



## **2012 OLYMPIC GAMES – LONDON SELECTION CRITERIA**

### **1. Preamble**

Performance in an Olympic Team represents the pinnacle of athletic achievement. The NZOC in conjunction with Athletics New Zealand is responsible for setting sports specific standards, reflective of the elite, pinnacle event that the Olympics are.

The NZOC is responsible for team selection for London 2012.

### **2. Introduction**

This nomination criteria applies to all athletes wishing to be considered for nomination by Athletics New Zealand to the New Zealand Olympic Committee (NZOC) to be considered for selection in the NZ Team to compete in the London 2012 Olympic Games.

The Athletics New Zealand selectors who will determine the Track & Field (stadia event) athletes to be nominated to the NZOC, on behalf of Athletics New Zealand are:

Graham O'Brien – Convenor  
Tony Rogers  
Don Garland

The Athletics New Zealand selectors who will determine the non-stadia (marathon and road walk) athletes to be nominated to the NZOC, on behalf of Athletics New Zealand will be appointed in August 2011.

### **3. Nomination Criteria**

Athletes seeking nomination must satisfy the following nomination criteria:

#### **3.1 Over Riding Objective**

Athletics New Zealand and the NZOC have identified that the general overriding objective in determining the nominated athlete(s), will be "to have the demonstrated ability to finish within the top 16 at the 2012 London Olympic Games, with the potential to win an Olympic Diploma (top 8)".

#### **3.2 IAAF/NZOC Requirements**

**3.2.1** All performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by the IAAF, its Area Associations and its National Member Federations. Results achieved at university or school competitions must be certified by the National Federation of the country in which the competition was organised.

**3.2.2** Performances in mixed stadium events between male and female athletes, held completely in the stadium, may be accepted under specific circumstances and conditions (See IAAF Rule 147).

**3.2.3** Wind assisted performances will not be accepted.

**3.2.4** Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 400m or longer will be accepted.

**3.2.5** For the running events of 400m and over (including combined events), performances achieved on oversized tracks shall not be accepted.

**3.2.6** Hand timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 110/100m Hurdles, and 400m Hurdles will not be accepted.

**3.2.7** A list of qualifying competitions for the Marathon and Race Walking events, can be found here: <http://www.iaaf.org/statistics/standards/index.html>

**3.2.8** The first 20 runners in the Men's and in the Women's Marathon in the 2011 World Track & Field Championships in Daegu and the top 10 finishers at the IAAF Gold Label Marathons (2011/2012) will be considered as having achieved the Performance Standard. The list of Marathons that satisfy the IAAF Gold Label criteria are published on the IAAF Road Race Label Events website: <http://www.iaaf.org/lrr11/downloads/index.html>

**3.2.9 Lower Age Limits:**

**A** Junior athletes: Any athlete aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December 2012 (born 1993 or 1994) may compete in any event except the Marathon and the 50km Race Walk Men.

**B** Youth athletes: Any athlete aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December 2012 (born in 1995 and 1996) may compete in any event except the Men's Throws, Decathlon, 10,000m, Marathon and Race Walks.

**C** Athletes younger than 16 years on 31 December 2011 cannot be entered in any event.

**3.2.10** In order to be eligible for nomination and selection all athletes must:

**A.** Satisfy all IAAF/IOC/NZOC, eligibility, nationality and Olympic Games participation rules.

**B.** Be a registered member of Athletics New Zealand.

**C.** Complete and submit the "Long List" NZOC Team Application by 29 July 2011.

Found here:

<http://performance.athletics.org.nz/competitions/2012calendar>

**Additionally:**

**D.** Long listed athletes must register with Drug Free Sport New Zealand by 27 January 2012.

**E.** Selected athletes for the 2012 London Olympic Games must sign an NZOC "Athlete Agreement".

**3.2.11** In order to be considered for nomination, athletes must compete in the 2012 New Zealand Track and Field Championships. Athletes who do not compete in this event must have obtained prior permission from the Athletics New Zealand selectors and this will only be given in extenuating circumstances or because of injury.

**3.2.12** All nominated athletes are expected to be part of the NZOC's "one team" preparation for the Olympic Games. Athletes seeking exemption from the pre games preparation must do so in writing to the Performance Director of Athletics New Zealand.

**3.2.13 Relay teams:** A relay team may be up to six athletes. All athletes selected for individual events must make themselves available for relays. Athletes selected for a relay squad are required to train for and compete to a schedule for relays as determined by the Team Leader and Relay Coach.

#### **4. Performance Standards and Qualifying Periods**

**4.1** An athlete should attain the required performance standard on at least one occasion. An athlete must demonstrate his/her potential to perform consistently at the required performance level and athletes are encouraged to better the required standard on more than one occasion, particularly in non endurance events.

**4.2** The qualifying periods are:

**4.2.1** 10,000m, Marathon, Race Walking, Combined Events: **From 1 January 2011 to 8 July 2012.**

**4.2.2** Relays: **From 1 January 2011 to 2 July 2012.**

**4.2.3** For all other events: **From 1 May 2011 to 8 July 2012.**

**4.3** Achieving a performance standard does not automatically guarantee selection. All other criteria need to be achieved as well.

**4.4** The Athletics New Zealand Selectors may nominate up to three athletes for each event provided they have met the IAAF 2012 Olympic Games "A" Standard. Where there are more than three athletes who have bettered the IAAF "A" 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 in these criteria. If more than one athlete achieves the NZ standard in any event where that standard is less than the IAAF A standard, the selectors will consider all other relevant selection factors in deciding which of such athletes will be nominated, without giving any greater weight to any single factor than others.

**4.5** Athletes must show that their current form immediately prior to the selection date warrants their selection.

**4.6** An athlete must demonstrate that they capable of performing with distinction at an international meeting and at a level consistent with the overriding objective outlined in Clause 3.1. The Selectors will determine this by reviewing the athlete's competitive record, and will take particular account of their performances at meetings such as previous global championships, National Championships (both New Zealand and Australian), and other major international meets.

**4.7** Where, in the opinion of the Athletics New Zealand Selectors, an athlete has a history of non-performance, the Athletics New Zealand 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 either a 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 Athletics New Zealand Selectors making such enquiry as they regard necessary, the Athletics New Zealand Selectors are not satisfied with any explanation provided. The Athletics New Zealand 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, the Athletics New Zealand Selectors shall be under no obligation to make further enquiries and will consider the nomination of an athlete by reference to the information which they consider necessary for their decision.

**4.8** The Athletics New Zealand 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 nominate an athlete. Such a breach may result in the Athletics New Zealand Selectors not nominating an athlete for selection, who would otherwise satisfy these criteria.

## **5.0 After Nomination/Selection**

**5.1** All athletes nominated to the team, will be required to prove their fitness to compete in the 2012 Olympic Games by attaining a Performance Standard, or some other appropriate performance as agreed with the athlete and their coach, and the Athletics New Zealand Selectors, **prior to entering the 2012 Olympic Games athletes village.**

**5.1.1** The time frame for all (athletes/events) to achieve the fitness standard will be from 3 June 2012 to 25 July 2012.

**5.1.2** The expectation will be for an IAAF 2012 Olympic Games "B" standard or agreed training equivalent (with the exception of the Race Walks and Marathon) after taking into account conditions and the competition.

**5.1.3** Failure by a selected athlete to meet the pre-2012 Olympic Game fitness standard may, at the discretion of the Athletics New Zealand Selectors and athletics section Team Leader acting in consultation, result in an athlete who has been initially selected to the team being withdrawn from the 2012 Olympic Games competition.

**5.1.4** For the purposes of clarity, **all final selections in the team remain conditional** until the athlete has achieved their agreed 2012 Olympic Games fitness standard.

**5.2** All athletes selected must provide their competition schedule leading up to the Olympic Games, from selection date to competition date, to the Performance Director. This needs to cover all competition events planned in the period from selection notification to the commencement of the Games.

**5.3** Selected athletes wishing to withdraw from the team must notify the Team Leader, in writing and detailing the reasons for withdrawal, immediately.

## **6. Marathon, 50km Walk and Combined Event**

**6.1** An athlete selected for the Marathon or 50km Walk will not compete in a similar distance event within two months of their Olympic competition nor in an event exceeding 10km within one month of their Olympic competition without the expressed written permission of the Performance Director.

**6.2** Selected Combined Event athletes will not compete in a similar event in the three week period prior to their Olympic competition.

**6.3** The 2012 London Olympic Games Selection nomination and selection criteria must be read in conjunction with Athletics New Zealand's General Selection Criteria Policy document. This is available at [www.athletics.org.nz](http://www.athletics.org.nz). Where there is any conflict with the provisions in the General Policy, these Event Criteria will prevail.

## **7. Extenuating Circumstances**

**7.1** In considering the performances of athletes at events, trials, training camps or other attendances required under this Selection Criteria, the Athletics New Zealand Selectors may in their discretion give weight to extenuating circumstances. For the purpose of this Selection Criteria, "extenuating circumstances" means the inability of the athlete to compete in and/or attend event, trials, training camps or other required attendances arising from:

- a) Injury of illness of the athlete;
- b) Equipment failure;
- c) Travel delays;
- d) Bereavement;
- e) Such other circumstances as the selectors reasonably consider constitute "extenuating circumstances".

**7.2** Athletes who are unable to compete in and/or attend events, trials, training camps or other required attendances, must advise the Performance Director of Athletics New Zealand in writing of this fact and the reasons for withdrawal/non entry. This notification must be received as soon as possible but no later than 12 hours before the event, trial, training camp or other attendance.

**7.3** In the case of injury or illness, athletes will be required to undergo a medical assessment by a doctor or doctors nominated by Athletics New Zealand, before the selectors can give any weight to any extenuating circumstances.

## **8. Team Announcements**

All team announcements will be individually released to the media from, and authorised by the NZOC, in full consultation with Athletics New Zealand. While it is accepted that the team announcement date may have to be changed, it is anticipated that the initial team announcement will be made 1 April 2012.

## 9. Performance Standards

<b>Men</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Women</b>
10.21	<b>100m</b>	11.32
20.59	<b>200m</b>	23.00
45.55	<b>400m</b>	51.55
1:46.00	<b>800m</b>	2:00.00
3:35.50	<b>1500m</b>	4:07.00
13:20.00	<b>5000m</b>	15:10.00
27:50.00	<b>10,000m</b>	31:45.00
2:12.00	<b>Marathon</b>	2:32.00
8:24.00	<b>3000m Steeplechase</b>	9:45.00
	<b>100m Hurdles</b>	12.96
13.55	<b>110m Hurdles</b>	-
49.50	<b>400m Hurdles</b>	55.60
1:23.00	<b>20km Race Walk</b>	1:32.30
3:59.00	<b>50km Race Walk</b>	-
Top 16 teams	<b>4x100m</b>	Top 16 teams
Top 16 teams	<b>4x400m</b>	Top 16 teams
-	<b>Heptathlon</b>	6050
8050	<b>Decathlon</b>	-
2.30	<b>High Jump</b>	1.95
5.70	<b>Pole Vault</b>	4.45
8.20	<b>Long Jump</b>	6.72
17.10	<b>Triple Jump</b>	14.20
20.30	<b>Shot Put</b>	18.35
64.50	<b>Discus</b>	61.00
78.50	<b>Hammer Throw</b>	70.00
81.80	<b>Javelin</b>	61.00