

2024 World Para Athletics Championships Selection Policy: 17 – 25 May, Kobe, JAPAN

1. SELECTION/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 Para Athletics Championships (“2024 WPCs”).
- 1.2 The 2024 WPCs is an Athletics NZ “Black” Singlet competition (i.e. an Olympic Games, a Paralympic Games, a World Para Athletics (“WPA”) Championships, an World Athletics (“WA”) World 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:
 - a) Individual athletes selected who are deemed capable of a Top 8 placing at the 2024 WPCs; and
 - b) Relay team(s) who are deemed capable of a medal placing at the 2024 WPCs.

2. SELECTION PANEL

- 2.1 The Board of Athletics NZ (“Athletics NZ Board”) has endorsed the following Selection Panel (“Selectors”) to consider athletes for selection for the 2024 WPCs:
 - a) Stephen Brown (Convenor); and
 - b) Portia Bing; and
 - c) Jonathan Black.
- 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 WPCs, an athlete must:
 - a) Have achieved at least two Performance Standards (refer to clause 5) at different WPA Approved Competitions within the following Qualification Period; and

Events	Athletics NZ Qualification Period
All events	1 May 2023 – 1 April 2024

- b) Be at least 17 years of age on 31 December 2024; and,
- c) Be a registered member of Athletics NZ at the time of achieving each Performance Standard; and
- d) Have submitted an [Application for Selection Form](#) by 5pm Friday 1 December 2023; and
- e) Have competed at the Compulsory Selection Competition or have been granted dispensation from this competition (refer to clause 6); and
- f) Have satisfied all WPA eligibility, age, nationality and participation requirements, including the requirements set out in clause 4 and the entry requirements of the 2024 WPCs Local Organising Committee (“LOC”); and
- g) Hold a WPA International Classification at the time of achieving each Performance Standard, that is valid for the 2024 season as per the WPA Classification Master List; and
- h) Hold an active WPA Athlete License for the 2024 season and an active WPA License at the time of achieving each Performance Standard; and

- i) Have achieved at least two valid Athletics NZ B Performance Standards (“BPS”), each at a different WPA Approved Meet during the Athletics NZ Qualification Period; and
- j) Enter into an athlete agreement with Athletics NZ (“Athlete Agreement”)

Note: This agreement will be distributed upon selection; and,
- k) Be and remain in “good standing” with Athletics NZ and at all times comply with all Athletics NZ and/or WPA 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
- l) 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 WPA anti-doping or related rules or regulations.

Note: Athletes should be aware that failure to comply with any of the requirements set out in this clause 3.1 may render them ineligible for selection.

Relay Athletes

- 3.2 To be eligible to compete at the 2024 WPCs as a member of a relay team, each member of the relay team must comply with all the requirements set out in clause 3.1.

Note: Nothing in this Selection Policy obliges Athletics NZ to select a full contingent of athletes in any particular event regardless of the WPA Regulations or the LOC’s entry requirements.

4. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Individual Events

- 4.1 For single class events, Athletics NZ may select up to three eligible athletes per individual medal event provided each has achieved at least two BPS in that event.
- 4.2 In combined class events (e.g. Shot Put F53/54/55) Athletics NZ may select up to five eligible athletes in a combined medal event.

Note: For a combined class event, a maximum of only three eligible athletes can be entered within each sport class.

Relays

- 4.3 Athletics NZ may select one Relay Team in the universal relay event of up to six athletes providing they are ranked in the Top 12 on the WPA Rankings during the Athletics NZ Qualification Period in accordance with the 2024 WPA Championships Qualification Criteria.

Note: In order to be eligible for a Relay Team an athlete must have achieved two individual event WPA MES performances at two different competitions in accordance with the 2024 WPA Championships Qualification Criteria.

- 4.4 Relay Event priorities take precedence over Individual Event priorities for athletes who have not achieved two Athletics NZ ‘A’ Performance Standards (“APS”) as outlined in Appendix One, at two different competitions, during the Athletics NZ Qualification Period in an Individual Event.

Note: Relay team members who have not achieved two APS at two different competitions during the Athletics NZ Qualification Period in an Individual Event may be included in an Individual Event/s at the discretion of the 2024 WPC Team Leader, in consultation with the ANZ-HPD, the athlete and their personal coach, subject to the availability of a Qualification Slot and to the terms and conditions of this Selection Policy, in particular, clauses 4.6 and 4.7.

- 4.5 If a Relay Team is considered a strong medal chance, then some athletes may be selected for the Championships as a member of that Relay Team ahead of other qualified athletes. For avoidance of doubt, this means that an athlete who has achieved at least two BPS at two different competitions that is a member of a relay team deemed capable of winning a medal may be selected ahead of other athletes who have achieved multiple APS or better at two different competitions as outlined in Appendix One during the Athletics NZ Qualification Period in an Individual Event.

- 4.6 If a Relay Team is not considered to be a medal chance by the Selectors, then the selection of any members of that team will be on the basis of their individual performances only. In this circumstance,

should Athletics NZ not be able to select members for that Relay Team on individual merits, the relay qualification may be forfeited.

Seeking Permission to Start in an Additional Event

- 4.7 Athletes conditionally selected or anticipating 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 29 March 2024.
- 4.8 Requests for permission to start in additional events will be considered on the basis of whether or not:
- a) Competing in the additional event would have a detrimental effect on the priority event for which the athlete gained selection; and
 - b) The athlete has achieved at least two MES at two different competitions within the Athletics NZ Qualification Period; and
 - c) The athlete can be entered into the additional event/s in accordance with the WPA Qualification Regulations

Note: Permission whether or not to confirm the selection of these athletes for the event, and final approval for them to start in the event, will also be at the sole discretion of the 2024 WPCs Team Leader in consultation with the relevant individuals (i.e. Athletics NZ High Performance Director, Athlete Coach, etc).

5. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

- 5.1 For an athlete to be considered for Selection for the 2024 WPCs in an Individual Event, they must have achieved at least two BPS, as listed in clause 7.1 and outlined in Appendix One, and at two different competitions, during the Athletics NZ Qualification Period at a WPA Approved Competition. These competitions must be organized in conformity with World Athletics and WPA Athletics Rules and Regulations.
- 5.2 Excluding mixed relays, for all competitions held completely in the stadium, mixed events between male and female participants shall not normally be permitted. However, field events and track events of 5000m or longer for both men and women may be conducted simultaneously at one or more event sites. Separate result cards shall be used, and results declared for each gender.

6. COMPULSORY SELECTION COMPETITION

- 6.1 The Compulsory Selection Competition for the 2024 WPCs is the Athletics NZ Track & Field Championships in Wellington, 14-17 March 2024.
- 6.2 All athletes seeking selection for the 2024 WPCs must have either:
- a) Competed in the Compulsory Selection Competition in the event/s most relevant to the event/s in which they are seeking selection; or
 - b) Received written dispensation from the Convenor for the relevant Compulsory Selection Competition (refer to clauses 6.3 and 6.4); or
 - c) Received a medical exemption from the Compulsory Selection Competition as a result of injury or illness that occurred during the competition, or during the ten days before the competition, that can be verified by the provision of the registered medical practitioner certificate or registered physiotherapist report (refer to clause 6.5).

Dispensations from Compulsory Selection Competition

- 6.3 Athletes seeking dispensation from the Compulsory Selection Competition (other than a medical exemption covered by clause 6.5) must make a request by email to the [Convenor](#) no later than ten days prior to the Compulsory Selection Competition.
- 6.4 Dispensations from the Compulsory Selection Competition 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 Competition

- 6.5 Athletes that are unable to effectively compete at a Compulsory Selection Competition 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. This must be accompanied by registered medical practitioner certificate or a registered physiotherapist report 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 Competition, to the [Convenor](#).

Note: The 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 Competition 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 WPCs Team Leader.

7. ADDITIONAL SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS

Individual Events

- 7.1 Athletes will be eligible for consideration for selection by the Selectors for the 2024 WPCs as a result of achieving at least two valid BPS at two different competitions during the Athletics NZ Qualification Period.
- 7.2 Athletics NZ reserves the option to request a WPA Direct Invitation to include additional athlete/s to the 2024 WPCs team in order to support WPA to fulfil the following criteria:
- a) To enable greater representation by a nation; or
 - b) To ensure events featured on the programme have sufficient representation for viability (refer to clause 7.3); or
 - c) To enable greater representation by gender; or
 - d) To ensure top athletes that may have not had the opportunity to formally qualify due to extraordinary circumstances

Note: The inclusion of athlete/s in the 2024 WPCs team under this clause is at the discretion of the Selectors in consultation with the ANZ-HPD and can only be processed in March 2024 in liaison with the WPA.

- 7.3 Event viability is subject to the following criteria:
- a) A minimum of five athlete entries from three National Paralympic Committees (NPCs) is necessary to sustain an individual medal event on the programme.
 - b) WPA shall review the event viability following the close of the final entries by name on Friday 12 April 2024. In the case an event did not meet the above viability criteria by final entry, WPA reserve the right to combine such event with other event(s) where appropriate and applicable. In such combined field events, the Raza point system may be used to determine the placings.
 - c) WPA also reserve the right to either cancel such events or run them as non-medal events.
 - d) In the case the entry number of an event dropped below the aforementioned event viability criteria due to withdrawals after Friday 12 April 2024, the event shall still be run as a Medal Event and the medals will be allocated under the 'minus one' rule.
- 7.4 In situations where athletes are required to be prioritized for any reason, then the Selectors may consider any combination of factors that they deem relevant to their decision whether or not to select an athlete, including but not limited to the athlete's:
- a) Quality and consistency of performances during the Athletics NZ Qualification Period (e.g. athletes who achieve at least two APS per relevant event, at two different competitions, during the Athletics NZ Qualification Period will be prioritized for consideration for selection above athletes who have not);
 - b) Performance at the Compulsory Selection Competition;
 - c) Potential to be highly competitive at the 2024 WPCs;
 - d) Competitive record against other athletes under consideration for selection in the same event;
 - e) Commitment and focus on competing at the 2024 WPCs;

- f) History of performances at previous selected individual or team events;
- g) Performances in international competitions during the Athletics NZ Qualification Period;
- h) Recent injuries or illness; and/or
- i) Any other factors reasonably considered by the Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.

7.5 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.

7.6 Athletes unable to compete at competitions relevant to meeting the requirements outlined in this Selection Policy, must advise the [Convenor](#) of extenuating circumstances and reasons (accompanied by a medical certificate if applicable) or other such details, in writing, as soon as the extenuating circumstance is known (or at least within seven days). If the Convenor is not notified in writing of any extenuating circumstance in accordance with this Selection Policy, then the Selectors have no obligation to consider such circumstance.

8. **SELECTION PROCESS**

Ratification Review

8.1 The Athletics NZ Board must ratify selections prior to each Selection Announcement.

Selection Announcements

- 8.2 The Initial Selection Announcement of the athletes selected for the 2024 WPCs will be published on the Athletics NZ website by 5pm on Friday 22 March 2024.
- 8.3 The Final Selection Announcement will be published on the Athletics NZ website by 5pm Friday 5 April 2024.

9. **NON-SELECTION QUERIES &/OR APPEALS PROCESS**

Non-selected athletes can query their non-selection after any Selection Announcement by contacting the [Convenor](#) (i.e. seek clarification regarding their non-selection).

Non-selection appeals process

- 9.1 The publishing of the Final 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.
- 9.2 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](#)) by:
 - i. 5pm Tuesday 26 March 2024 for the Initial Selection Announcement; AND
 - ii. 5pm Tuesday 9 April 2024 for the Final Selection Announcement.
- 9.3 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 Athletics NZ Constitution and Regulations of Athletics NZ will not apply.

10. **VILLAGE PRE-ENTRY PROOF OF FITNESS REQUIREMENTS**

- 10.1 All selections for the 2024 WPCs team remain conditional until each athlete has met their Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness requirements.
- 10.2 Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness requirements will be confirmed by the 2024 WPCs Team Leader in consultation with the athlete, their coach and the ANZ-HPD.
- 10.3 The time frame for all athletes to complete all Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness requirements will be at the discretion of the 2024 WPCs Team Leader in consultation with the ANZ-HPD. This may require satisfaction prior to them leaving for the 2024 WPCs from New Zealand or their place of residence.
- 10.4 Failure by a selected athlete to meet the Village 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 WPCs Team Leader in consultation with the ANZ-HPD based on feedback/advice from the Selectors and relevant medical personnel.

11. **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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

Funding

- 11.2 Some funding will be available to support selected athletes, however, this is unlikely to cover the full amount of the costs for each athlete. Funding priority will be weighted in accordance with athletes achieving at least:
 - a) Two APS at two different competitions within the Athletics NZ Qualification Period receiving the highest level of funding support; and
 - b) Two BPS within the Athletics NZ Qualification Period receiving partial funding support.

Team Leader/Coach/Staff Appointments

- 11.3 The 2024 WPCs Team Leader will be named by Friday 1 December 2023.
- 11.4 The 2024 WPCs Team Leader, in consultation with the ANZ-HPD, will identify a shortlist of possible team coaches and/or additional support staff and liaise with them regarding their availability for the Championships.
- 11.5 For further information regarding staff appointments contact [Brianna Maynard](#).

12. **ADDITIONAL COMPETITION INFORMATION**

- 12.1 [Click here](#) for further information regarding the 2024 WPCs.

APPENDIX 1 - Athletics NZ Performance Standards and WPA Minimum Entry Standards ("MES")

Note: Only events relating to New Zealand athletes (i.e. Athletes that are eligible to compete for New Zealand and have been classified) are shown below. A full list of events and performance standards can be provided upon request.

Men						
No	Event	Eligible Classes	Performance Standards		WPA MES**	
			ANZ-APS	ANZ-BPS		
1	100m	T35	T35	11.82	12.84	15.00
2	100m	T36	T36	11.91	12.26	13.30
3	100m	T37	T37	11.29	12.03	12.80
4	100m	T38	T38	11.27	11.31	12.50
5	100m	T44	T43, T44	12.04	12.19	13.00
6	100m	T54	T54	13.95	14.21	14.70
7	100m	T64	T62, T64	10.75	11.33	11.95
8	200m	T35	T35	23.85	27.19	30.00
9	200m	T37	T37	22.85	24.88	26.50
10	200m	T64	T44, T64	22.09	23.76	25.00
11	400m	T20	T20	47.81	48.61	51.90
12	400m	T36	T36	55.14	58.86	01:07.00
13	400m	T37	T37	50.60	56.11	01:00.00
14	400m	T38	T35, T38	50.90	52.43	58.00
15	400m	T54	T54	46.30	46.58	49.60
16	400m	T62	T43, T62	50.09	56.54	01:00.00
17	800m	T54	T54	1:31.12	1:30.37	01:37.00
18	1500m	T13	T12, T13	3:50.80	4:01.50	04:10.00
19	1500m	T38	T37, T38	4:01.52	4:12.15	04:42.00
20	1500m	T54	T53, T54	2:48.83	2:50.30	03:06.00
21	5000m	T13	T12, T13	14:47.56	15:07.42	16:25.00
22	5000m	T54	T53, T54	9:23.30	9:29.54	10:45.00
23	Long Jump	T20	T20	7.03	6.67	6.10m
24	Long Jump	T36	T36	5.66	5.52	4.50m
25	Long Jump	T37	T37	6.14	5.58	5.00m
26	Long Jump	T38	T35, T38	6.53	6.20	4.80m
27	Long Jump	T64	T43, T44, T62, T64	7.04	6.66	5.70m
28	Discus Throw	F37	F37	52.77	48.44	39.00m
29	Discus Throw	F64	F43, F44, F62, F64	58.36	51.08	40.00m
30	Javelin Throw	F13	F12, F13	62.86	54.56	43.00m
31	Javelin Throw	F38	F38	54.48	37.56	30.00m
32	Javelin Throw	F64	F42, F43, F44, F61, F62, F63, F64	62.20	58.46	44.00m
33	Shot Put	F12	F12	15.85	13.58	11.50m
34	Shot Put	F20	F20	16.16	14.30	12.00m
35	Shot Put	F34	F34	11.36	10.44	8.00m
36	Shot Put	F35	F35	15.41	10.82	8.50m
37	Shot Put	F36	F36	14.92	13.26	9.00m
38	Shot Put	F37	F37	14.50	13.53	11.00m

39	Shot Put	F38	F38	15.00	12.16	9.00m
40	Shot Put	F40	F40	11.01	8.90	7.10m
Women						
				Performance Standards		
No	Event		Eligible Classes	ANZ-APS	ANZ-BPS	WPA MES**
1	100m	T36	T36	14.46	14.93	17.30
2	100m	T37	T37	13.17	14.25	15.30
3	100m	T38	T38	12.77	13.48	15.20
4	100m	T47	T45, T46, T47	12.21	12.77	13.60
5	100m	T53	T51, T52, T53	16.37	18.44	20.00
6	100m	T54	T54	16.21	16.54	18.25
7	100m	T64	T43, T44, T62, T64	12.84	13.56	15.10
8	200m	T36	T36	30.88	32.28	37.00
9	200m	T37	T37	27.57	29.41	33.20
10	200m	T38	T38	27.58	28.77	32.00
11	200m	T47	T45, T46, T47	25.24	26.47	28.60
12	200m	T64	T44, T64	26.87	29.33	33.00
13	400m	T20	T20	58.73	59.60	01:06.00
14	400m	T37	T37	1:03.82	1:09.29	01:20.00
15	400m	T38	T36, T38	1:00.27	1:08.12	01:17.00
16	400m	T47	T45, T46, T47	58.31	1:01.64	01:10.00
17	400m	T53	T51, T52, T53	56.46	1:04.35	01:10.00
18	400m	T54	T54	54.10	54.82	01:01.00
19	800m	T53	T51, T52, T53	1:47.94	2:04.49	02:28.60
20	800m	T54	T54	1:46.15	1:46.96	02:05.00
21	1500m	T54	T53, T54	3:18.12	3:20.47	03:50.00
22	5000m	T54	T53, T54	11:05.21	11:34.75	13:30.00
23	Long Jump	T37	T37	4.59	4.11	3.70m
24	Long Jump	T38	T36, T38	4.73	4.38	3.80m
25	Long Jump	T47	T45, T46, T47	5.49	5.23	4.50m
26	Long Jump	T63	T42, T61, T63	4.70	3.99	3.30m
27	Long Jump	T64	T43, T44, T62, T64	5.75	4.68	3.80m
28	Discus Throw	F38	F37, F38	34.56	29.83	23.00m
29	Discus Throw	F57	F56, F57	30.48	26.93	19.00m
30	Javelin Throw	F46	F45, F46	38.97	35.58	21.00m
31	Shot Put	F37	F37	12.78	9.49	8.00m
32	Shot Put	F46	F45, F46	11.00	10.47	7.50m
33	Shot Put	F57	F55, F56, F57	10.40	9.49	7.50m
34	Shot Put	F64	F42, F43, F44, F61, F62, F63, F64	9.89	9.40	7.00m

* WPA MES do not count as an Athletics NZ Performance Standard within the context of the Athletics NZ Kobe 2024 World Para Athletics Championships Selection Policy.