

2019 PACIFIC GAMES SELECTION POLICY: 7 – 20 July, Apia, Samoa

1. NOMINATION/SELECTION PHILOSOPHY

- 1.1 This Selection Policy is issued by Athletics New Zealand Inc. (“**Athletics NZ**”) and sets out the basis on which the Athletics NZ Selectors (refer to clause 2) will consider athletes for nomination to compete at the 2019 Pacific Games (the “**2019 PGs**”).
- 1.2 The 2019 PGs is a multi-sport competition and will be run by the New Zealand Olympic Committee (“**NZOC**”).
- 1.3 The 2019 PGs is an Athletics NZ “White Singlet” competition, i.e. a development opportunity for New Zealand athletes to compete for New Zealand in senior grades for the below purposes:
 - a) Under 18 and Under 20: To provide an international competition opportunity for emerging U18 (Youth) and U20 (Junior) athletes to represent New Zealand at a senior level in 2019; and
 - b) 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
 - c) Para-Athlete Representation: To provide an international competition opportunity for Para-Athletes to represent New Zealand in 2019.
- 1.4 It is important to note that the 2019 PGs Local Organising Committee (“**2019 PGs LOC**”) has set a maximum of 20 athletics entries from New Zealand. We have no control over this quota limitation. Because of this, the Selection Panel will be restricted in the number of athletes they can nominate for Individual Events and will only consider athletes for nomination that meet the conditions outlined under clause 3.
- 1.5 The 2019 PGs LOC has not invited New Zealand to all events. Please refer to clause 5 for a full list of athletics events that New Zealand has been invited to. These are subject to change.
- 1.6 Athletics NZ will also be using the 2019 PGs as an opportunity for some athletes identified by the Athletics NZ High Performance Director (the “**Athletics NZ HPD**”) to qualify for the 2019 IAAF World Championships in Doha, 28 September - 6 October. This means those athletes may be given priority in terms of selection for the 2019 PGs, thereby reducing the number of “slots” available for other athletes.
- 1.7 The 2019 PGs is an athlete-funded competition and athletes seeking nomination in accordance with this Selection Policy will have to participate at no-cost to Athletics NZ (refer to clause 10).

2. SELECTION PANEL

- 2.1 The board of Athletics NZ (the “**Athletics NZ Board**”) has endorsed the following Selection Panel (the “**Selectors**”) to consider and nominate athletes for selection for the 2019 PGs:
 - a) Sarah Cowley (Convenor)
 - b) Alec McNab
 - c) Tony Rogers
- 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 2019 PGs, an athlete must:
 - a) Have achieved at least one (1) Performance Standard (refer to clause 5) that is listed on the official Athletics NZ rankings website and that is achieved within the following Qualification Period; and

Events	Qualification Period
All individual events	1 October 2018 – 10 March 2019

- b) Be a registered member of Athletics NZ at the time of achieving their Performance Standard; and
- c) Have submitted an [Application for the NZOC Long List](#) and paid a \$100.00 Bond (refer to clause 10.7) by 5pm Wednesday 5 December 2018; and
- d) Have provided their name and contact address to the New Zealand Olympic Committee (“NZOC”) for the purpose of Out of Competition drug testing by Drug Free Sport New Zealand (“DFSNZ”) by 5pm Monday 7 January 2019; and
- e) Have competed at the Compulsory Selection Trial or have been granted dispensation (refer to clause 6); and
- f) Have satisfied all NZOC eligibility, nationality and participation requirements, including those set out in clause 4; and
- g) Be a New Zealand citizen with a New Zealand passport and have been a resident in New Zealand for a minimum of 5 years at the time of the 2019 PGs;
- h) Enter into an athlete agreement with Athletics NZ (the “Athlete Agreement”)
Note: This agreement will be distributed upon selection; and
- i) Have completed the NZOC 2019 Pacific Games Athlete Application Form in full and submit that form to the NZOC no later than 5pm Monday 7 January 2019; and
- j) Have signed the NZOC Athlete Agreement and submit that agreement to the NZOC no later than 5pm Tuesday 7 May 2019; and
- k) Be and remain in “good standing” with Athletics NZ and at all times comply with all Athletics NZ and / or IAAF codes of conduct and regulations and the terms and conditions of the Athlete Agreement and otherwise conduct themselves in a way that does not bring the sport or the team into disrepute; and
- l) 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 any applicable Athletics NZ or IAAF anti-doping or related rules or regulations.

Note: Athletes should be aware that failure to comply with any of the requirements set out in clause 3.1 may render an athlete ineligible for nomination and/or selection.

- 3.2 Nothing in this Selection Policy obliges Athletics NZ to select a full contingent of athletes in any particular event, regardless of the OAA and/or IAAF Technical Regulations or the 2019 PGs LOC entry requirements.

4. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Age Requirements

- 4.1 In order to be eligible to compete at the 2019 PGs, athletes must have reached a minimum age of 15 years by 31 December 2019 (i.e. born before or during 2004).

Individual Events

- 4.2 Member Federations may enter a maximum of three (3) athletes per Individual Event.

Note: As stated in clause 1.6, 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 Athletics NZ HPD has identified athletes to utilise the 2019 PGs as an opportunity to qualify for the 2019 IAAF World Championships.

5. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

- 5.1 Athletes seeking selection for the 2019 PGs must achieve the following Performance Standard/s during the Qualification Period.
- 5.2 For Para-Athletes to be considered for nomination for the 2019 PGs, they must have achieved the Performance Standard/s outlined in **Appendix One** during the Qualification Period.

Men's Performance Standard	Event	Women's Performance Standard
11.14	100m	12.36
See Appendix 1 for Para Standards	Para 100m	See Appendix 1 for Para Standards
22.36	200m	25.10
49.63	400m	56.60
1:55.00	800m	2:13.30
No Invitation	1500m	4:34.80
35:00.00	10,000m	44.00.00
9:36.00	3000m SC	11:00
14.78	110mH/100mH	15.10
55.79	400H	62.80
No Invitation	Half Marathon	Yes
No Invitation	High Jump	1.73
4.35	Pole Vault	3.75
No Invitation	Long Jump	5.84
14.35	Triple Jump	11.38
No Invitation	Para Shot Put	See Appendix 1 for Para Standards
No Invitation	Javelin Throw	43.00
No Invitation	Para Javelin Throw	See Appendix 1 for Para Standards
54.00	Hammer Throw	43.00
N/A	Heptathlon	4900
6350	Decathlon	N/A
No Invitation	4x100m Relays	No Invitation
No Invitation	4x400m Relays	No Invitation

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

6. **COMPULSORY SELECTION TRIAL**

- a) The Compulsory Selection Trial for the 2019 PGs is the Athletics New Zealand Track and Field Championships, Christchurch, 8 - 10 March 2019.

6.1 All athletes seeking selection for the 2019 PGs 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) Have received written dispensation from the [Convenor](#) for the relevant Compulsory Selection Trial (refer to clauses 6.3 and 6.4); or
- c) Have received a medical exemption from the relevant Compulsory Selection Trial because 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 6.5).

Dispensation from Compulsory Selection Trial

- 6.2 Athletes seeking dispensation from the Compulsory Selection Trial (other than a medical exemption covered by clause 6.5) must make a request by e-mail to the [Convenor](#), no later than ten (10) days prior to the relevant Compulsory Selection Trial.
- 6.3 Dispensations from one (1) or more of 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

- 6.4 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 by a registered medical practitioner 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](#).

Note: Acceptance of any medical certificate is at the discretion of the Selectors.

Requirements for athletes granted a Dispensations or a Medical Exemption.

- 6.5 Athletes who are granted dispensation or a medical exemption from competing in any 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 Convenor in consultation with the 2019 PGs Team Leader (refer to clause 10.9).

7. ADDITIONAL NOMINATION AND SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS

Individual Events

- 7.1 The Selectors may consider athletes for nomination who have not achieved a Performance Standard. Any such nomination would only be made following extensive consultation by the Convenor with the athlete, their coach, the Athletics NZ HPD and the 2019 PGs Team Leader. Specific factors that may be considered in order to nominate an athlete under this clause include but are not limited to the quality and consistency of their “back-up” performances.
- 7.2 In situations where there are more than three (3) athletes that meet the selection considerations in the same event, then 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 the athlete’s:
- a) Performance in the final at the Compulsory Selection Trial;
 - b) Competitive record against other athletes under consideration for nomination in the same event;
 - c) Quality and consistency of performances during the Qualification Period;
 - d) History of performances at previous major competitions; and/or
 - e) Recent injuries or illness.
- 7.3 In any decision regarding the nomination of athletes to 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. SELECTION PROCESS

Ratification Review

- 8.1 The Athletics NZ Board must ratify nominations prior to the Selection Announcement.

Selection Announcements

- 8.2 The Selection Announcement of the athletes selected for the 2019 PGs will be published on the Athletics NZ website by 5pm Wednesday 27 March 2019 (the “**Selection Announcement**”).
- 8.3 The Selectors and the Athletics NZ Board reserve the right to add additional athletes to the team after the date of the Selection Announcement on terms and conditions set by the Selectors (as approved by the Athletics NZ Board).

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

- 9.1 Non-selected athletes can query their non-selection after the Selection Announcement by contacting the [Convenor](#) (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 will be deemed to be the commencement of the 48-hour period to lodge non-selection appeals in accordance with this Selection Policy. This time period will begin as soon as the Selection Announcement is published on the Athletics NZ website.
- 9.3 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:
- Have submitted an [Application for the NZOC Long List](#) in accordance with timelines contained in this Selection Policy; and
 - Have provided their name and contact address to the NZOC for the purpose of Out of Competition drug testing by DFSNZ in accordance with the timelines contained in this Selection Policy; and
 - Have completed and submitted the NZOC 2019 Pacific Games Athlete Application Form to the NZOC in accordance with the 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 ([Hamish Grey](#)) within 48 hours of the decision of the Board being published on the Athletics NZ website.
- 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 2019 PGs 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 2019 PGs should plan their funding and budgets early. The trip cost is estimated to be between \$3,000 - \$4,000 NZD per athlete. We will update this figure when we have confirmation from the NZOC as to their management costs.
- 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 2019 PGs Team Leader and/or support staff (if applicable).
- 10.5 For athlete-funded competitions, two (2) 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 2019 PGs. 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 2019 PGs will be required to pay a Bond of \$100.00 along with their [Application for the NZOC Long List](#) by 5pm Wednesday 5 December 2018.
- 10.7 The conditions associated with Bond are:
- The Bond should either be paid by:
 - Depositing cleared funds into 12-3192-0002433-00 noting "2019 PGs" 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 Monday 3 December 2018. The cheque must be accompanied with

a note recording the athlete's name and that the payment is made as a bond for the 2019 PGs team; OR

- iii. By credit card when completing the [Application for the NZOC Long List](#). **Please Note:** paying via credit card within the Application for the NZOC Long List, incurs a non-refundable 4.2% 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 2019 PGs [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. Athletes should be aware that late withdrawal may result in them being required to pay an additional amount in excess of the \$100 bond should Athletics NZ's unrecoverable costs be in excess of that amount.
- 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 the NZOC Long List; otherwise the athlete must provide those details when he or she advises of the withdrawal of their Application for the NZOC Long List. 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 2019 PGs team (i.e., it is not an "extra" fee/levy).

Team Leader/Coach/Staff Appointments

- 10.8 In some instances, when there is a need for an Athletics NZ High Performance staff member to fill a team management position, at the discretion of the Athletics NZ HPD and approval of the Athletics NZ Board, team management appointments will not be advertised.
- 10.9 If required, [Expressions of Interest](#) for the positions of 2019 PGs Team Leader and Team Coaches will be published by 5pm, Friday 30 November 2018. Further information regarding an announcement date will follow.
- 10.10 For further information regarding staff appointments contact [Jess Jones](#).

11. ADDITIONAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

- 11.1 For further information regarding the 2019 PGs refer to <https://pacificgames.pngfacts.com/> or contact [Jess Jones](#).

APPENDIX 1 - PARA ATHLETES PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Men's Performance Standard	Event	Classification	Women's Performance Standard
13.00	100m	T11	16.50
11.90		T12	15.00
12.50		T13	15.00
28.00		T33	25.00
22.00		T34	25.00
16.00		T35	23.00
14.50		T36	18.60
13.50		T37	17.00
14.00		T38	16.50
18.00		T42/63	23.50
12.00		T43	17.00
12.00		T44/62/64	16.00
12.80		T45/46/47	16.00
31.00		T51	38.00
22.00		T52	35.00
17.50		T53	23.00
16.00		T54	20.50
N/A	Shot Put	F11	5.506.50mm
		F12	7.40m
		F13	7.40m
		F20	9.00m
		F32	2.80m
		F33	3.50m
		F34	5.20m
		F35	6.00m
		F36	5.50m
		F37	7.50m
		F38	5.40m
		F40	3.50m
		F41	5.00m
		F42/61/63	5.80m
		F43/44	6.80m
		F44/64	8.50m
		F46	9.31m
		F52	5.50m
		F53	5.50m
		F54	4.30m
		F55	6.00m
		F56	6.50m
		F57	6.80m
	Javelin	F11	11.00m
		F12	13.50m

	F13	15.00m
	F33	10.50m
	F34	11.50m
	F35	15.00m
	F36	11.00m
	F37	20.00m
	F38	9.50m
	F40/41	15.00m
	F42/61/62	12.00m
	F43/63	
	F44/64	22.00m
	F46	18.00m
	F52	5.00m
	F53	8.00m
	F54	10.00m
	F55	12.80m
	F56	9.50m
	F57	11.00m