

2024 WORLD ATHLETICS UNDER 20 CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION POLICY

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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 will consider athletes for selection to compete at the 2024 World Athletics (“WA”) U20 Championships (“2024 WU20s”).
- 1.2 The 2024 WU20s is an Athletics NZ “Black Singlet” competition (i.e. an Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, WA/World Para Athletics (“WPA”) Championships, WA U20 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:
 - i. Individual athletes deemed capable of a Top 16 placing at the 2024 WU20s; OR,
 - ii. Relay teams deemed capable of a Top 8 placing at the 2024 WU20s.

2. SELECTION PANEL

- 2.1 The Selection Panel (“Selectors”) to consider and select athletes for the 2024 WU20s is:
 - a) Stephen Brown (“Convenor”); AND
 - b) Jo Mersh; AND
 - c) Jonathan Black.
- 2.2 The Athletics NZ Board reserves the right to replace any member of the Selection Panel at any time and for any reason.

3. CONDITIONS OF SELECTION

- 3.1 As a condition of selection for the 2024 WU20s in an Individual Event an athlete must:
 - a) Have achieved at least one Performance Standard (as set out in Schedule 1) that is listed on the official Athletics NZ rankings website and is achieved within the following Athletics NZ Qualification Period; AND,

Events	Athletics NZ Qualification Period
All Individual Events & Relays	1 October 2023 – 21 April 2024
 - b) Be a registered member of Athletics NZ at the time of achieving a 2024 WU20s Performance Standard); AND,
 - c) Have submitted an [Application for Selection Form](#) and pay a \$500 bond (refer to clause 11.6) by 5pm Friday 8 March 2024; AND,
 - d) Have satisfied all WA eligibility, nationality and participation requirements, including those set out in clause 5; AND,
 - e) Enter into an athlete agreement with Athletics NZ;
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 WA codes of conduct, regulations, 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) Have competed at the relevant Compulsory Selection Competition in the event they are seeking selection, or otherwise:
 - i. Have been granted dispensation from the Convenor not to compete (as set out in clauses 6.4 and 6.5) at the relevant Compulsory Selection Competition; OR

- ii. Have received acknowledgement from the Convenor of an impaired performance at a relevant Compulsory Selection Competition as a result of injury or illness that occurred during the seven days prior to the competition and can be verified by the provision of a Registered Medical Practitioner certificate or Registered Physiotherapist report (as set out in clauses 6.4 and 6.5); AND,
 - h) Have not:
 - i. Used or administered any substance which, if it had been detected, would have constituted doping; OR,
 - ii. Used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offence as defined in [Athletics NZ Integrity Regulations](#) or [WA Anti-Doping Regulations](#) or [WA Integrity Regulations](#).
- 3.2** Overseas based athletes (i.e., athletes not residing in the Oceania region) seeking to establish a qualification plan that falls outside the Athletics NZ Qualification Period (i.e., the period is “out of season” for Northern Hemisphere based athletes) should contact the [Convenor](#) as soon as possible, but no later than 5pm NZT Friday 15 March 2024. Such a plan may be approved, at the discretion of the Convenor. This approval will come with a qualification period extension specific to that athlete’s individual plan.
- 3.3** The Selectors may impose any other conditions upon selected athletes, that in their sole discretion they may determine.

4. SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS

Relay Teams

- 4.1** As a condition of selection for the 2024 WU20s in a Relay event, a team of eligible U20 athletes must have achieved at least one relevant relay Performance Standard (as set out in Schedule 1) that is listed on the official Athletics NZ rankings website, within the Athletics NZ Qualification Period.
- Note:** Being a member of the team that achieves a relay performance standard does not give any athlete a right to, or guarantee of selection.
- 4.2** A relay team may be entered at the discretion of the Team Leader, in consultation with the Athletics NZ High Performance Director (“Athletics NZ HPD”) at the time of the 2024 WU20s, but only if:
- a) Athletes are already selected in the team for an individual event; AND
 - b) The relay event does not interfere with an athlete’s selected individual event/s.

Seeking Permission to Start in an Additional Event

- 4.3** Athletes that have been selected or anticipate being selected in either an Individual Event or Relay can seek permission to start in an additional event by placing a request for consideration with the Team Leader no later than 5pm Friday 31 May 2024.
- 4.4** Requests for permission to start in additional events will be considered on the basis of whether or not:
- a) The athlete can be entered into the additional event in accordance with the 2024 WU20s Qualification System; AND,
 - b) Competing in the additional event would have a detrimental effect on the priority event for which the athlete gained selection; AND,
 - c) Competing in the additional event would have a detrimental effect on the selection of another athlete being considered for selection in that same event.

5. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Age Requirements

- 5.1** Only athletes aged 16, 17, 18, or 19 years on 31 December 2024 (i.e. born in 2008, 2007, 2006, or 2005) may compete.
- 5.2** Athletes younger than 16 years on 31 December 2024 (i.e. born in 2009 or later) are not eligible for selection and cannot be entered in any event.

Individual Events

5.3 Member Federations may enter a maximum of three athletes per Individual Event, however only two athletes can be listed to compete at the “confirmation of entry” stage of the entry process (i.e. a maximum of two athletes will be allowed to compete per nation per Individual Event).

Note: In a circumstance where more than two athletes meet the requirements for selection under this Policy, the selectors will select two athletes and name the remaining athlete/s as reserve/s, by order of ranking.

Relays

5.4 Member Federations may enter one Relay Team of up to six athletes in each Relay Event.

6. COMPULSORY SELECTION COMPETITIONS

6.1 The following are the Compulsory Selection Competitions for the 2024 WU20s:

- a) 2024 New Zealand U18 and U20 Combined Events Championships, Dunedin, 17 - 18 February
- b) 2024 Athletics NZ Track & Field Championships, Wellington, 14 - 17 March

6.2 There will be no Compulsory Selection Competition for the 10,000m and the Race Walks Events.

6.3 All athletes seeking selection for the 2024 WU20s must have either:

- a) Competed in the relevant Compulsory Selection Competition in the event most relevant to which they are seeking selection; OR,
- b) Received dispensation from the relevant Compulsory Selection Competition as set out in clauses 6.4 and 6.5; OR,
- c) Received a medical exemption from the [Convenor](#) as set out in clause 6.6.

Dispensations Not to Compete at Compulsory Selection Competitions

6.4 Athletes seeking dispensation from competing at either of the Compulsory Selection Competitions (other than a medical exemption covered by clause 6.6) must make a request by email to the [Convenor](#) no later than seven days prior to the competition. Such dispensations will generally only be granted to athletes with extenuating circumstances and may be granted with or without conditions.

Medical Exemption from Compulsory Selection Competitions

6.5 Athletes that are unable to effectively compete at their relevant Compulsory Selection Competition as a result of injury or illness that occurred during the competition, or during the seven days prior to the competition, must make a request for a Medical Exemption by e-mail to the [Convenor](#) as soon as they are aware of their situation, but no later than 48 hours after the conclusion of the relevant Compulsory Selection Competition. Such requests must be accompanied by a copy of a Registered Medical Practitioner certificate or Registered Physiotherapist report to verify the situation.

7. OTHER SELECTION FACTORS

7.1 The Selectors may consider any combination of factors that they deem relevant in their decision whether or not to select an athlete, including but not limited to an athlete’s:

- a) Performance at the NZ Track & Field Championships
- b) Performance at the Australian Track & Field Championships
- c) Potential to be highly competitive at the 2024 WU20s
- d) Competitive record against other athletes under consideration for selection in the same event
- e) Quality and consistency of performances during the Athletics NZ Qualification Period
- f) Commitment and focus on competing at the 2024 WU20s
- g) Recent injuries or illness

7.2 In any decision regarding the selection of athletes for the 2024 WU20s team, the Selectors may, in their sole discretion, also take into account any extenuating circumstances, including but not limited to:

- a) Travel delays
- b) Equipment failure
- c) Bereavement or personal misfortune

d) Any other factors reasonably considered by the Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances

- 7.3** If at any stage during the Qualification Period an athlete is unable to compete to the best of their ability due to medical circumstances, they must advise the [Convenor](#) in writing of the reasons/details (accompanied by a Registered Medical Practitioner certificate or Registered Physiotherapist report) as soon as the medical circumstances are known (or at least within seven days). If the [Convenor](#) is not notified in writing of any medical circumstances in accordance with this Selection Policy, then the Selectors have no obligation to rely on or to take into account such circumstances.

8. SELECTION PROCESS

- 8.1** Athletics NZ will select Individual/s or Relay Team/s in accordance with the criteria set out in the Selection Policy and as allowed by the 2024 WU20s 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 2024 WU20s Technical Regulations or the 2024 WU20s LOC entry requirements.
- 8.3** The Athletics NZ Board must ratify selections prior to the Selection Announcement.

Selection Announcements

- 8.4** By 5pm Friday 3 May 2024, the Selectors may name up to two athletes per event that have achieved the 2024 WU20s Performance Standard during the Athletics NZ Qualification Period. This Selection Announcement will be published on the Athletics NZ website.

Note: On the occasion where another athlete/s in the same event has received an extension, up to one athlete may be named as selected. This decision will be based solely on a performance measure (i.e. the athlete who has achieved the better performance will be named as selected).

- 8.5** Any athlete who has achieved a 2024 WU20s Performance Standard during the Athletics NZ Qualification Period but is in an event where another athlete has been granted an extension will be communicated with in relation to how this may affect Selection and/or Selection Announcements. Due to the global nature of athletics, qualification opportunities cannot be closed off for those based outside of the Oceania Region to demonstrate their capability when in a different season (e.g., indoor vs outdoor), provided they have received an extension approval from the Convenor.
- 8.6** At any stage after Friday 3 May 2024, the Selectors and the Athletics NZ Board reserve the right to add athletes to the team in one or more Additional Selection Announcements on terms and conditions set by the Selection Panel. This Additional Selection Announcement/s will be published on the Athletics NZ website.

9. NON-SELECTION QUERIES &/ OR APPEALS PROCESS

- 9.1** Athletes can query their non selection after any applicable Selection Announcement by contacting the [Convenor](#).
- 9.2** 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 NZ](#) within two business days of the applicable Selection Announcement being published on the Athletics NZ website.
- 9.3** The non-selection appeals window closes:
- 5pm Tuesday 7 May 2024 for the Selection Announcement
 - Two business days from the date of publishing of any Additional Selection Announcements.
- 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. General provisions relating to appeals in the Athletics NZ Constitution and Regulations of Athletics NZ will not apply.

10. PRE-ENTRY PROOF OF FITNESS REQUIREMENTS

- 10.1** Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness requirements will be confirmed by the 2024 WU20s Team Leader in consultation with the athlete and their coach.

- 10.2** The time frame for all athletes to complete all Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness requirements will be at the discretion of the 2024 WU20s Team Leader. This may require satisfaction prior to the athlete leaving for the 2024 WU20s from New Zealand or their place of residence.
- 10.3** Failure by a selected athlete to meet the Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness requirements may result in that athlete's selection for the team being withdrawn. Such a decision is the responsibility of the 2024 WU20s Team Leader based on feedback and advice from the Selectors and relevant medical personnel.

11. GENERAL INFORMATION

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

Funding

- 11.2** The 2024 WU20s is predominantly an athlete-funded competition and athletes seeking selection in accordance with this Selection Policy will have to participate at limited cost to Athletics NZ.
- 11.3** Athletes considering competing at the 2024 WU20s should plan their funding and budgets early. The trip cost (including pre-camp) is estimated to be around NZD \$9,000 per athlete. The estimated travel dates for this tour are 8 August to 3 September 2024.
- 11.4** A management levy (included in the above estimate) is likely to be charged across all athletes (i.e. above the cost of travel and accommodation) to assist with the cost of the 2024 WU20s Team Leader and/or support staff.
- 11.5** For predominantly athlete-funded competitions, two weeks prior to the departure of the team from New Zealand, all athlete-funded components must be paid in full to Athletics NZ. Non-payment of the athlete-funded components 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 2024 WU20s. 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 2024 WU20s will be required to pay a Bond of \$500.00 along with their [Application for Selection Form](#) by 5pm Friday 8 March 2024.

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 HP-Director, team management appointments will not be advertised.
- 11.8** The 2024 WU20s Team Leader will be named by Friday 1 December 2023.
- 11.9** If required, the 2024 WU20s Team Leader, in consultation with the Athletics NZ HP-Director, will identify a shortlist of possible team coaches and liaise with those coaches regarding their availability for the 2024 WU20s.
- 11.10** For further information regarding staff appointments contact [Brianna Maynard](#).

SCHEDULE 1**World Athletics U20 Championships
Performance Standards**

Athletes who achieve at least one of the following 2024 WU20s performance standards during the Athletics NZ Qualification Period may be considered for selection. Achieving a 2024 WU20s entry standard gives no right or guarantee of selection.

Men	Event	Women
10.50	100m	11.70
21.10	200m	24.00
47.50	400m	55.00
1:49.50	800m	2:08.00
3:48.00	1500m	4:25.00
8:07.00	3000m	9:32.00
14:08.00	5000m	16:30.00
9:02.00	3000m SC	10:38.00
14.00 (0.991m)	110m H/100m H	14.00 (0.838m)
52.50	400m H	1:00.50
43:45.00	10000 Walk	49:20.00
2.13	High Jump	1.80
5.10	Pole Vault	4.00
7.56	Long Jump	6.20
15.50	Triple Jump	12.90
18.20 (6kg)	Shot Put	14.50 (4kg)
55.50 (1.75kg)	Discus Throw	49.00 (1kg)
67.50 (6kg)	Hammer Throw	57.50 (4kg)
68.00 (800g)	Javelin Throw	49.50 (600g)
-	Heptathlon	5300
7080	Decathlon	-
40.00	4x100m	45.20
3:08.50	4x400m	3:38.50
No standard, refer to clause 4.2	4x400m Mixed	No standard, refer to clause 4.2