 4) that is listed on the official Athletics NZ Rankings website within the following *Qualification Period*; AND

Individual Events	Qualification Period
All Individual Events	1-Oct-2016 to 2-Apr-2017

- b) Be a registered member of Athletics NZ at the time of achieving their *Performance Standard/s* (as set out in Section 6); AND
- c) Submit an online [Application for Selection Form](#) and pay a \$250.00 Bond (refer clause 10.7) by 5pm on Friday 10 March 2017; AND
- d) Have competed at the *Compulsory Selection Trial/s* (refer to Clause 7.1) or have been granted dispensation from those competitions (refer to Clause 7.3 for details); AND
- e) Have satisfied all Oceania Athletics Association (the “OAA”) eligibility, nationality and participation requirements (refer Clause 3); AND
- f) Enter into an athlete agreement with Athletics NZ; AND
- g) 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

- h) 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.

4. **ELIGIBILITY**

- 4.1 For *Individual Events* and *Relay Events*, the Selectors may nominate athletes/teams considered capable of performing with distinction at the *2017 OAC*.
- 4.2 The *2017 OAC* is considered a development opportunity for athletes to compete for New Zealand for the following distinct purposes:
- a) **Under 18:** To provide an international competition opportunity for U18 (Youth) athletes to represent New Zealand in 2017; AND
 - b) **Under 20:** To provide an international competition opportunity for U20 (Junior) athletes to represent New Zealand in 2017; AND
 - c) **First Time Senior Representation:** 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); AND
 - d) **Repeat Senior Oceania Representation:** To provide an on-going opportunity for athletes who have previously represented NZ at this level to continue to do so, however the Performance Standards required for this group is a greater challenge than the "First Time Senior Representation" (i.e. to encourage the retention of these athletes in the sport); AND
 - e) **Para-Athlete Representation:** To provide an international competition opportunity for Para-Athletes to represent New Zealand in 2017.
- 4.3 In addition, this year Athletics NZ will also be using the *2017 OAC* as an opportunity for some athletes identified by the Athletics NZ High Performance Director (the "ANZ-HP Director") to qualify for the 2017 IAAF World Championships in London, 4-13 August. This may mean those athletes may be given priority in terms of selection for the *2017 OAC* thereby reducing the number of "slots" available for other athletes.

5. **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

- 5.1 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

- 5.2 In order to be eligible for the Senior Events at the *2017 OAC*, athletes must have reached a minimum age of 15 years by 31 December 2017 (i.e. born before or during 2002).
- 5.3 In order to be eligible for the Under 20 Events for the *2017 OAC*, athletes must be born in 1998 or 1999.
- 5.4 In order to be eligible for the Under 18 Events for the *2017 OAC*, athletes must be born in 2000, 2001 & 2002.

Individual Events

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

Note: As stated in Clause 4.3, the number of "slots" per event available for athletes being considered for nomination in accordance with this Selection Policy will be less than three (3) in some events where the ANZ-HP Director has identified athletes to utilise the *2017 OAC* as an opportunity to qualify for the 2017 IAAF World Championships in London, 4-13 August.

Relays

- 5.6 Athletics NZ may enter one (1) team per *Relay Event*.
- 5.7 The *OAA* have not stipulated any restriction on the number of athletes that can be entered per *Relay Team*.
- 5.8 For further information regarding Relay confirmation and composition requirements refer to the *2017 OAA Rules*.

6. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

- 6.1 U18 Performance Standards have not been stipulated in this *Selection Policy* for the 2017 OAC. Rather, a team of up to eight (8) U18 Men and eight (8) U18 Women who have completed an [Application for Selection Form](#) may be selected to compete in the *Individual Events* at the 2017 OAC.

Note: This number may be increased to ten (10) athletes each for U18 Men and U18 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.

- 6.2 U20 Performance Standards have not been stipulated in this *Selection Policy* for the 2017 OAC. Rather, a team of up to eight (8) U20 Men and eight (8) U20 Women who have completed an [Application for Selection Form](#) may be selected to compete in the *Individual Events* at the 2017 OAC.

Note: This number may be increased to ten (10) athletes each for U20 Men and U20 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.

- 6.3 Senior Athletes seeking New Zealand selection for the first time as a Senior Athlete must achieve the “First Time Senior Representation” *Performance Standard/s* during the *Qualification Period*.

- 6.4 Senior athletes who have previously represented New Zealand as a Senior Athlete at a previous Oceania Championships, World Championships, Commonwealth Games or Olympic Games must achieve the “Repeat Oceania Representation” *Performance Standard/s* during the *Qualification Period*.

Men		Event	Women	
First Time Senior Representation	Repeat Oceania Representation		First Time Senior Representation	Repeat Oceania Representation
11.14	10.95	100m	12.36	12.18
22.36	21.97	200m	25.10	24.92
49.63	49.10	400m	56.60	55.74
1:55.00	1:53.20	800m	2:13.30	2:09.60
3:54.30	3:52.60	1500m	4:34.80	4:29.30
14:43.80	14:37.60	5000m	17:30.00	17:00
35:00.00	N/A	10,000m	44:00.00	N/A
9:36.00	9:26.00	3000m SC	11:00	10:40.00
14.78	14.53	110mH/100mH	15.10	14.93
55.79	54.21	400H	62.80	61.24
23:00	22:00	5000m Track Walk	27:00	26:00
47:00	45:00	10,000m Track Walk	55:00	53:00
2.02	2.09	High Jump	1.73	1.78
4.35	4.90	Pole Vault*	3.75	3.80
6.93	7.30	Long Jump	5.84	5.98
14.35	15.00	Triple Jump	11.38	12.40
14.85	15.68	Shot Put	13.75	14.20
49.00	50.00	Discus Throw	39.50	45.00
54.00	58.80	Hammer Throw	43.00	47.08
62.00	64.70	Javelin Throw	43.00	48.70
N/A	N/A	Heptathlon	4900	5090
6350	6550	Decathlon*	N/A	N/A

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

(*) Signifies events which are still to be confirmed on the programme (refer Clause 6.6)

- 6.5 For Para-Athletes to be considered for nomination for the 2017 OAC, they must have achieved the *Performance Standard/s* outlined in **Appendix One** during the *Qualification Period*.

6.6 OAA has also advised *Athletics NZ* that the following events have now been confirmed for the 2017 OAC:

- Pole Vault
- Decathlon

7. **COMPULSORY SELECTION TRIAL/S**

7.1 The following two (2) competitions are *Compulsory Selection Trial/s* for the 2017 OAC:

- a) *Athletics New Zealand Combined Events Championships*, Dunedin, 18 - 19 February 2017; AND
- b) *Athletics New Zealand Track and Field Championships*, Hamilton, 17 - 19 March 2017.

7.2 All athletes seeking selection for the 2017 OAC must:

- a) Have achieved a legitimate *Performance Standard/s* during the *Qualification Period*; AND
- b) Must have either:
 - i. Competed in the *Compulsory Selection Trial/s* in the event/s most relevant to the event/s in which they are seeking selection; OR
 - ii. Received dispensation from the relevant *Compulsory Selection Trial or Trials*; OR
 - iii. Received a medical exemption from the relevant *Compulsory Selection Trial/s* 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 a Medical Certificate.

Dispensation from Compulsory Selection Trial/s

7.3 Athletes seeking dispensation from the *Compulsory Selection Trial/s* (other than a medical exemption covered by clause 7.5) must make a request by e-mail to the *Convenor* [Alec McNab](#), no later than ten (10) days prior to the applicable *Compulsory Selection Trial/s*.

7.4 Dispensations from the *Compulsory Selection Trial/s* 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 who are unable to effectively compete 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* [Alec McNab](#), 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 48 hours after the conclusion of the *Compulsory Selection Trial/s*.

Requirements for athletes granted a Dispensations or a Medical Exemption.

7.6 Athletes who are granted a dispensation or a medical exemption from competing in the *Compulsory Selection Trial/s* 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 2017 OAC *Convenor* in consultation with the 2017 OAC *Team Leader* (refer clause 10.8).

8. **SELECTION PROCESS**

8.1 Athletics NZ will select Individual(s) and/or Relay Team(s) according to the criteria set out in this *Selection Policy* as allowed by the OAA 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 OAA Technical Regulations or the LOC entry requirements.

Ratification Review

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

- 8.4 The *Selection Announcement* of the athletes selected for the 2017 OAC will be published on the Athletics NZ website by 5pm Friday 21 April 2017.

9. NON-NOMINATION/SELECTION QUERIES &/OR APPEALS PROCESS

- 9.1 Non-nominated/selected athletes can query their non-selection after the *Selection Announcement* by contacting the *Convenor*, Alec@athletics.org.nz (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 Friday 21 April 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:
- Have submitted an [Application for Selection Form](#) in accordance with timelines contained in this *Selection Policy*, AND
 - 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-nomination/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 prior to the *Selection Announcement* by the *Board*. Any amendment will be published on the Athletics NZ website.

Funding

- 10.2 The 2017 OAC 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 2017 OAC should plan their funding and budgets early. The trip cost is estimated to be around \$3,000 NZD.
- 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 cost of the 2017 OAC 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 2017 OAC. 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 2017 OAC will be required to pay a Bond of \$250.00 along with their [Application for Selection Form](#) by 5pm Friday 10 March 2017.
- 10.7 The conditions associated with Bond are:
- The Bond should either be paid by:
 - Depositing cleared funds into 12-3192-0002433-00 noting “2017 OAC” 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
 - Sending a cheque made payable to Athletics NZ, P O Box 305 504 Triton Plaza, Auckland 0757 to be received no later than 5pm Friday 10 March 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 OAC 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 OAC 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 OAC team (i.e. it is not an "extra" fee/levy).

Team Leader /Coach/Staff Appointments

- 10.8 [Expressions of Interest](#) for the position of 2017 OAC Team Leader will be advertised by Friday 17 February 2017.
- 10.9 [Expressions of Interest](#) for team coaches will be advertised by Monday 27 March 2017.
- 10.10 For further information regarding staff appointments contact [Kat Austin](#).

Additional Competition Information

- 10.11 For further information regarding the 2017 OAC refer to www.athletics-oceania.com

PARA ATHLETES PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Men's Performance Standard	Event	Classification	Women's Performance Standard
13.00	100m	T11	16.50
13.50		T12	15.00
12.50		T13	14.50
28.00		T34	
16.00		T35	28.00
15.00		T36	17.00
13.50		T37	17.00
14.50		T38	16.50
18.00		T42	23.50
13.50		T43/44	17.00
12.80		T45/46/47	16.00
31.00		T51	44.00
21.00		T52	31.00
17.00		T53	23.00
16.00		T54	20.50
1:01.00	400m	T11	1.25.00
1:02.00		T12	1.12.00
58.00		T13	1.12.00
1:02.00		T20	1.15.00
1:10.00		T33/34	
1:10.00		T35	
1:10.00		T36	
1:06.00		T37	1.24.00
1:08.00		T38	1.22.00
1:04.00		T43/44	1.30.00
1:10.00		T45	1.25.00
1:01.00		T46/47	1.15.00
2:00.00		T51	1.30.00
1:13.00		T52	1.30.00
59.00		T53	1.18.00
53.00		T54	1.10.00
3.60m	Long Jump	T11	3.00m
4.50m		T12	3.70m
5.30m		T13	4.20m
		T20	3.50m
3.60m		T35	2.00m
2.50m		T36	
4.00m		T37	3.20m
3.90m		T38	3.10m
2.00m		T42	2.60m
5.00m		T43/44	3.60m
3.60m		T45	4.00m
4.70m		T46/47	4.00m

8.50m	Shot Put	F11	5.50m
10.00m		F12	7.00m
10.50m		F13	7.00m
10.00m		F20	8.00m
5.50m		F32	3.50m
6.80m		F33	4.00m
8.00m		F34	5.00m
7.80m		F35	6.00m
8.00m		F36	6.00m
8.00m		F37	7.00m
9.50m		F38	5.40m
6.50m		F40/41	5.60m
10.80m		F42	5.80m
10.40m		F43/44	8.00m
9.00m		F46	9.31m
5.80m		F52	2.50m
6.25m		F53	2.75m
6.40m		F54	4.50m
6.80m		F55	6.00m
7.80m		F56	6.35m
9.50m		F57	6.80m
24.00m	Javelin	F11	11.00m
33.00m		F12	13.50m
38.00m		F13	18.45m
12.50m		F33	8.90m
17.00m		F34	12.00m
21.00m		F35	15.00m
23.00m		F36	11.00m
23.00m		F37	15.00m
24.00m		F38	9.50m
21.00m		F40/41	15.00m
32.00m		F42	12.00m
40.00m		F44	22.00m
29.00m		F46	24.90m
11.00m		F52	5.00m
11.00m		F53	6.00m
14.00m		F54	9.80m
18.00m		F55	12.80m
20.00m		F56	9.50m
22.00m		F57	11.00m