



**WORLD UNIVERSITY CROSS COUNTRY: APRIL 11<sup>th</sup>, KINGSTON, ONTARIO, CANADA 2010**

**These criteria are to be read in conjunction with the Athletics New Zealand General Selection Policy for New Zealand Representative Teams.** [General Selection Policy](#)

**1. UNIVERSITY SPORT NEW ZEALAND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

1.1 See section 5 **Eligibility** of the USNZ World University International Programme – Athlete Eligibility Criteria.

**2. FISU ENTRY CONDITIONS:** *Subject to change upon official FISU meet info release*

**Events**

Men / Women - Individual Race - Team Classification

Men: ~12.0km

Women: ~6km



**Participation**

Men's Individual Event

Maximum six (6) competitors per country

Women's Individual Event

Maximum five (5) competitors per country

Men's Team Classification

The first four (4) finishers will participate in the team classification

Women's Team Classification

The first three (3) finishers will participate in the team classification

Each country may enter a maximum of nineteen (19) persons of whom fourteen (14) may be competitors and five (5) officials

Each country may enter in the events:

-Individual event Men: maximum six (6) competitors per country

-Individual event Women: maximum five (5) competitors per country

**USNZ SELECTION CRITERIA:**

3.1 USNZ will utilize Athletics New Zealand Selectors to nominate athletes for selection to the 2010 World University Cross Country Championships.

3.2 Final Nomination date: 8<sup>th</sup> March 2010. Nominations from Athletics New Zealand will be ratified and announced by USNZ.

3.3 The qualifying period for this event is from 14<sup>th</sup> February 2009 to 8<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

3.4 Qualifying times can be done on the track or road (AIMS or similar).

3.5 Athletes seeking nomination for this event must compete in the New Zealand World Cross Country Trial in Wellington on January 30<sup>th</sup> (unless a dispensation has been asked for and granted by the Out of Stadia Selectors).

3.6 Nomination of eligible athletes for the 2010 World University Cross Country Championships will be based on the following (but not limited to);

3.6.1 The results of two (2) New Zealand races: the 2009 New Zealand Cross Country Championships held in Christchurch on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2009 and the World Cross Country Trial Race to be held in Wellington on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

3.6.2 The results from NCAA National Cross Country Championships and NCAA Regional Championships.

3.6.3 Achievement of a Performance Standard (clause 4) within the performance period (14<sup>th</sup> February 2009 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010).

3.7 In addition to the above the first (1<sup>st</sup>) eligible male and female athletes to finish at the World Cross Country Trial Race (Senior Men's and Women's distances) will be automatically nominated to the team. Nomination is subject to the athlete complying with form and fitness obligations as set out in clause 3.10.

3.8 Athletes will be nominated on their qualifying performances and ability to show that they will perform with distinction at the championships. Performances in other cross country races during the qualifying period may also be taken into consideration.

3.9 An athlete's previous cross country performances, commitment and focus on competing at the World University Cross Country Championships will also be used in consideration for nomination.

**3.10** To confirm team nomination/selection the Selectors will request an athlete to demonstrate a level of “fitness” by reaching a mutually agreed targeted result during a meet situation/time trial.

**3.11** It is recognized that due to the nature of cross-country it is difficult to compare times across different distances and different courses. The selectors will take all factors into their consideration when nominating the team but their decision on the make-up of the team will be final. All nominations will be made at the discretion of the Selectors. This discretion is absolute and need not be exercised. In exercising its discretion under this section, the Selectors may consider any other factor, or combination of factors that is, in the opinion of the Selectors, relevant for consideration when nominating athletes for the World University Cross Country Championships.

Athletes wishing to be considered should in the first instance discuss their interest with Athletics New Zealand's National Teams Coordinator or contact the Convenor of Selectors:

- National Teams Coordinator – Nadine Fromont at [teams@athletics.org.nz](mailto:teams@athletics.org.nz)
- Convenor of Selectors – Kevin O’Sullivan at [osselectors@athletics.org.nz](mailto:osselectors@athletics.org.nz)
- Team Manager TBA

### **PERFORMANCE GUIDELINES:**

**4.** Selection standards can be achieved on the track (indoor or outdoor) or road (AIMS)

Men	10k/10000m	30min 30sec	and/or	5000m	14m10s
Women	5k/5000m	17min 0sec			

Please note, there are no current 5km or 10km AIMS courses in New Zealand

### **FUNDING:**

**5.** This will be a athlete-funded event. In athlete-funded events two weeks prior to the departure of “the team” all athlete-funding components must be paid to Athletics New Zealand. Non-payment of the self funding components will result in removal from the team.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

**6.** This criteria may be amended at any time by the Directors of Athletics New Zealand, if Athletics New Zealand is of the opinion that such amendment is necessary:

- 6.1** As a result of any change in University Sport NZ or FISU participation rules and/or guidelines, or
- 6.2** As a result of any change in IAAF participation rules and/or guidelines, or
- 6.3** To give effect to the criteria following discovery of a drafting error or oversight; or
- 6.4** For any other reason determined by Athletics New Zealand to be in its best interests

### **ADDITIONAL MEET INFORMATION:**

Website: <http://www.universitysport.org.nz>