

2021 WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES SELECTION POLICY: 18 – 29 AUGUST, CHENGDU, CHINA

Note: Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, there are ongoing risks relating to international travel. The wellbeing and safety of Athletics New Zealand members and staff is of key importance. The final decision whether to send a team to the 2021 World University Games will be at the discretion of the Board of Athletics New Zealand following consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, High Performance Director, any other personnel that the Board deems appropriate and after consideration of all relevant factors as determined by the Board, including then current overseas travel advice of the New Zealand Government.

Note: International University Sports Federation and University and Tertiary Sport New Zealand are yet to send us the updated competition circular, therefore the following details are subject to change.

1. 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 selection to compete at the 2021 World University Games (the “**2021 WUGs**”).
- 1.2 The 2021 WUGs is an Athletics NZ “Silver” Singlet competition (i.e. a World Championship other than a World Athletics Track & Field Championships, Olympic Games or Commonwealth Games).
- 1.3 Selections of;
 - a. Individual athletes for this team will be those deemed capable of a Top 16 placing at the 2021 WUGs; and
 - b. Relay team(s) will be those deemed capable of a Top 8 placing at the 2021 WUGs.
- 1.4 The 2021 WUGs 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 (refer to clause 11).

2. SELECTION PANEL

- 2.1 The board of Athletics NZ (“**Athletics NZ Board**”) has endorsed the following Selection Panel (“**Selectors**”) to consider and select athletes for the 2021 WUGs:
 - a) Craig Motley (“**Convenor**”); and
 - b) Sarah Cowley-Ross; and
 - c) Graham Seatter.
- 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 SELECTION

- 3.1 As a condition of selection for the 2021 WUGs, an athlete must:

- a. Have achieved at least one (1) Performance Standard (refer to clause 4) that is listed on the official Athletics NZ rankings website and that is achieved within the following Qualification Periods; and

Categories/Events	Qualification Period
NZ & Australia based athletes	1 October 2020 – 21 April 2021
Overseas based athletes	1 October 2021 - 13 June 2021

- 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](#) and pay a \$500.00 bond (refer to clause 11) by 5pm on Wednesday 3 March 2021; and
- d. Have competed at the Compulsory Selection Trial/s (refer to clause 6) or have been granted dispensation from these competitions; and
- e. Have satisfied all 2021 WUGs eligibility, nationality, and participation requirements; and
Enter into an athlete agreement with Athletics NZ (“**Athlete Agreement**”) – **Note:** This agreement will be distributed upon selection; and
- f. Be and remain in good standing with Athletics NZ and at all times comply with all Athletics NZ and/or 2021 WUGs and/or World Athletics and/or FISU 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
- g. 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 World Athletics anti-doping or related rules or regulations; and
- h. Consult with and receive approval from the 2021 WUGs Team Leader to compete in any event exceeding 10km after Sunday 13 June 2021, for those relevant.

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 selection.

Note: Nothing in this Selection Policy obliges Athletics NZ to select a full contingent of athletes in any event regardless of the FISU Regulations, University and Tertiary Sport New Zealand (“**UTSNZ**”) Regulations, World Athletics Technical Regulations or the 2021 WUGs Local Organising Committee (“**LOC**”) entry requirements.

Relay Athletes

- 3.2 To be eligible to compete at the 2021 WUGs as a member of a relay team, each member of the relay team must comply with all the requirements set out in clause 3.1 (see also clause 4.4).
- 3.3 Relay team members that have not met the performance standard for an Individual Event may be included in an Individual Event at the discretion of the 2021 WUGs Team Leader, in consultation with the Athletics NZ High Performance Director (“**Athletics NZ**

HPD”), the athlete and their personal coach; provided that the athlete has met the applicable FISU minimum entry standard.

Qualification Period Extensions

- 3.4 In exceptional circumstances where a New Zealand or Australia based athlete is deemed by the Convenor in consultation with the Athletics NZ HPD to have had limited qualifying opportunities during the Qualification Period, they may be granted a qualification period extension up to midnight on Sunday 13 June 2021 (Perth, Australia time).
- 3.5 Athletes seeking a qualification period extension must make a request for a qualification period extension by e-mail accompanied by relevant supporting documents (e.g. medical certificate) as soon as they are aware of their situation, but no later than 2:00pm on Tuesday 2 March 2021, to the [Convenor](#).
- 3.6 Decisions regarding whether to grant a qualification period extension are solely at the discretion of the Convenor in consultation with the Athletics NZ HPD.

4. SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 For an athlete or a relay team to be considered for selection for the 2021 WUGs they must have achieved the following relevant performance standard/s:

Men’s Performance Standards	Event	Women’s Performance Standards
10.45	100m	11.70
21.15	200m	23.90
46.70	400m	53.50
1:49.00	800m	2:05.00
3:48.00	1500m	04:20.00
14:20.00	5,000m	16:10.00
30:35.50	10,000m	34:30.00
1:07.00	Half Marathon	1:16.30
8:53.00	3000m SC	10:10.00
14.00	110mH/100mH	13.60
50.90	400H	58.70
6950	Decathlon/Heptathlon	5130
2.15	High Jump	1.77
5.25	Pole Vault	4.00
7.60	Long Jump	6.15
15.60	Triple Jump	13.00
18.10	Shot Put	15.30
55.00	Discus Throw	51.00
66.00	Hammer Throw	60.80
72.00	Javelin Throw	52.00
1:28.00	20km Race Walk	1:35.00

40.00	4x100m	45.90
3:11.50	4x400m	3:44.50

- 4.2 For an athlete to be considered for selection for the 2021 WUGs in a relay team, they must have achieved the following individual performance standards required for relay team selection during the Qualification Period:

Men's Performance Standards	Event	Women's Performance Standards
11.00	4 x 100m	12.20
49.50	4 x 400m	57.00

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

5. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 5.1 UTSNZ Regulations stipulate the following:

- a. If studying in New Zealand, you must be attending a New Zealand Tertiary Education Institution as recognised by the Ministry of Education and endorsed by UTSNZ (see appendix 1).

Note: Generally, if studying overseas, you must be studying at a University or similar Tertiary Education Institution that is recognised as holding Tertiary status by the appropriate academic authority of that country. These will be considered on a case by case basis.

- 5.2 FISU Regulations stipulate the following athletes can compete:

- a. Students who are currently officially registered as proceeding towards a degree or diploma at a University or similar institute, the status of which is recognised by the appropriate authority in the country; or
- b. Former students of the institutions mentioned in 5.1a who have successfully obtained their academic degree or diploma in the calendar year preceding the event, e.g. graduated in 2021 in relation to the 2021 WUGs.

Note: The study of individual papers without the pursuit of a degree or diploma is insufficient to meet FISU requirements. For further clarification please contact the Athletics NZ High Performance Programme Administrator, [Brianna Maynard](#).

Age requirements

- 5.3 Athletes must be at least 18 years and no older than 25 years of age on 31 December 2021 (i.e. born between 1 January 1996 and 31 December 2003).

Individual Events

- 5.4 Member Federations may confirm a maximum of two (2) athletes per Individual Event other than the following exception:

- a) For the Men's & Women's Half Marathon and the Men's & Women's 20km Race Walk up to three (3) athletes can be entered per event.

Relays

- 5.5 Member Federations may enter one (1) team per relay event.

- 5.6 Up to six (6) athletes can be entered per relay team (i.e. without being selected for an Individual Event).
- 5.7 Athletes competing in an Individual Event that corresponds to a relay team (i.e. 100m corresponds to the 4x100m and 400m corresponds to the 4x400m) must be listed among the six (6) athletes for the respective relay team (i.e. each athlete takes a “slot” even if the Member Federation does not intend for them to run in the relay team).

6. COMPULSORY SELECTION TRIAL/S

- 6.1 Athletes must compete in their relevant event, in at least one (1) of the following two (2) competitions as part of the Compulsory Selection Trial/s for the 2021 WUGs:
 - a) Athletics New Zealand Combined Events Championships, Christchurch, 6-7 February; or
 - b) Athletics New Zealand Track & Field Championships, Hawke’s Bay, 5-7 March.
- 6.2 There will be no Compulsory Selection Trial/s for the half marathon or race walk events.
- 6.3 Other than the half marathon and the race walk events, all athletes seeking selection for the 2021 WUGs must have either:
 - a) Competed in the Compulsory Selection Trial/s 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/s (refer to clauses 6.4 and 6.5); or
 - c) Have 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 ten (10) days before the competition, that can be verified by the provision of the medical certificate (refer to clause 6.6).

Dispensations from Compulsory Selection Trial/s

- 6.4 Athletes seeking dispensation from one or more of the Compulsory Selection Trial/s (other than a medical exemption covered by clause 6.6) must make a request by e-mail, no later than ten days prior to the relevant Compulsory Selection Trial/s, to the [Convenor](#).
- 6.5 Dispensations from one or more of 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/s

- 6.6 Athletes that are unable to effectively compete at the Compulsory Selection Trial/s as a result of injury or illness that occurred during the competition, or during the ten (10) days immediately prior to the start of their event at that Compulsory Selection Trial must make a request for a medical exemption by e-mail. This must be accompanied by a copy of a medical certificate from 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/s, to the [Convenor](#).

Requirements for athletes granted a Dispensation or a Medical Exemption

- 6.7 Athletes who are granted dispensation or a medical exemption from competing in a 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 2021 WUGs Team Leader.

7. ADDITIONAL SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS

Individual Event/s

- 7.1 Athletes will be given priority consideration for selection by the Selectors for the 2021 WUGs as a result of achieving one of the following factors, which are in a ranked order:
- a) Achieve the Athletics NZ Performance Standard in winning either the Senior Women's or the Senior Men's event/s at the relevant Compulsory Selection Trial/s; or
 - b) Win either the Senior Women's or the Senior Men's event/s at the Compulsory Selection Trial/s and have achieved two (2) Performance Standards during the Qualification Period; or
 - c) Achieve two (2) Performance Standards during the Qualification Period.
- 7.2 The Selectors may consider athletes for selection who have only achieved one Performance Standard during the Qualification Period. Any such selection would only be made following extensive consultation by the Convenor with the athlete, their coach, the Athletics NZ HPD, and the 2021 WUGs Team Leader. Specific factors that may be considered in order to select an athlete under this clause include but are not limited to:
- a) If the Athletics NZ Selectors have not selected the maximum contingent of athletes for the relevant event/s; and
 - b) Quality and consistency of their "back-up" performances.
- 7.3 In situations where there are more than two athletes that meet the additional 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 select an athlete, including but not limited to the athlete's:
- a) Performance at the Compulsory Selection Trial/s;
 - b) Potential to be highly competitive at the 2021 WUGs;
 - c) Competitive record against other athletes under consideration for selection in the same event;
 - d) Quality and consistency of performances during the Qualification Period;
 - e) Commitment and focus on competing at the 2021 WUGs;
 - f) History of performances at previous selected individual or team events; and / or
 - g) Any other factors considered by the Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.
- 7.4 In any decision regarding the selection of athletes for the 2021 WUGs, the Selectors may, in their sole discretion, also consider 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 considered by the Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.

- 7.5 Athletes unable to compete at competitions relevant to meeting the requirements outlined in this Selection Policy, must advise the [Convenor](#) 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 circumstance in accordance with this Selection Policy, then the Selectors have no obligation to consider such circumstances.

Relay team/s

- 7.6 The Selectors may select relay team/s comprising up to six athletes, for the 2021 WUGs provided that:
- a. They deem the relay team/s are capable of a Top 8 placing at the 2021 WUGs; and
 - b. The composition of the athletes in the relay team/s meets the requirements set out in clause 3.
- 7.7 Selection for relay events takes precedence over individual event priorities at the 2021 WUGs. As specified in clause 3, relay team members that have not met the requirements of clause 3.1(a) may be included in an individual event/s at the discretion of the Athletics NZ Team Leader, in consultation with the Athletics NZ HPD, the athlete and their personal coach; provided however that the athlete has met the applicable FISU minimum entry standard for the 2021 WUGs.
- 7.8 The Selectors may consider any combination of factors that they deem relevant to their decision whether to select an athlete for a relay team, including but not limited to the athlete's:
- a) Performance at the Compulsory Selection Trial/s;
 - b) Potential to be highly competitive at the 2021 WUGs;
 - c) Competitive record against other athletes under consideration for selection in the team;
 - d) Quality and consistency of performances during the Qualification Period;
 - e) Commitment and focus on competing at the 2021 WUGs;
 - f) History of performances at previous selected individual or team events;
 - g) Any other factors considered by the Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.
- 7.9 In any decision regarding the selection of athletes for the relay team, the Selectors may, in their sole discretion, also consider 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 considered by the Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.
- 7.10 In any decision regarding the selection of athletes for the relay team, the Selectors may, in their sole discretion, also consult with the Athletics NZ Lead Coach – Relays, Sprints, & hurdles, James Mortimer.

8. SELECTION PROCESS

8.1 Athletics NZ will select individual/s and/or relay team/s in accordance with the criteria set out in this Selection Policy as allowed by the FISU Regulations, World Athletics Technical Regulations and/or the LOC entry requirements.

Ratification Review

8.2 The Athletics NZ Board must ratify selections prior to each Selection Announcement.

Selection Announcements

8.3 The Initial Selection Announcement of the athletes selected for the 2021 WUGs will be published on the Athletics NZ website by 5pm Thursday 6 May 2021.

Note: For events where Qualification Period Extensions have been granted or an Application for Selection Form has been received from overseas based athletes, then a maximum of one (1) athlete will be named in the Initial Selection Announcement in the respective event/s.

8.4 The Final Selection Announcement of the athletes selected for the 2021 WUGs will be published on the Athletics NZ website by 5pm Friday 25 June 2021.

9. NON-SELECTION QUERIES &/OR APPEALS PROCESS

9.1 Non-selected athletes can query their non-selection after any Selection Announcement by contacting the [Convenor](#) (i.e. to seek clarification regarding their non-selection).

Non-selection appeals process

9.2 The time of the publishing of the Final 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.

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:

- 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 ([Pete Pfitzinger](#)) within 48 hours of the Final Selection Announcement 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-selection appeals. General provisions relating to appeals in the Constitution and By-Laws of Athletics NZ will not apply.

10. VILLAGE PRE-ENTRY PROOF OF FITNESS REQUIREMENTS

10.1 All athletes seeking selection should be aware that selected athletes will be required to undertake the following prior to the 2021 WUGs;

- 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;

- b) Exemptions from the Village Pre-Entry Camp can be approved by the Athletics NZ HPD. Applications for such exemption must be made to [Scott Goodman](#) by 5pm Tuesday 29 June 2021;
- c) All selected athletes will be advised of their specific Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness Requirements by the Convenor and/or the 2021 WUGs 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 Convenor and/or the 2021 WUGs Team Leader. However, generally it will be prior to them leaving for the 2021 WUGs from New Zealand or their normal place of residence; and / or.
- e) Generally, failure by a selected athlete to meet the Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness Requirements will result in that athlete being withdrawn from the 2021 WUGs. Such a decision is the responsibility of the 2021 WUGs Team Leader based on feedback/advice from the Convenor and relevant medical personnel.

11. **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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

Funding

- 11.2 The Athletics NZ High Performance Programme has committed an amount to assist the costs of sending the team management to the 2021 WUGs.
- 11.3 The 2021 WUGs is an athlete-funded competition and athletes seeking selection in accordance with this Selection Policy will have to participate at no further cost to Athletics NZ than the amount allocated to assist with sending the team management.
- 11.4 Athletes considering competing at the 2021 WUGs should plan their funding and budgets early. The trip cost is expected to be around NZ\$9,000 per athlete. The estimate travel dates for this tour are 5 August 2021 – 30 August 2021.
- 11.5 A management levy is likely to be charged across all athletes (i.e., above the cost of their own travel and accommodation, but after taking into account the Athletics NZ contribution) to assist with cost of the 2021 WUGs team management.
- 11.6 All athlete-funding components must be paid to Athletics NZ by no later than 5pm Friday 23 July 2021.

Note: The funding information (refer to clause 11.3 and 11.4) does not include any costs that may be incurred, nor does it account for the duration of time that may be spent in managed isolation as a result of quarantine regulations upon return to New Zealand or the athlete's place of residence. Any quarantine costs will be at the athlete's own expense as part of their decision to participate in the 2021 WUGs.

Note: Non-payment of the athlete-funded 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 2021 WUGs. Unpaid amounts will remain outstanding and will be subject to collection in accordance with [Athletics NZ Debtors policy](#).

Bond

- 11.7 Athletes seeking selection for the 2021 WUGs will be required to pay a Bond of \$500.00 along with their [Application for Selection Form](#) by 5pm Wednesday 3 March 2021.

11.8 The conditions associated with Bond are:

- a) The Bond should either be paid by:
 - i. By credit card when completing the [Application for Selection Form](#). **Note:** paying via credit card within the Application for Selection Form incurs a non-refundable 4.2% processing fee; or
 - ii. Depositing cleared funds into 12-3192-0002433-00 noting “2021 WUGs” in the Particulars field and athlete’s name (e.g., “J J Bloggs”) in the Reference field in internet banking. The Payee is Athletics NZ.

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 [Brianna Maynard](#) 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 \$500 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) 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 2021 WUGs team (i.e. it is not an “extra” fee/levy).

Team Leader/Coach/Staff Appointments

- 11.9 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.
- 11.10 If required, expressions of interest for the position of a 2021 WUGs Team Leader will be advertised by Friday 2 July 2021.
- 11.11 Once appointed, the 2021 WUGs Team Leader in consultation with the Athletics NZ HPD will identify a shortlist of possible coaches and liaise with them regarding their availability for the Games pending on the final make-up of the team.
- 11.12 If required, additional support staff and/or coaches required for the team will be advertised by Friday 16 July 2021.
- 11.13 For further information regarding staff appointments contact [Brianna Maynard](#).

12. ADDITIONAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

12.1 For further information regarding the 2021 WUGs refer to the [website](#).

APPENDIX 1

INSTITUTIONS RECOGNISED BY NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY OF EDUCATION & ENDORSED BY UNIVERSITY AND TERTIARY SPORT NEW ZEALAND

International Programme only

New Zealand Universities

1. The University of Auckland
2. AUT University
3. Lincoln University
4. Massey University (Albany, Palmerston North & Wellington Campuses)
5. University of Canterbury
6. University of Otago
7. Victoria University of Wellington
8. Waikato University

Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics

1. Ara Institute of Canterbury (ARA)
2. Eastern Institute of Technology (Hawkes Bay) (EIT)
3. Manukau Institute of Technology
4. Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT)
5. Northland Polytechnic (NorthTec)
6. Otago Polytechnic
7. Southern Institute of Technology (SIT)
8. Tai Poutini Polytechnic
9. The Open Polytechnic of New Zealand
10. Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology
11. Unitec Institute of Technology (Unitec)
12. Universal College of Learning (UCOL)
13. Waikato Institute of Technology (Wintec)
14. Wellington Institute of Technology (Weltec)
15. Western Institute of Technology at Taranaki (WITT)

Wānanga

1. Te Wānanga o Aotearoa
2. Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi
3. Te Wānanga -o-Raukawa