

**IAU 24HR 2024 ASIA AND OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION POLICY:  
6-7 APRIL 2024 CANBERRA AUSTRALIA**

**Note:** IAU are yet to send us the updated competition circular, therefore the following details are subject to change.

**Note:** 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 2024 IAU 24HR Asia and Oceania 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.

**1. SELECTION PHILOSOPHY**

- 1.1 This Selection Policy is issued by the Athletics New Zealand Inc. (“**Athletics NZ**”) and sets out the basis on which the Athletics NZ Selectors (refer to clause 2.1) will consider athletes for selection to compete at the 2024 IAU 24HR Asia and Oceania Championships (“**IAUAO 24HR**”).
- 1.2 The 2024 IAUAO 24HR is an Athletics NZ “Silver” Singlet competition, i.e., a World Athletics (“**WA**”), an International Association for Ultrarunners (“**IAU**”) or World Mountain Running Association (“**WMRA**”) World Championship.
- 1.3 The 2024 IAUAO 24HR is an Out of Stadia opportunity for New Zealand athletes to represent New Zealand for the below purposes:
  - a) 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).
- 1.4 The 2024 IAUAO 24HR 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 10).

**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 2024 IAU24HR:
  - a) John Bowden (Convenor).
  - b) Geoff Shaw; and
  - c) Shireen Crumpton
- 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 2024 IAUAO 24HR, 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 or on a verified international competitions results page and that is achieved within the following Qualification Period; and

Categories/Events	Qualification Period
All athletes	1 January 2022 – 3 December 2023

- b) Be a registered member of Athletics NZ at the time of achieving their Performance Standard; and
- c) Have submitted an online [Application For Selection form](#) by 5pm Sunday 3 December 2023; and
- d) Have competed at the Compulsory Selection Trial (refer to clause 6) or have been granted dispensation from that competition; and
- e) Have satisfied all IAU and Local Organising Committee (“**LOC**”) eligibility, nationality, participation and entry 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 codes of conduct/regulations, IAU codes of conduct/regulations, 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 IAU 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 IAU Technical Regulations or the 2024 IAU AO24 HR LOC entry requirements.

#### 4. SELECTION CONSIDERATION

- 4.1 For an athlete to be considered for selection for the 2024 IAUAO 24HR based on results achieved in New Zealand during the Qualification Period, they must have achieved one (1) of the following:
  - a) For a Team Event, an athlete should have finished in the “Top 10” in a 24Hour race or a race over 150km; and/or
  - b) For an Individual Event in a category where the Selectors decide not to nominate a team, then an athlete should have finished in the “Top 5” in a NZ 24 Hour race or a race over 150km.

- 4.2 For an athlete to be considered for selection for the 2024 IAUAO 24HR based on results achieved outside of New Zealand during the Qualification Period, they must have achieved one (1) of the following:
- a) For a Team Event, an athlete should have finished in the “Top 25” in at least one 24 Hour race or a race over 150km during the Qualification Period, which was sanctioned by the IAU.
  - b) For an Individual Event in a category where the Selectors decide not to nominate a team, then an athlete should have finished in the “Top 15” in a 24 Hour race or a race over 150km during the Qualification Period which was sanctioned by the IAU.

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

## 5. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 5.1 Athletics NZ can enter one (1) team in the following categories:
- a) Senior Women: Up to six (6) athletes can compete with three (3) to score.
  - b) Senior Men: Up to six (6) athletes can compete with three (3) to score.

## 6. COMPULSORY SELECTION TRIAL

- 6.1 The Compulsory Selection Trial for the 2024 IAUAO 24HR is the Athletics NZ 24HR Championships in Auckland, 23-24 September 2023.
- 6.2 Athletes seeking selection for the 2024 IAUAO 24HR must have either:
- a) Competed in the Compulsory Selection Trial; or
  - b) Have received written dispensation from the Convenor for the Compulsory Selection Trial (refer to clauses 6.4 and 6.5); or
  - c) Have received a medical exemption from the Compulsory Selection Trial 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 from a registered medical professional (refer to clause 6.6).

### **Dispensation from Compulsory Selection Trial**

- 6.3 Athletes seeking dispensation from the Compulsory Selection Trial (other than a medical exemption covered by clause 6.6) must make a request by e-mail no later than ten (10) days prior to the competition, to the [Convenor](#).
- 6.4 Dispensations from 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**

- 6.5 Athletes who are unable to effectively compete at the Compulsory Selection Trial as a result of injury or illness that occurred during the Compulsory Selection Trial or during the ten 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 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](#).

**Requirements for athletes granted a Dispensation or a Medical Exemption.**

- 6.6 Athletes who are granted a dispensation or a medical exemption from competing in the Compulsory Selection Trial 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 2024 IAUAO 24HR Team Leader.

**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 2024 IAUAO 24HR if they, in consultation with the Athletics NZ Community Manager, believe it is in the best interests of Athletics NZ to do so.

**Individual Event/s**

- 7.2 Athletes will be given priority consideration for selection by the Selectors for the 2024 IAUAO 24HR as a result of achieving one of the following factors, which are in a ranked order:

- a) Winning either the Senior Women's, or Senior Men's, at the Compulsory Selection Trial; or
- b) Placing second in either the Senior Women's, or Senior Men's event/s at the Compulsory Selection Trial.

- 7.3 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 IAUAO 24HR, including but not limited to the athlete's:

- a) Performance at the 2023 Compulsory Trial at the Athletics NZ 24HR Championships, Auckland on 23-24 September with the placing of the athlete being of major significance.
- b) Potential to be highly competitive at the 2024 IAUAO 24HR.
- c) Competitive record against other athletes under consideration for selection in the same event.
- d) Quality and consistency of performances in other races during the Qualification Period.
- e) Commitment and focus on competing at the 2024 IAUAO 24HR.
- 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.

- 7.4 In any decision regarding the selection of athletes for the 2024 IAUAO 24HR, 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.
- 7.5 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 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.
- 7.6 Athletics NZ will select athletes in accordance with the criteria set out in this Selection Policy and as allowed by the 2024 IAUAO 24HR Technical Regulations and the LOC entry requirements.
- 7.7 Nothing in this Selection Policy obliges Athletics NZ to select a full contingent of athletes in any particular event regardless of the 2024 IAUAO 24HR Technical Regulations or the LOC entry requirements.
- 7.8 Non -travelling reserves for Senior Men and Senior Women will be named (if the athletes have qualified) in ranking order to replace the selected athletes who possibly could withdraw due to Covid, other illnesses and injury.

#### **Ratification Review**

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

#### **Selection Announcements**

- 7.10 The Selection Announcement of the athletes selected for the 2024 IAUAO 24HR will be published on the Athletics NZ website by 5pm on Friday 15 December 2023.

### **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 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.
- 8.3 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 Cam Mitchell ([cam@athletics.org.nz](mailto:cam@athletics.org.nz)) within 48 hours of the decision of the Athletics NZ Board being published on the Athletics NZ website (i.e. the Selection Announcement).
- 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. 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.

## 9. VILLAGE PRE-ENTRY PROOF OF FITNESS

- 9.1 All selections for the 2024 IAUAO 24HR remain conditional until each athlete has met their Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness.
- 9.2 All Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness will be confirmed by the Convenor and/or 2024 IAUAO 24HR Team Leader in consultation with the athlete and their coach
- 9.3 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 2024 IAUAO 24HR Team Leader. However, generally it will be prior to them leaving for the 2024 IAUAO 24HR from New Zealand or their place of residence.
- 9.4 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 2024 IAUAO 24HR. Such a decision is at the discretion of the Convenor in consultation with the 2024 IAUAO 24HR Team Leader and the Selectors.
- 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 by the Board. Any amendment to this Selection Policy will be published on the Athletics NZ website.

### **Funding**

- 10.2 The 2024 IAUAO 24HR 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 2024 IAUAO 24HR should plan their funding and budgets early. The trip cost is expected to be around NZ \$2,000 per athlete.
- 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 2024 IAUAO 24HR Team Leader and/or support staff (if applicable).
- 10.5 For athlete-funded competitions, 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-funded component 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 2024 IAUAO 24HR. Unpaid amounts will remain outstanding and will be subject to collection in accordance with [Athletics NZ Debtors policy](#).**

### **Team Leader /Coach/Staff Appointment**

- 10.6 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.

- 10.7 If required, expressions of interest for the position of 2024 IAUAO 24HR Team Leader, will be advertised by Wednesday 6 December 2023.
- 10.8 If required, additional support staff and/or coaches, will be advertised by Wednesday 31 January 2024.
- 10.9 For further information regarding staff appointments contact [John Bowden](#).

**11. ADDITIONAL COMPETITION INFORMATION**

- 11.1 For further information regarding the 2024 IAUAO 24HR refer to the website or contact [John Bowden](#).