



## **IAAF WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS: LILLE – FRANCE, JULY 6-10 2011**

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.

### **1. SELECTION POLICY GUIDELINES - IAAF Entry Conditions:**

- 1.1** Only athletes aged 16 or 17 on 31 December in the year of the competition (e.g. for the 2011 Championships, born in 1994 or 1995) may compete.
- 1.2** A maximum of two athletes from any one Member can compete in each event (with the exception of the Relays).
- 1.3** The **maximum number of events** that an athlete can compete in is two individual events plus the Relay. If the two individual events are Track Events, only one of these two individual races may be longer than 200m.
- 1.4** Every Member may enter one team for each **relay race**, composed by a maximum of six athletes. Any four athletes among those entered for the competition, whether for the relay or for any other event, may then be used in the composition of the team for the first round.
- 1.5** All performances must be achieved during an official competition organised in **conformity with IAAF Rules**.
- 1.6** All performances must be achieved during competitions **organised or sanctioned by the IAAF**, its Area Associations or its Member Federations. Thus, results achieved at school competitions must be certified by the Member Federation of the country in which the competition was organized.
- 1.7** Performances in **mixed competitions** held under IAAF Rule 1.1 (i) and (j), and at events sanctioned by Area Associations or Member Federations, will be accepted for the purposes of satisfying the entry standards.
- 1.8** **Wind assisted performances** (over 2m/sec) will not be accepted.
- 1.9** **Indoor performances** will be accepted however, for the running events of 400m and over, performances achieved on **over-sized tracks** will not be accepted.
- 1.10** Team leaders must present athletes' passports upon arrival, or other official documents indicating the year of birth, to confirm ages in order for them to be photocopied by the organisers.

### **2. SELECTION PHILOSOPHY:**

- 2.1** Athletics New Zealand does not regard events such as the IAAF World Youth Championships as simply an opportunity to expose young athletes to international competition. The IAAF World Youth Championships is a Black Singlet event where any selected athlete **will be expected to obtain a top 16 finish**.

### **3. SELECTION PROCESS:**

#### **Participation Criteria**

- 3.1** Nothing in this Policy obliges Athletics New Zealand to select a full contingent of two (2) in any particular event regardless of the IAAF Entry Rules or the IAAF qualification standards. Athletics New Zealand will select its Team according to the criteria set out in this Policy as allowed by IAAF Entry Rules.

#### **Eligibility**

- 3.2** In order to be eligible for selection all athletes must:

- 3.2.1** Satisfy all IAAF, eligibility, nationality and world championship participation rules.
- 3.2.2** Be a registered member of Athletics New Zealand.
- 3.2.3** Complete and submit the online 2011 World Championship Team Application (WCTA) and IAAF Athlete Agreement by 18 March 2011: <http://performance.athletics.org.nz> | **Competitions** | **2011 Calendar**



**3.2.4** 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.

**3.2.5** Athletes who wish to be selected must compete in the 2011 New Zealand Track and Field Championships **unless dispensation has been requested in writing** (letter, fax, preferably by email) to the Convenor of Selectors ([tfselectors@athletics.org.nz](mailto:tfselectors@athletics.org.nz)) no later than the 18 March 2011, unless in the case of a genuine illness or injury occurring after that date and verified by a medical certificate from a general practitioner or sports medicine specialist.

**3.2.6** Dispensations will be at the sole discretion of the Selectors and will generally only be granted to athletes in exceptional circumstances.

**3.2.7** The names of athletes who have been granted dispensation will be published on [performance.athletics.org.nz](http://performance.athletics.org.nz).

### Performance Standards

**3.3** Athletics New Zealand has set its own Performance Standards for the purposes of this Selection Policy. Athletics New Zealand's Performance Standards for each of the events to be conducted at the 2011 IAAF World Youth Championships are set out in clause 5.

### Performance Period

**3.4** Athletics New Zealand has set its own periods in which the Performance Standards must be achieved for all events between **1 June 2010 to 19 June 2011**.

### Selection Criteria

**3.5** In order to nominate an athlete for selection, the Selectors must be satisfied, after considering the matters set out in the criteria, that an athlete is capable of achieving a top 16 finish at the 2011 IAAF World Youth Championships and;

**3.6** Subject to the provisions under 3.7 and 3.9 below, for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the 2011 IAAF World Youth Championships the athlete must achieve a Performance Standard within the Performance Period for the particular event (clause 3.4) on at least one occasion, however, a single qualifying performance does not guarantee nomination.

**3.7** Achieving a Performance Standard at the New Zealand Track and Field Championship (25-27 March 2011) will count as the equivalent of achieving the standard as “more than once” during the Performance Period.

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

- A** Quality of performance in the 2010 and 2011 international seasons;
- B** Quality of performance in the 2010/11 domestic season;
- C** Consistency of performance during the Performance Period;
- D** History of performances at previous international 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.

### Extenuating Circumstances

**3.9** Notwithstanding the provisions of clause 3.7-3.8 and any other provision in these selection criteria, the selectors may use discretion only under the following considerations:

**3.9.1** Where an athlete who has achieved a 2011 World Youth Performance Standard in the twelve months prior to the Performance Period and who has achieved a 2011 World Youth IAAF Standard within the Performance Period but has had a season disrupted by injury which has prevented them from competing for the majority of the Performance Period;

**3.9.2** Where an athlete has achieved a performance close to the Performance Standard(s) within the Performance Period and where the performance was affected by unfavourable weather conditions.

**3.10** In the event of more than two athletes satisfying all the selection criteria in any one event, the results of the New Zealand Track and Field Championships will be a key consideration in determining the final selection.

**3.11** Relay Teams may be selected and all athletes selected for individual events must make themselves available for relays if required. Where an athlete has been selected for a relay team and has a single qualifying performance in an individual event, they will be able to be selected to compete in that individual event as long as it does not conflict with the needs of the relay team performance.



**3.12** 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.

**3.13** Any athlete selected for the World Youth Championships will be ineligible for selection for the 2011 Commonwealth Youth Games.

#### **Fitness Standard**

**3.14** To confirm competitive readiness, the selectors will require an athlete to achieve a mutually agreed fitness standard (in a competition/time trial) from a period of up to six weeks prior to the Championship (25 May-3 July). This fitness standard should be written into the athlete's schedule/performance plans and submitted to the Rio 2016 Performance Project Manager and the Selectors.

**3.15** Failure by a selected athlete to meet the pre-World Youth Championships fitness standard will, by recommendation from the Selectors to the Board, result in an athlete who has been initially selected to the team being withdrawn from the 2011 IAAF World Youth Championship competition.

**3.16** For the purposes of clarity, it is the intended operation of this Policy that **all selections in the team remain conditional** until the athlete has achieved the pre-World Youth Championships fitness standard.

**3.17** An athlete that has been selected for the IAAF 2011 World Youth Championships with an Athletics New Zealand Performance Standard (as per clause 5) who has also achieved a "IAAF" Performance Standard in another event will be automatically entered for the championship for the "IAAF" event as well as the "Athletics New Zealand Performance Standard" event and may compete in either or both events.

#### **Injury Evaluation**

**3.18** An athlete who enters the Athletics New Zealand Team Camp and/or the 2011 IAAF World Youth Championship village will be subject to an injury evaluation/assessment by the championship Team Management staff. The injury evaluation/assessment will be carried out by Athletics New Zealand's Lead Physio (or appointed Team Physio) in consultation with Athletics New Zealand's Medical Director.

**3.19** If as a result of such injury evaluation/assessment the Medical Director, Team Management staff, and or Team Leader considers an athlete does not have the standard of fitness or is otherwise not in condition to compete due to injury at a level appropriate to the event(s) for which they have been selected, the Team Leader will ask the athlete to withdraw from the competition.

**3.20** If an athlete has been asked to withdraw due to injury (as outline in clause 3.16-17), the athlete and coach will confirm with the Team Leader their intentions to compete at the championship or withdraw.

#### **Selectors Meetings**

**3.21** Selectors meetings will be held to select athletes as follows:

**3.20.1** 28 March 2011 - Initial nominations.

**3.21.2** 20th June 2011 - Final nominations all events.

#### **Notification of Selection**

**3.22** The Board of Athletics New Zealand will confirm all nominations after each selection meeting.

**3.22** Athletics New Zealand will endeavor to announce selected team members in the week following each selection meeting.

#### **4. GENERAL INFORMATION:**

**4.1** The 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 in the best interests of Athletics New Zealand or as a result of any change in IAAF participation rules and/or guidelines. Any amendment to the criteria will be published on the Athletics New Zealand website.

### Funding

**4.2** The 2011 IAAF World Youth Championships are athlete-funded events. It is expected athletes wishing to attend the 2011 IAAF World Youth Championships plan their funding and budgets early. The approximate trip cost is around NZD \$7,000.

**4.3** Athletes may receive funding for the 2011 IAAF World Track and Field Championships under their Athletics New Zealand Athlete Agreements. 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

**4.4** Selected athletes' personal coaches/family outside of the selected "Official New Zealand Team" will be responsible for their own travel, accommodations, tickets, and accreditations for the 2011 IAAF World Youth Championship.

### Team Manager/Coach/Staff

**4.5** Management and support staff positions will be advertised in 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010 and will to be appointed on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010. Team Coaches Expression of Interest (If deemed necessary by Athletics New Zealand) will be advertised from in January of 2011. Team Coaches will be selected by after the initial team selections 28 March 2011.

**4.6** The advertisement, application, and procedures for Team support selection for these positions can be found on the High Performance website: <http://performance.athletics.org.nz>. | HP | Vacancies

## 5. ATHLETICS NEW ZEALAND'S PERFORMANCE STANDARDS:

Male	Event	Female
10.79	100m	11.94
21.79	200m	24.34
48.69	400m	56.00
1.52.60	800m	2.09.50
3.54.00	1500m	4.31.50
8.22.00	3000m	9.48.50
-	100m Hurdles (76.2)	13.94
14.04	110m Hurdles (91.4)	-
53.24 (84 cm)	400m Hurdles	61.74 (76.2 cm)
5.58.00	2000m Steeple	6.50.00
-	5000m Walk	24.30.00
45.30.00	10000m Walk	-
2.05m	High Jump	1.76m
4.75m	Pole Vault	3.85m
7.15m	Long Jump	5.95m
15.00m	Triple Jump	12.40m
18.50m (5 kg)	Shot Put	13.30m (4 kg)
54.50m (1.5 kg)	Discus Throw	43.50m (1 kg)
66.50m (5 kg)	Hammer Throw	52.50m (4 kg)
66.50m (700g)	Javelin Throw	45.75m (600g)
5800 points	Octathlon	-
-	Heptathlon	4925 points
-	Medley Relay	-