



COMMONWEALTH GAMES: OCTOBER 3-14 DELHI INDIA 2010

These criteria are to be read in conjunction with the Athletics New Zealand General Selection Policy for New Zealand Representative Teams. Where there is any conflict with the provisions in the General Policy the Event Criteria will prevail.

This selection policy applies to all athletes wishing to be considered for nomination by Athletics New Zealand to the New Zealand Olympic Committee (NZOC) for consideration for selection in the New Zealand Team to compete in the Delhi Commonwealth Games.

1. GUIDELINES - Entry Conditions:

- 1.1 Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by the IAAF, its Area Associations or its Member Federations. Thus, results achieved at university or school competitions must be certified by the Member Federation of the country in which the competition was organised (for Race Walks, Marathons and Relays, see here under).
- 1.2 Performances must be achieved during an official competition organised in conformity with IAAF Rules.
- 1.3 Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female participants, held completely in the Stadium, may be accepted under specific circumstances and conditions (see IAAF Rule 147).
- 1.4 Wind-assisted performances shall not be accepted.
- 1.5 Hand-timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 110m/100m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles and 4x100m relay shall not be accepted.
- 1.6 Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 400m and longer, shall be accepted.
- 1.7 For the running events of 400m and over, performances achieved on oversized tracks shall not be accepted.

2. ENTRY RULES (IAAF and CGF):

- 2.1 Each member is entitled to enter three competitors per event who have reached the performance standard for that event.
- 2.2 In the relays, National Federations can enter up to six athletes.
- 2.3 Relays
 - 2.3.1 Each National Federation can enter one (1) Relay Team in each event
- 2.4 Marathons
 - 2.4.1 Only performances achieved at Marathon Races that respect the following criteria are valid towards the achievement of the Entry Standards:
 - A The course is (or will be) measured by an IAAF/AIMS Grade "A" or "B" International Road Race Course Measurer
 - B The measurement certificate must have been established no more than 5 years before the date of the race
 - C The overall decrease in elevation between the start and finish shall not exceed 1:1000, i.e. 1m per km
- 2.5 Race Walk Events
 - 2.5.1 Performances achieved at Race Walk Events staged at International Competitions defined under IAAF Rules are valid towards the achievement of the Entry Standards providing the following conditions (where applicable) are respected:
 - A The course is (or will be) measured by an IAAF/AIMS Grade "A" or "B" International Road Race Course Measurer
 - B A minimum of 3 International or Area Race Walking Judges are on duty

3. NOMINATION/SELECTION PHILOSOPHY:

- 3.1 The 2010 Commonwealth Games is an event where an athlete or team nominated for selection to the NZOC will be expected to be able to achieve a **Top 6 placing** in the event for which he or she or the team is nominated, consistent with the NZOC's overall selection philosophy. Achieving a Performance Standard gives no right or guarantee of nomination/selection.

4. NOMINATION PROCESS:

Participation Criteria

4.1 Nothing in this Policy obliges Athletics New Zealand to nominate a full contingent of three (3) athletes in any particular event regardless of the Commonwealth Games Entry Rules or the Athletics New Zealand Performance Standards. Athletics New Zealand will select its Team according to the criteria set out in this Policy as allowed by the Commonwealth Games Entry Rules.

Eligibility

4.2 In order to be eligible for nomination/selection all athletes must:

4.2.1 Satisfy all IAAF, eligibility, nationality and Commonwealth Games Federation participation rules.

4.2.2 Be a registered member of Athletics New Zealand.

4.2.3 Remain in "good standing" with Athletics New Zealand and at all times comply with any established code of conduct or athlete agreement and otherwise conduct themselves in a way that does not bring their sport or the National Team into disrepute.

4.2.4 Athletes who wish to be nominated must compete in the New Zealand Track & Field Championships (26-28 March 2010) unless dispensation has been requested in writing (letter, fax, preferably by email) to the Convenor of Selectors tfselectors@athletics.org.nz no later than 22 March 2010 (with the exception of the 20km Race Walk and Marathon). Athletes resident in New Zealand and wishing to be nominated should also consider competing in at least two of the following meetings in the New Zealand calendar: Porritt Classic, Capital Classic, Cooks Classic, Sylvia Potts Classic, and Christchurch International.

4.2.5 Dispensations from competing at the 2010 New Zealand Track & Field Championships will be at the sole discretion of the Selectors and will generally only be granted to athletes in exceptional circumstances.

4.2.6 The names of athletes who have been granted dispensation from competing at the 2010 New Zealand Track & Field Championships will be published on performance.athletics.org.nz.

Performance Standards

4.3 Athletics New Zealand has set its own Performance Standards for the purposes of this policy. Athletics New Zealand's Performance Standards for each of the events to be conducted at the 2010 Commonwealth Games are set out in clause 6. These Performance Standards have been set in conjunction with the NZOC and are based on NZOC requirements and philosophy.

Performance Period

4.4 Athletics New Zealand has set its own periods in which the Performance Standards must be achieved. Nominations will be based on performances (for all events) during the period of: 1 June 2009 to 22 July 2010.

4.4.1 Marathon - 20km Race Walk. For these events the performance must be achieved during the period of: 1 January 2009 to 7 June 2010.

Nomination

4.5.1 For an athlete to be considered for nomination to the 2010 Commonwealth Games the athlete is expected to achieve a Performance Standard (clause 6) within the Qualifying Period for the particular event (clause 4.4) on at least one occasion. An athlete should endeavour to better the required Performance Standard on more than one occasion and should demonstrate throughout the season or historically, his or her ability to perform consistently close to the Performance Standard.

4.5.2 In order to nominate an athlete or a relay team for selection, the Selectors must be satisfied, after considering the matters set out in the criteria, that the athlete or relay team is capable of achieving a placing at the 2010 Commonwealth Games consistent with the provisions of clause 4.3 herein.

4.5.3 A relay team may be nominated if a team achieves the required Performance Standard (Clause 6) within the Qualifying Period for the particular event (Clause 4.4) on at least one occasion and in the sole opinion of the selectors, there are no fewer than five athletes available for that relay event of sufficient standard and technical skill to warrant such a nomination.

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4.5.4 The Selectors may consider any factor or combination of factors that, in their opinion, are relevant to the nomination of an athlete, including, but not necessarily limited to:

A Quality of performance in the 2009/2010 New Zealand domestic season

B Quality of performance in the 2010 Northern Hemisphere season

C Consistency of performance during the Qualifying Period

D History of performances at previous IAAF World Track & Field Championships, Commonwealth and Olympic Games, World University Games and World Junior Championships, in particular the history of the athlete's performances at those major championships by reference to the level of performance expected of the athlete at those championships.

4.5.5 Where, in the opinion of the Selectors, an athlete has a history of non-performance, the Selectors may decide not to nominate the athlete. A history of non-performance will be considered to arise where there are two or more consecutive examples of a previous result at any sequence of World Championship, Commonwealth or Olympic Games which falls outside the standard of performance which was expected from the athlete when the athlete was selected for the event, and for which, upon the selectors making such enquiry as they regard necessary, the selectors are not satisfied with any explanation provided. The selectors will only make further enquiry in relation to past performances where they consider that there has been a history of non-performance under this clause. In considering the various factors under 4.5.4, the selectors shall be under no obligation to make further enquiries and will consider the selection of an athlete by reference to the information which they consider necessary for their decision.

4.5.6 Where there are more than three athletes who have bettered the Performance Standard in one event, the Selectors will decide which of the athletes is to be nominated for selection by reference to the factors set out above.

4.5.7 The Selectors will consider any established breach of any code of conduct or athlete agreement by an athlete as a member of an Athletics New Zealand representative team in deciding whether to select an athlete. Such a breach may result in the Selectors not nominating an athlete for selection, who would otherwise satisfy these criteria.

4.5.8 Athletes nominated to the NZOC for selection must have signed the NZOC athlete agreement before selection announcements are made.

Selectors Meetings

4.6 Selectors meetings will be held to select athletes as follows:

4.6.1 30 April 2010 - Initial Nominations all events (Stadia Events).

4.6.2 7 June 2010 - Nominations Marathon/20km Race Walk (non-Stadia Events).

4.6.4 23 July 2010 - Confirmation and Final selections all events. (NZOC)

4.7 The Board of Athletics New Zealand will confirm all nominations to the NZOC.

After Selection

4.8 All athletes selected to the team by the NZOC, will be required to prove their fitness to compete in the 2010 Commonwealth Games by attaining an appropriate performance as agreed with the athlete, their coach, and the Selectors one month prior (September 1 2010 to October 2 2010) to the commencement of competition at the Commonwealth Games.

4.8.1 The pre-Commonwealth Games fitness standards will be communicated to athletes in writing from the Selectors as part of their letter of confirmation of initial nomination.

4.8.2 Failure by a selected athlete to meet the pre-Commonwealth Games fitness standard may, at the discretion of the Selectors and the Athletics Commonwealth Games Team Manager after consultation, result in an athlete who has been initially selected to the team being withdrawn from the 2010 Commonwealth Games competition.

4.9 An athlete selected for the Marathon or 20km Race Walk shall not compete in a marathon or 20km Race Walk after the 7th June 2010 up until race day at the 2010 Commonwealth Games, nor in an event exceeding 10km in the four weeks prior to race day.

5. GENERAL INFORMATION:

5.1 The criteria may be amended at any time by the Directors of Athletics New Zealand jointly with the NZOC, if Athletics New Zealand and the NZOC are of the opinion that such amendment is necessary in the best interests of Athletics New Zealand and/or the NZOC, or as a result of any change in Commonwealth Games Federation participation rules and/or guidelines. Any amendment to the criteria will be published on the NZOC and Athletics New Zealand websites.

Funding

5.2 The 2010 Commonwealth Games are an NZOC representative opportunity and many of the costs of competing at the Games will be met by the NZOC. Selected athletes will however be responsible for meeting the costs of any preparation/lead-up initiatives that they undertake.

5.3 Carded athletes may receive funding for their 2010 Commonwealth Games preparation under their Athletics New Zealand Athlete Agreement. The decision whether to provide funding to an athlete who has been selected and the extent of any funding will be made by the High Performance Director.

Meet Information

5.4 Outside those persons Commonwealth Games accredited and/or selected by the NZOC as support staff, a selected athlete's personal coach(es) and/or family will be responsible for their own travel, accommodation, tickets and accreditations for the 2010 Commonwealth Games.

5.5 The Athletics Team Coaches and support staff will be appointed by 8 May 2010.

5.6 2010 Commonwealth Games website: <http://www.cwgdelhi2010.org/>

6. ATHLETICS NEW ZEALAND - PERFORMANCE STANDARDS:

6.1 2010 Commonwealth Games Performance Standards

Men	Event	Women
10.18	100m	11.35
20.50	200m	23.10
45.50	400m	52.00
1.47.00	800m	2.01.50
3.39.00	1500m	4.10.00
13.30.00	5000m	15.30.00
28.10.00	10,000m	32.35.00
2hr 14.00	Marathon	2hr 37.00
-----	100m Hurdles	13.15
13.75	110m Hurdles	-----
49.90	400m Hurdles	56.50
8.31.00	3000 steeplechase	9.50.00
1hr 28.00	20km Race Walk	1 hr 39.00
2.24	High Jump	1.85
5.35	Pole Vault	4.20
7.95	Long Jump	6.50
16.50	Triple Jump	13.40
18.50	Shot Put	16.60
60.00	Discus Throw	56.00
68.00	Hammer Throw	62.00
78.00	Javelin Throw	56.00
7700	Decathlon	-----
-----	Heptathlon	5800
39.40	4 x 100 m Relay	44.25
3.04.00	4 x 400 m Relay	3.32.50