

2024 WORLD ATHLETICS INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION POLICY 1-3 MARCH GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

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 2024 World Athletics Indoor Championships (the "2024 WICs").
- 1.2 The 2024 WICs is an Athletics NZ "Black" Singlet competition (i.e. an Olympic Games, a World Athletics Track & Field Championships or a Commonwealth Games).
- 1.3 The specific selection philosophy for this Championships is to select athletes who are deemed capable of performing at a truly world class level and with distinction at the Championships. This means individual athletes who:
 - a) achieve a WA Performance Standard; OR,
 - b) receive a World Athletics ("WA") invitation to compete and are deemed capable of a Top 16 placing at the 2024 WICs.

2. <u>SELECTION PANEL</u>

- 2.1 The board of Athletics NZ ("Athletics NZ Board") has endorsed the following Convenor and selection panel to consider and select athletes for the 2024 WICs:
 - i. Stephen Brown ("Convenor"); and
 - ii. Craig Motley; and
 - iii. Jo Mersh.
- 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 2024 WICs, an athlete must:
 - a) Have achieved at least one WA Performance Standard (refer to clause 4) which is listed on the official World <u>Athletics Rankings website</u> and/or <u>World Athletics Top Lists</u> and that is achieved within the following Athletics NZ Qualification Period; and

| Events | Athletics NZ Qualification Period |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| Individual Events | 1 January 2023 to 11 February 2024 |

- b) Be a registered member of Athletics NZ at the time of achieving their Performance Standard; and
- c) Have satisfied all WA eligibility, nationality, participation requirements, including those set out in clause 5; and
- d) Enter into an athlete agreement with Athletics NZ ("Athlete Agreement") Note: This agreement will be distributed upon selection; and
- e) Be and remain in "good standing" with Athletics NZ and at all times comply with all Athletics NZ and/or 2024 WICs and/or WA 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 team into disrepute: and
- f) 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 WA anti-doping or related rules or regulations.

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Note: Nothing in this Selection Policy obliges Athletics NZ to select a full contingent of athletes in any event, regardless of the WA Technical Regulations or the 2024 WICs Local Organizing Committee ("LOC") entry requirements.

4. SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 For an athlete to be considered for selection for the 2024 WICs in an individual event based on performances achieved during the Athletics NZ Qualification Period, they must have achieved the following relevant WA Performance Standard:

| Men | | | Event | Women | | |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Target # | Indoor | Outdoor | | Indoor | Outdoor | Target # |
| 56 | 6.58 | 10.00 (100m) | 60m | 7.19 | 11.05 (100m) | 56 |
| 30 | 45.90 | 44.80 | 400m | 51.60 | 50.50 | 30 |
| 30 | 1:46.00 | 1:44.00 | 800m | 2:00.80 | 1:58.00 | 30 |
| 30 | 3:36.00 (1500m) 3:53.50 (Mile) | 3:32.00 (1500m) 3:48.80 (Mile) | 1500m | 4:06.50 (1500m) 4:26.00 (Mile) | 4:00.00 (1500m) 4:18.00 (Mile) | 30 |
| 15 | 7:34.00 | 7:29.00 (3000m) 12:50.00 (5000m) | 3000m | 8:37.00 | 8:27.00 (3000m) 14:32.00 (5000m) | 15 |
| 48 | 7.62 | 13.28 (110mH) | 60mH | 8.02 | 12.80 (100mH) | 48 |
| 12 | WA Invitation | | Hept/Pent | WA Invitation | | 12 |
| 12 | 2.34 | | High Jump | 1.98 | | 12 |
| 12 | 5.90 | | Pole Vault | 4.80 | | 12 |
| 16 | 8.28 | | Long Jump | 6.89 | | 16 |
| 16 | 17.25 | | Triple Jump | 14.62 | | 16 |
| 16 | 21.70 | | Shot Put | 19.30 | | 16 |

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

- 4.2 Notwithstanding the provisions outlined in this Selection Policy, the Selectors have an overriding discretion to select any eligible athlete for the 2024 WICs if they, in consultation with the Athletics NZ High Performance Director ("Athletics NZ HPD"), believe it is in the best interests of Athletics NZ to do so.
- 4.3 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 2024 WICs, including but not limited to the athlete's:
 - a) Potential to be highly competitive at the 2024 WICs;
 - b) Competitive record against other athletes under consideration for selection in the same event;
 - c) Quality and consistency of performances during the Athletics NZ Qualification Period;
 - d) Commitment and focus on competing at the 2024 WICs;
 - e) History of performances at previous selected individual or team events; and
 - f) Any other factors considered by the Selectors that constitute extenuating circumstances.
- 4.4 In any decision regarding the selection of athletes for 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.

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4.5 Athletes unable to compete at competitions relevant to meeting the requirements outlined in this Selection Policy, must advise the <u>Convenor</u> of the extenuating circumstances and reasons (accompanied by a Medical Practitioner certificate or Registered Physio report 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.

5. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Age Considerations

- 5.1 U20 Athletes: any athlete aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December 2024 (born in 2006 or 2005) may compete in any event.
- 5.2 U18 athletes: any athlete aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December 2024 (born in 2008 or 2007) may compete in any event except the Shot Put.
- 5.3 Athletes younger than 16 years on 31 December 2024 (born in 2009 or later) may not compete in any event.

Individual Events

- 5.4 Member Federations may enter a maximum of two athletes per Individual Event.
- 5.5 The Men's and Women's 3000m event shall be held as straight Final.
- 5.6 In the High Jump and Pole Vault, the events shall be held as straight Finals with 12 athletes starting in each event. The Entries will be determined by WA based on a combination of Entry Standards and World Ranking as at 21 February 2024.
- 5.7 In the Long Jump, Triple Jump and Shot Put, events shall be held as straight Finals with 16 athletes starting in each event. The Entries will be determined by WA based on a combination of Entry Standards and World Ranking as at 21 February 2024.
- 5.8 In those events where the target number of entries has not been reached, WA shall invite the athletes with the next best World Ranking position.

Combined Events

- 5.9 For the Combined Events, 12 athletes will be invited by WA in the Heptathlon and the Pentathlon as follows:
 - a) The winner of the 2023 Combined Events Challenge; and
 - b) The five best athletes from the 2023 Outdoor Lists (as at 31 December 2023), limited to a maximum of one per country; and
 - c) The five best athletes from the 2024 Indoor lists (as at 11 February 2024); and
 - d) One additional athlete which may be invited at the discretion of WA.

6. COMPULSORY SELECTION COMPETITION

6.1 There will be no Compulsory Selection Competition for the 2024 WICs for any event.

7. SELECTION PROCESS

7.1 At the end of the Athletics NZ Qualification Period, the Selectors will consider for selection Individual/s who have met a WA Performance Standard in accordance with the criteria set out in this Selection Policy and as allowed by the 2024 WICs Technical Regulations and the LOC entry requirements.

Then, once WA have published the World Rankings on 21 February 2024 and/or if any athlete invitations are subsequently received from WA, the Selectors will consider Individual/s for selection who they deem

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eligible under this Selection Policy i.e., Athletes deemed capable of achieving a Top 16 placing at the 2024 WICs.

Ratification Review

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

Selection Announcements

- 7.3 The Initial Selection Announcement of athletes selected for the 2024 WICs will be published on the Athletics NZ website by 5pm Thursday 15 February 2024.
- 7.4 If a Final Selection Announcement is necessary, it will be published on the Athletics NZ website by 5pm Saturday 24 February 2024.

8. NON-SELECTION QUERIES &/OR APPEALS PROCESS

8.1 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

- 8.2 Athletes can query their non selection after any of the applicable Selection Announcements by contacting the Convenor.
- 8.3 Any athlete whose selection is not ratified by the Athletics NZ Board in accordance with this Selection Policy may appeal this to the New Zealand Sports Tribunal providing they submit a notice of their intention to appeal their non selection in writing to the CEO of Athletics (Cam Mitchell) NZ within 48 hours of the applicable Selection Announcement being published on the Athletics NZ website.
 - i. Initial Selection Announcement: appeals window closes 5pm Saturday 17 February 2024
 - ii. Final Selection Announcement: appeals window closes 5pm Monday 26 February 2024
- 8.4 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. General provisions relating to appeals in the Constitution and Regulations of Athletics NZ will not apply.

9. PRE-ENTRY PROOF OF FITNESS REQUIREMENTS

- 9.1 All selections for the 2024 WICs remain conditional until each athlete has met their Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness requirement.
- 9.2 All Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness requirements will be confirmed by the 2024 WICs Team Leader in consultation with the athlete and their coach.
- 9.3 The time frame for all athletes to achieve specific Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness requirement will be at the discretion of the 2024 WICs Team Leader. However, generally it will be prior to them leaving for the 2024 WICs from New Zealand or their place of residence.
- 9.4 Generally, failure by a selected athlete to meet the Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness requirement may result in that athlete who has been selected to the team being withdrawn from the 2024 WICs. Such a decision is at the discretion of the 2024 WICs Team Leader and the Convenor.
- 9.5 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.

10. **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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

Funding

10.2 A travel expenses contribution of at least \$3,000 NZD per athlete will be covered by the Athletics NZ High Performance programme.

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Team Leader/Coach/Staff Appointments

- 10.3 The 2024 WICs Team Leader will be named by 5pm Monday 29 January 2024.
- 10.4 The 2024 WICs Team Leader will identify a shortlist of possible team coaches or additional support staff and liaise with them regarding their availability for the 2024 WICs.
- 10.5 For further information regarding staff appointments contact Brianna Maynard.

11. ADDITIONAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

11.1 For further information regarding the 2024 WICs refer to the website or contact Brianna Maynard.

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