

2022 WORLD ATHLETICS HALF MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION POLICY: 13 NOVEMBER, YANGZHOU, 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 2022 World Athletics Half Marathon Championships will be at the discretion of the Board of Athletics New Zealand following consultation with the Chief Executive Officer and 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: World Athletics 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 2022 World Athletics Half Marathon Championships ("**2022 WHMC**").
- 1.2 The 2022 WHMC is an Athletics NZ "Silver" Singlet competition, i.e., a World Athletics, an International Association for Ultrarunners ("**IAU**") or World Mountain Running Association ("**WMRA**") World Championship.
- 1.3 Selections of:
 - a) Individual athletes for this team will be those deemed capable of a Top 32 placing at the 2022 WHMC; and
 - b) Teams will be those deemed capable of achieving a Top 8 placing at the 2022 WHMC.
- 1.4 The 2022 WHMC 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 Convenor ("**Selectors**") to consider and select athletes for the 2022 WHMC:
 - a) John Bowden (**Convenor**); and
 - b) Tony Rogers; and
 - c) Craig Motley.
- 2.2 The Athletics NZ Board reserves the right to replace any member of the Selection Panel at any time for any reason.

3. CONDITIONS OF SELECTION

3.1 As a condition of selection for the 2022 WHMC, an athlete must:

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

Categories/Events	Qualification Period
All athletes	1 October 2021 to 1 August 2022

- 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 Friday 29 July 2022; and
- d) Have satisfied all 2022 WHMC eligibility, nationality, participation requirements; and
- e) 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 2022 WHMC and/or World Athletics 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.

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 World Athletics Technical Regulations or the 2022 WHMC Local Organising Committee ("**LOC**") entry requirements.

4. SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 For an athlete to be considered for selection for the 2022 WHMC in an individual or team event, based on results achieved during the Qualification Period, they must have achieved the following relevant Performance Standard:

Event/Category	Individual Event Performance Standard	Team Event Performance Standard
Men's Half Marathon	1hr 06:00	1hr 07:00
Women's Half Marathon	1hr 18:00	1hr 19:00

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

5. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5.1 No athlete younger than 17 years on 31 December in the year of the competition (i.e., for the 2022 Championships, born in 2006 or later) may be entered.

Categories and Distances

5.2 Teams can be entered in the following categories:

- a) Senior Women: Up to five athletes can compete with three to score; and
- b) Senior Men: Up to five athletes can compete with three to score.

6. COMPULSORY SELECTION TRIAL

6.1 There will be no Compulsory Trial for the 2022 WHMC for any category.

7. ADDITIONAL SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS

7.1 Notwithstanding the provisions outlined in this Selection Policy, the Selectors have an overriding discretion to select any eligible athlete for the 2022 WHMC if they, in consultation with the Athletics NZ Community Manager believe it is in the best interests of Athletics NZ to do so.

7.2 In considering athletes for selection, the Selectors may consider any factor or combination of factors that they deem relevant to their decision whether to select an athlete for the 2022 WHMC, including but not limited to the athlete's:

- a) Performance at the 2022 Athletics NZ Senior Marathon Championships;
- b) Potential to be highly competitive at the 2022 WHMC;
- c) Competitive record against other athletes under consideration for selection in the same event;
- d) Quality and consistency of performances in other road races (15km plus) during the Qualification Period;
- e) Commitment and focus on competing at the 2022 WHMC;
- f) History of performances at previous selected individual or team events; and
- g) Any other factors considered by the Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.

7.3 In any decision regarding the selection of athletes for the 2022 WHMC, 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.

7.4 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 circumstances in accordance with this Selection Policy then the Selectors have no obligation to rely on such circumstances.

8. SELECTION PROCESS

- 8.1 Athletics NZ will select Individual(s) and/or Team(s) in accordance with the criteria set out in this Selection Policy and as allowed by the 2022 WHMC Technical Regulations and the LOC entry requirements.
- 8.2 Nothing in this Selection Policy obliges Athletics NZ to select a full contingent of athletes in any particular event regardless of the 2022 WHMC Technical Regulations or the 2022 WHMC LOC entry requirements.

Ratification Review

- 8.3 The Athletics NZ Board must ratify selections prior to the Selection Announcement.

Selection Announcements

- 8.4 The Selection Announcement of the athletes selected for the 2022 WHMC will be published on the Athletics NZ website by 5pm on Monday 8 August 2022.

9. NON-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 time of 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.
- 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 ([Peter Pfitzinger](#)) within 48 hours of the decision of the Athletics NZ Board being published on the Athletics NZ website (i.e. 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-selection appeals. General provisions relating to appeals in the Constitution and Regulations of Athletics NZ will not apply.

10. VILLAGE PRE-ENTRY PROOF OF FITNESS

- 10.1 All selections for the 2022 WHMC remain conditional until each athlete has met their Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness.

- 10.2 All Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness will be confirmed by the Convenor and/or 2022 WHMC Team Leader in consultation with the athlete and their coach.
- 10.3 The time frame for all athletes to achieve specific Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness will be at the discretion of the Convenor and/or the 2022 WHMC Team Leader. However, generally it will be prior to them leaving for the 2022 WHMC from New Zealand or their place of residence.
- 10.4 Generally, failure by a selected athlete to meet the Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness may result in that athlete who has been selected to the team being withdrawn from the 2022 WHMC. Such a decision is at the discretion of the Convenor in consultation with the 2022 WHMC Team Leader and the Selectors.
- 10.5 Athletics NZ reserves the right to select a replacement athlete if any athlete is withdrawn or otherwise fails to meet the requirements set out in this Selection Policy.

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 2022 WHMC 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.
- 11.3 Athletes considering competing at the 2022 WHMC should plan their funding and budgets early. The trip cost is expected to be around NZ\$7,000 per athlete.
- 11.4 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 2022 WHMC Team Leader and/or support staff (if applicable).

Note: The funding information (refer to clause 11.2 and 11.3) 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 2022 WHMC.

- 11.5 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.

Please Note: Non-payment of the athlete-funded component in full by this date two weeks prior to departure will result in the removal of the athlete from the team and the withdrawal of that athlete's entry from the 2022 WHMC. Unpaid amounts will remain outstanding and will be subject to collection in accordance with the [Athletics NZ Debtors policy](#).

Team Leader /Coach/Staff Appointment

11.6 In some instances, when there is a need for an Athletics NZ staff member to fill a team management position, at the discretion of the Athletics NZ Community Manager and approval of the Athletics NZ Board, team management appointments will not be advertised.

11.7 If required, expressions of interest for the position of 2022 WHMC Team Leader will be advertised by Monday 1 August 2022.

11.8 If required, additional support staff and/or coaches, will be advertised by Friday 12 August 2022.

11.9 For further information regarding staff appointments contact [John Bowden](#).

12. ADDITIONAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

12.1 For further information regarding the 2022 WHMC refer to the [website](#) or contact [John Bowden](#).