

## **Out of Stadia Competition Information**

Several the Championships Athletics NZ sends teams to are considered Out of Stadia competitions. Out of Stadia competitions can have quite varying parameters and these are often reflected in the Selection Policies that we publish for them in comparison to Selection Policies for Track and Field competitions.

Some Selection Policies have quite long Qualifying Periods, specifically for ultra-running events such as 100km and 24H Championships. The Qualifying Period can be anywhere up to two years in length for these events as athletes normally run only a limited number of races due to the large recovery periods required etc. Due to this, we normally do not release a Selection Policy at the start of the Qualifying Period for several reasons:

- Competition details are not available yet
- Any Compulsory Selection Trial details/dates etc. may not yet be finalised
- The World Championships are held every second year
- It may be too far in advance for an athlete to know they can commit
- Increases the chance of an athlete forgetting to apply

By providing this information, we want athletes to be aware of the potential length of a Qualifying Period for a future Championship they are considering applying for selection for. This is so they can plan races they wish to target to obtain a Qualifying Performance at within the Qualifying Period. If the Selection Policy has not been released yet, then a good guide is to look at past Selection Policies for these competitions. These can be found under "[Past Competitions/Results](#)" in the Competitions section of the Athletics NZ website. It contains all Selection Policies released over the last four years.

Below is some information on the main competitions we currently target but for specific information, please refer to the current Selection Policy for that Championship once it has been published.

If you have any queries or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact [Teams](#).

### **IAU 24H World Championships**

The IAU conducts its 24H World Championships every second year – in odd years (annually prior to 2014).

The Qualifying Period is normally up to two years long as athletes will not run many 24H races within a 12 month period.

There are no Performance Standards for this Championships.

Athletics New Zealand holds a Compulsory Selection Trial for this Championship which is the Athletics NZ 24 Hour Championships (generally called the Sri Chinmoy 24 Hour Race).

### **World Athletics Half Marathon Championships**

World Athletics conducts its Half Marathon Championships every second year – in even years.

The Qualifying Period is normally one year. Athletes need to achieve a Performance Standard within the Qualifying Period.

Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised in conformity with rules set by World Athletics, its Area Associations or its Member Federations.

### **IAU 100km World Championships**

The IAU conducts its 100km World Championships every second year – in even years (annually prior to 2014).

The Qualifying Period is normally up to two years long as athletes will not run many 100km races within a 12 month period.

Athletes need to achieve a Performance Standard within the Qualifying Period.

Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised in conformity with rules set by the IAU, its Area Associations or its Member Federations.

Suggestions on events to obtain a qualifying performance at are:

- Athletics New Zealand 100km Championship
- Australian 100km Races
- Last IAU 100km World Championships (often the Qualifying Period will start on the date of the last IAU 100km World Championship).

### **IAU Trail World Championships**

The IAU conducts its Trail World Championships annually.

The distances raced vary every year due to the host Local Organising Committee and the course they have available. Distances can range from approximately 50km to 85km with varying profiles. Senior Men and Senior Women run the same course and distance.

Athletics New Zealand holds a Compulsory Selection Trial for this Championship which is the Athletics NZ Trail Running Championships.

The Qualifying Period is normally up to 12 months long due to the longer distances of Trail Running. There are no Performance Standards as it is recognised that due to the nature of trail running, it is difficult to compare times across different distances and different courses.

Suggestions on events to obtain a qualifying performance at are:

- Tarawera Ultramarathon
- Northburn Station
- Taupo Ultramarathon
- The Kepler Challenge
- Other NZ trail running races 50km and over
- Major Australian Trail Races
- IAU labelled Trail Races
- Major International Trail Races
- Last IAU Trail World Championships (if it falls within the Qualifying Period)

### **WMRA World Mountain Running Championships**

The WMRA conducts its World Mountain Running Championships annually.

The course is a “mainly uphill” race in even numbered years and an “up & down” race in odd numbered years.

Distances raced are:

- Junior Men and Junior Women – 5 to 6km
- Senior Men and Senior Women – 10 to 12km

The Qualifying Period is normally up to eight months long.

Athletics New Zealand holds a Compulsory Selection Trial for this Championship which is the Athletics NZ Mountain Running Championships.

There are no Performance Standards for this Championships.

**Note:** As of 2021, the World Trail Championship and the World Mountain Running Championships have been combined into the World Mountain & Trail Running Championships, and as such, the updated Selection Policy will include a combination of criteria from previous selection policies of both competitions.

### **World Athletics Cross Country Championships**

World Athletics conducts its Cross Country Championships event every second year (odd numbered years).

Distances raced are:

- Junior Women – 6km
- Junior Men – 8km
- Senior Men and Senior Women – 10km

Athletics New Zealand holds Compulsory Selection Trial/s for this Championship and athletes need to achieve a Performance Standard within the Qualifying Period. Refer to the current Selection Policy for information on the Compulsory Selection Trial/s.

Based on the information we have from these International Bodies and our Board, Athletics New Zealand's intention is to offer the opportunity to athletes to compete at competitions which are listed on the "[Upcoming Competitions](#)" page of the Athletics NZ website. This will be updated regularly as competition information is received.