

2022 OCEANIA AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION POLICY: 7 – 11 JUNE, MACKAY, AUSTRALIA

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 Oceania Area Championships 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 the current overseas travel advice of the New Zealand Government.

Note: Oceania Athletics Association 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 Oceania Area Championships (“**2022 OAC**”).
- 1.2 The 2022 OAC is an Athletics NZ “White Singlet” competition, i.e., a development opportunity for New Zealand athletes to compete for New Zealand for the below purposes:
 - a) Under 18: To provide an international competition opportunity for U18 (Youth) athletes to represent New Zealand in 2022; and
 - b) Under 20: To provide an international competition opportunity for U20 (Junior) athletes to represent New Zealand in 2022; and
 - c) Senior Representation: To provide an on-going opportunity for athletes to represent New Zealand as a senior athlete (i.e., to encourage them to stay in the sport); and
 - d) Para-Athlete Representation: To provide an international competition opportunity for Para-Athletes to represent New Zealand in 2022.
- 1.3 In addition, this year Athletics NZ will also be using the 2022 OAC as an opportunity for some athletes identified by the Athletics NZ High Performance Director (“**Athletics NZ HPD**”) to qualify for the 2023 World Athletics Championships, Budapest, 19 August 2023, and for medallists from the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games to be able to compete in able-bodied fields of their targeted events as well as Para events. This means those athletes may be given priority in terms of selection for the 2022 OAC, thereby reducing the number of “spots” available for other athletes in senior grades.
- 1.4 The 2022 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 (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 2022 OAC:
- a) Jonathan Black (Convenor); and
 - b) Sarah Cowley-Ross; and
 - c) Phil Jensen .
- 2.2 The 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 2022 OAC, 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 Individual events and relays	1 October 2021 – 27 March 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](#) and paid a \$250.00 Bond (refer to clause 11) by 5pm Friday 18 March 2022; and
- d) Have competed at the Compulsory Selection Trial/s (refer to clause 6) or have been granted dispensation from those competitions; and
- e) Have satisfied all 2022 OAC eligibility, nationality, and participation requirements; and
- f) Enter into an athlete agreement with Athletics NZ (“**Athlete Agreement**”)

Note: This agreement will be distributed upon selection; and
- g) Be and remain in “good standing” with Athletics NZ and at all times comply with all Athletics NZ and/or 2022 OAC 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
- h) 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 Oceania Athletics Association (“**OAA**”) and/or World Athletics Technical Regulations or the 2022 OAC Local Organizing Committee (“**LOC**”) entry requirements.

Relay Athletes

- 3.2 In order to be eligible for selection to compete at the 2022 OAC as a member of a relay team, each member of the relay team must comply with all of the requirements set out in clause 3.1.
- 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 2022 OAC Team Leader, in consultation with the Athletics NZ HPD, the athlete and their personal coach; provided, however, that the athlete has met the applicable OAA minimum entry standard.

4. SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 U18 Performance Standards have not been stipulated in this Selection Policy for the 2022 OAC. Rather, a team of up to eight U18 Men and eight U18 Women who have completed an [Application for Selection Form](#) may be selected to compete in the Individual Events at the 2022 OAC.

Note: This number may be increased to twelve athletes each for U18 Men and U18 Women to accommodate Relay selections if the eight selected athletes who have submitted an [Application for Selection Form](#) warrant the inclusion of relay teams.

- 4.2 U20 Performance Standards have not been stipulated in this Selection Policy for the 2022 OAC. Rather, a team of up to eight U20 Men and eight U20 Women who have completed an [Application for Selection Form](#) may be selected to compete in the Individual Events at the 2022 OAC.

Note: This number may be increased to twelve athletes each for U20 Men and U20 Women to accommodate Relay selections if the eight selected athletes who have submitted an [Application for Selection Form](#) warrant the inclusion of relay teams.

- 4.3 Athletes seeking selection as a senior athlete must achieve the following Performance Standard/s during the Qualification Period.
- 4.4 Para-Athletes seeking selection must have achieved the Performance Standard/s outlined in **Appendix One** during the Qualification Period.
 - a. Para-Athletes that met the requirements in 3.1a may request to be included in an additional Para event that are not listed in the schedule.

Men's Performance Standard	Event	Women's Performance Standard
10.85	100m	11.95
21.85	200m	24.50
43.00	400m	56.00
1:51.50	800m	2:10.00
3:46.00	1500m	4:27.00
14:00.00	5000m	16:30.00
N/A	10,000m	N/A
8:50.00	3000m SC	11:00.00
15.20	110mH/100mH	14.85
55.00	400H	62.00
22:00	5000m Track Walk	26:00
46:00	10,000m Track Walk	54:00

2.05	High Jump	1.75
4.80	Pole Vault	3.75
7.30	Long Jump	5.80
14.70	Triple Jump	12.40
16.00	Shot Put	14.75
52.00	Discus Throw	52.00
57.50	Hammer Throw	54.00
60.00	Javelin Throw	48.00
N/A	Heptathlon	4750
6300	Decathlon	N/A

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

- 4.5 Overseas based athletes (i.e., athletes not residing in the Oceania region) seeking to establish a qualification plan that falls outside the designated Qualification Period (i.e., the above Qualification Period is “out of season” for Northern Hemisphere based athletes) should contact the [Convenor](#) as soon as possible, but no later than 5pm Friday 18 March 2022. Such a plan may be approved, at the discretion of the Convenor, providing it does not impact on the selection of athletes that met the requirements contained in this policy.

5. **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Age Requirements for each Category

- 5.1 U18 athletes: any athletes aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December 2022 (born in 2005 or 2006) may compete in any event in the U18 category.
- 5.2 U20 athletes: any athletes aged 16, 17, 18 or 19 years on 31 December 2022 (born in 2003, 2004, 2005 or 2006) may compete in any event in the U20 category.
- 5.3 Any athlete younger than 16 years on 31 December 2022 (born in 2007 or later) may not compete in any event.

Individual Events

- 5.4 Member Federations may enter a maximum of three athletes per Individual Event.

Relays

- 5.5 Member Federations may enter one team per Relay Event.
- 5.6 OAA have not stipulated any restriction on the number of athletes that can be entered per Relay Team.

6. **COMPULSORY SELECTION TRIALS**

- 6.1 The following two competitions are the Compulsory Selection Trial/s for the 2022 OAC:
- 2022 Jennian Homes NZ Track and Field Championships in Hawke’s Bay, 3 – 6 March; and
 - Athletics New Zealand Senior Combined Events Championships in Hawke’s Bay, 5 – 6 March; and
 - Athletics New Zealand U18 and U20 Combined Events Championships in Auckland, 26 – 27 March.
- 6.2 All athletes seeking selection for the 2022 OAC 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 6.3 and 6.4); 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 10 days before the competition, that can be verified by the provision of a medical certificate (refer to clause 6.5).

Dispensation from Compulsory Selection Trial/s

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

- 6.5 Athletes who are unable to effectively compete at a Compulsory Selection Trial/s 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 to the [Convenor](#). 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.

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

Requirements for athletes granted a Dispensation or a Medical Exemption.

- 6.6 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 2022 OAC Team Leader.

7. ADDITIONAL SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 Senior athletes (or U18/U20 athletes wishing to compete in the senior grade) that achieve the Athletics NZ Performance Standard (refer to clause 6) in winning a senior event at the Compulsory Selection Trial/s will be given priority consideration for selection by the Selectors for the 2022 OAC, for that individual event, provided those athletes submit an [Application for Selection Form](#) as required by this Selection Policy.
- 7.2 U18 and U20 athletes that win the relevant age group in the individual event at the Compulsory Selection Trial/s will be given priority consideration for selection by the Selectors for the 2022 OAC, for that individual event, in the relevant age group, provided those athletes submit an [Application for Selection Form](#) as required by this Selection Policy.
- 7.3 Notwithstanding the provisions outlined in this Selection Policy, the Selectors have an overriding discretion to select any eligible athlete for the 2022 OAC if they, in consultation with the Athletics NZ HPD, believe it is in the best interests of Athletics NZ to do so.

- 7.4 The Selectors have an overriding discretion to select any Para-Athlete that does not meet the requirements in 3.1a if they, in consultation with the Athletics NZ HPD, believe it is in the best interests of Athletics NZ to do so, provided they meet the applicable OAA minimum entry standard for the 2022 OAC, and providing it does not impact on the selection of athletes that met the requirements contained in this policy.
- 7.5 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 OAC, including but not limited to the athlete's:
- a) Performance at the relevant Compulsory Trial/s;
 - b) Potential to be highly competitive at the 2022 OAC;
 - 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 2022 OAC;
 - f) History of performances at previous selected individual or team events; and/or
 - g) Any other factors reasonably considered by the Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.
- 7.6 In any decision regarding the selection of athletes for the 2022 OAC, 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 reasonably considered by the Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.
- 7.6 Athletes unable to compete at the competitions relevant to meeting the requirements outline 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 7 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 OAC Technical Regulations and the LOC Entry Requirements.

Ratification Review

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

Selection Announcements

- 8.3 The Selection Announcement of the athletes selected for the 2022 OAC will be published on the Athletics NZ website by 5pm Thursday 7 April 2022.

- 8.4 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-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 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.
- 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 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 By-Laws of Athletics NZ will not apply.

10. VILLAGE PRE-ENTRY PROOF OF FITNESS

- 10.1 All selections for the 2022 OAC 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 OAC Team Leader.
- 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 OAC Team Leader. However, generally it will be prior to them leaving for the 2022 OAC 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 for the team being withdrawn from the 2022 OAC. Such a decision is at the discretion of the Convenor in consultation with the 2022 OAC 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 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.
- 11.3 Athletes considering competing at the 2022 OAC should plan their funding and budgets early. The trip cost is estimated to be around NZ \$4,000 = 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 OAC 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 or self 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 a part of their decision to participate in the 2022 OAC.

- 11.5 For athlete-funded competitions, all athlete-funding components must be paid in full to Athletics NZ no later than two-weeks prior to the departure of the team from New Zealand.

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 2022 OAC. Unpaid amounts will remain outstanding and will be subject to collection in accordance with [Athletics NZ Debtors policy](#).

Bond

- 11.6 Athletes seeking selection for the 2022 OAC will be required to pay a Bond of \$250.00 along with their [Application for Selection Form](#) by 5pm Friday 18 March 2022. The conditions associated with Bond are:

- a) The Bond should either be paid by:
 - i. 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 "2022 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.

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.
- 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 2022 OAC team (i.e., it is not an “extra” fee/levy).

Team Leader/Coach/Staff Appointments

- 11.7 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.
- 11.8 The 2022 OAC Team Leader will be named by 5pm on Thursday 7 April 2022.
- 11.9 If required, the Team Leader, in consultation with the Athletics NZ HPD, will identify a shortlist of possible team coaches and liaise with those coaches regarding their availability for the 2022 OAC.
- 11.10 If required, additional support staff and/or coaches required for the team will be advertised by 5pm 21 March 2022.
- 11.11 For further information regarding staff appointments contact [Brianna Maynard](#).

12. ADDITIONAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

- 12.1 For further information regarding the 2022 OAC, refer to [website](#) or contact [Brianna Maynard](#).

APPENDIX 1 - PARA ATHLETES PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Men's Performance Standard	Event	Classification	Women's Performance Standard
12.10	100m	T11	15.00
11.90		T12	14.30
12.00		T13	15.00
26.00		T33	
20.00		T34	
		T33/34	25.00
15.60		T35	20.50
13.70		T36	18.00
13.10		T37	16.00
13.00		T38	15.80
15.60		T42/63	20.00
12.50		T44/62/64	16.00
11.70		T45/46/47	14.60
30.00		T51	
21.00		T52	
		T51/52	35.00
16.65		T53	20.30
15.15		T54	18.90
		200m	T11
	T12		30.00
	T13		33.00
32.00	T35		44.00
	T36		38.00
26.60	T37		34.00
	T38		33.60
51.00	T51		
34.00	T61		
26.00	T44/62/64		
	T44/64		33.00
	T45/46/47		29.00
	400m		T11
55.00		T12	1:12.00
56.00		T13	1:16.00
52.60		T20	1:10.00
1:08.00		T33/34	
1:10.00		T36	
1:03.00		T37	1:20.00
1:00.00		T38	1:19.00
54.00		T45/46/47	1:15.00

1:50.00		T51/52	
56.20		T53	1:10.00
50.00		T54	1:05.00
01:10.00		T62	
02:10.00	800m	T33/34	2:50.00
02:40.00		T36	
01:55.00		T53	2:30.00
01:38.00		T54	2:10.00
04:32.00	1500m	T11	6:20.00
04:12.00		T12/13	5:35.00
04:12.00		T20	5:20.00
05:10.00		T37/38	
04:30.00		T45/46	
05:20.00		T51/52	
03:09.00		T53/54	4:00.00
5.30m	Long Jump	T11	3.40m
6.00m		T12	3.70m
5.50m		T13	
6.00m		T20	4.30m
4.00m		T36	
5.00m		T37	3.50m
4.40m		T38	3.75m
4.20m		T42/61/63	2.80m
5.50m		T44/62/64	3.80m
5.70m		T45/46/47	4.00m
7.50m	Shot Put	F11	
11.50m		F12	
		F11/12	9.00m
10.50m		F20	9.50m
6.50m		F32	2.80m
6.00m		F33	3.50m
7.00m		F34	5.20m
8.00m		F35	6.00m
8.50m		F36	5.50m
11.00m		F37	7.50m
9.00m		F38	
6.00m		F40	3.50m
8.00m		F41	5.00m
11.00m		F45/46	8.50m
11.20m		F42/61/63	
		F42/43/44/62/63/64	6.80m
5.00		F53	5.50m

		F54	4.30m
9.50		F54/55	
11.00m		F56/57	7.00m
27.00m	Discus	F11	18.00m
39.00m		F35/36/37/38	
		F37/38	22.00m
		F40/41	17.00m
10.00m		F51/52	
		F51/52/53	5.00m
		F54/55	14.50m
33.00m		F54/55/56	
39.00m		F43/44/62/64	18.00m
41.00m	Javelin	F12/13	15.00m
17.00m		F33/34	11.50m
30.00m		F38	
27.00m		F40/41	
39.00m		F45/46	18.00m
17.00m		F53/54	10.00m
31.00m		F55/56	13.00m
44.00m		F42/43/44/61/62/63/64	