

## 2017 WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES SELECTION POLICY: 23 - 28 August, Taipei, Taiwan

### 1. NOMINATION/SELECTION PHILOSOPHY

- 1.1 This Selection Policy is issued by the Board of Athletics New Zealand (“Athletics NZ Board”) and sets out the basis on which the Athletics New Zealand (“Athletics NZ”) Selectors (refer to clause 2.1) will consider athletes for nomination to the *Athletics NZ Board* for the 2017 World University Games (the “2017 WUG”).
- 1.2 The 2017 WUG is an Athletics NZ “Silver” Singlet competition (i.e. a World Championship other than an IAAF World Track & Field Championship, Olympic Games or Commonwealth Games).

### 2. SELECTION PANEL

- 2.1 The Athletics NZ Selection Panel (the “Selectors”) and the *Convenor* appointed to nominate athletes for the 2017 WUG are:
- Alec McNab (*Convenor*)
  - Graham Seatter
  - Tony Rogers
- 2.2 The Athletics NZ Board reserves the right to replace any member of the *Selectors* at any time for any reason.

### 3. CONDITIONS OF NOMINATION

- 3.1 As a condition of nomination for the 2017 WUG, an athlete must:
- Have achieved a *Performance Standard* that is listed on the official Athletics NZ Rankings website within the following *Qualification Periods*; AND

Categories/Events	Qualification Period
NZ & Australia based athletes	1 October 2016 to 2 April 2017
Overseas based athletes	1 January 2016 to 11 June 2017

- Be a registered member of Athletics NZ at the time of achieving their *Performance Standard*; AND
- Have submitted an [Application for Selection Form](#) and pay a \$500.00 bond (refer clause 13.4) by 5pm on Monday 13 February 2017; AND
- Have competed at the *Compulsory Selection Trial/s* (refer to Section 7) or have been granted dispensation from those competitions; AND
- Have satisfied all International University Sports Federation (“FISU”) eligibility, nationality and participation requirements, including the requirements set out in Section 5; AND
- Enter into an athlete agreement with Athletics NZ; AND
- Be and remain in “good standing” with Athletics NZ 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 team into disrepute; AND
- To Athletics NZ’s knowledge not have used or administered any substance which, if it had been detected as being present in the athlete’s body tissue, hair or fluids, would have constituted doping, or used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offence as defined in Athletics NZ or IAAF Anti-Doping or similar regulations; AND

- i) Consult with and receive approval by the 2017 WUGs Team Leader to compete in a half marathon or 20km Race Walk after Monday 5 June 2017.

**Note:** Athletes should be aware that failure to comply with any of the requirements set out in clause 3.1 may render them ineligible for nomination or selection.

### **Qualification Period Extensions**

- 3.2 In exceptional circumstances where a New Zealand or Australia based athlete is deemed by the *Convenor* in consultation with the *Athletics NZ High Performance Director* (“Athletics NZ-HPD”) to have had limited qualifying opportunities during the specified *Qualification Period* (i.e. 1 October 2016 to 2 April 2017) then they may be granted a *Qualification Period Extension* up to midnight on 11 June 2017.
- 3.3 Decisions regarding whether to grant a *Qualification Period Extension* are solely at the discretion of the *Convenor* in consultation with the *Athletics NZ-HPD*.
- 3.4 Athletes seeking a *Qualification Period Extension* must make a request for a *Qualification Period Extension* by E-Mail accompanied by relevant supportive documents (e.g. medical certificates), as soon as they are aware of their situation, but no later than Wednesday 29 March 2017, to the *Convenor* [[Alec McNab](#)].

## **4. ELIGIBILITY**

- 4.1 For *Individual Events* the *Selectors* will nominate athletes deemed capable of a *Top 16* placing at the Games as a result of having either;
- Achieved one (1) ‘A’ *Performance Standard* during the *Qualification Period*; OR
  - Achieved one (1) ‘B’ *Performance Standard* at the *Compulsory Selection Trial/s*; OR
  - Achieved two (2) ‘B’ *Performance Standards* during the *Qualification Period*; OR
  - Achieved one (1) ‘B’ *Performance Standard* during the *Qualification period* in the events of Heptathlon, Decathlon, 10,000m, Half Marathon and 20k Race Walk.
- 4.2 For *Individual Events*, the *Selectors* may nominate athletes that they consider capable of a *Top 16* placing as a result of exceptional circumstances (e.g. injury/illness, family bereavements, unfavourable conditions when in peak form etc) provided they have met the *FISU* minimum entry standards.
- 4.3 For *Relay Events* the *Selectors* will nominate *Relay Teams* comprised of up to six (6) athletes deemed capable of a *Top 8* placing at the Games provided:
- The *Relay Team* has achieved at least one (1) *Performance Standard* for the applicable *Relay Event* during the *Qualification Period*; AND
  - Each athlete that is to be a member of the proposed *Relay Team* has achieved the *Individual Performance Standard required for Relay Team Selection* during the *Qualification Period*.

**Note:** All of the members of a *Relay Team* that achieve a 2017 WUG *Individual Performance Standard required for Relay Team Selection* must also have met the *Conditions of Nomination* set out in this Policy, including clause 3.1.

- 4.4 *Relay Event* priorities take precedence over *Individual Event* priorities for athletes who have not achieved an ‘A’ *Performance Standard*.

**Note:** *Relay team* members that have not met the requirements of Clause 4.1b, 4.1c or 4.1d, may be included in an *Individual Event/s* at the discretion of the *Team Leader* in consultation with the *Athletics NZ-HPD*, the athlete and their personal coach, provided they have met the *FISU* minimum entry standards.

## **5. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

- 5.1 Member Federation entries must comply with *FISU Regulations*, International Association of Athletics Federations (“IAAF”) Technical Regulations and the Local Organising Committee (“LOC”) entry requirements.
- 5.2 University and Tertiary Sport New Zealand (“UTSNZ”) Regulations stipulate the following:
- If studying in NZ, you must be attending a New Zealand Tertiary Education Institution as recognised by the Ministry of Education and endorsed by UTSNZ (see appendix 1).

**Note:** Generally, if studying overseas, you must be studying at a University or similar Tertiary Education Institution that is recognised as holding Tertiary status by the appropriate academic authority of that country. These will be considered on a case by case basis.

5.3 *FISU Regulations* stipulate the following can compete:

- a) Students who are currently officially registered as proceeding towards a degree or diploma at a University or similar institute, the status of which is recognised by the appropriate authority in the country; OR
- b) Former students of the institutions mentioned in 5.3a who have successfully obtained their academic degree or diploma in the 12 months preceding the event; i.e. the graduation date.

**Note:** The study of individual papers without the pursuit of a degree or diploma is insufficient to meet *FISU* requirements. For further clarification please contact [Kat Austin](#).

### Age requirements

5.4 Athletes must be at least 17 and less than 28 years of age on 1 January 2017.

### Individual Events

5.5 Member Federations may confirm a maximum of two (2) athletes per *Individual Event* other than the following exceptions:

- a) For the Men's and Women's 10,000m up to three (3) athletes can be entered per event.
- b) For the Men's & Women's Half Marathon and the Men's & Women's 20Km Race Walk up to five (5) athletes can be entered per event.

### Relays

5.6 Member Federations may enter one (1) team per *Relay Event*.

5.7 Up to six (6) athletes can be entered per *Relay Team* (i.e. without being selected for an *Individual Event*).

5.8 Athletes competing in an *Individual Event* that corresponds to a *Relay Team* (i.e. 100m corresponds to the 4x100m and 400m corresponds to the 4x400m) must be listed among the 6 athletes for the respective *Relay Team* (i.e. each athlete takes a "slot" even if the Member Federation does not intend for them to run in the *Relay Team*).

## 6. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

6.1 For an athlete or a *Relay Team* to be considered for nomination for the 2017 *WUG* they must have achieved the following *performance standards* during the *Qualification Period*:

Men		Event	Women	
A Standard	B Standard		A Standard	B Standard
10.37	10.46	100m	11.62	11.73
20.95	21.10	200m	23.75	24.00
46.35	46.70	400m	52.95	53.50
1:48.40	1:49.00	800m	2:03.30	2:05.40
3:43.50	3:46.50	1500m	4:19.00	4:24.50
14:10.00	14:15.00	5000m	16:10.00	16:35.00
29:20.00	30:15.00	10,000m	34:30.00	37:00.00
1hr 07:00		Half Marathon	1hr 16:30	
8:51.50	8:57.50	3000m SC	10:03.00	10:17.00
13.85	14.00	110mH/100mH	13.40	13.50
50.35	51.15	400H	57.45	58.45
1hr 24:30	1h:26.20	20Km Race Walk	1hr 34:15	1h39:45
40.10		4x100m	45.75	
3:14.00		4x400m	3:46.00	
7325 points	7050 points	Decathlon/Heptathlon	5625 points	5300 points
2.20m	2.17m	High Jump	1.83m	1.80m
5.25m	5.20m	Pole Vault	4.20m	4.10m
7.70m	7.55m	Long Jump	6.25m	6.20m
16.25m	15.95m	Triple Jump	13.45m	13.15m
18.70m	18.20m	Shot Put	16.40m	14.85m

Men		Event	Women	
A Standard	B Standard		A Standard	B Standard
58.50m	55.50m	Discus Throw	53.00m	50.00m
71.00m	68.00m	Hammer Throw	66.00m	63.00m
75.00m	72.00m	Javelin Throw	53.50m	50.50m

For an athlete to be considered for nomination for the 2017 WUG in a *Relay Team*, they must have achieved the following *Individual Performance Standards required for Relay Team Selection* during the *Qualification Period*:

<i>Individual Performance Standards required for Relay Team Selection</i>		
Men	Event	Women
11.00	4x100m	12.20
49.50	4x400m	57.00

## 7. **COMPULSORY SELECTION TRIAL/S**

7.1 The following three (3) competitions are the *Compulsory Selection Trials* for the 2017 WUG:

- a) *Athletics New Zealand 10,000m Championships*, New Plymouth, 28 January 2017
- b) *Athletics New Zealand Combined Events Championships*, Dunedin, 18-19 February 2017
- c) *Athletics New Zealand Track & Field Championships*, Hamilton, 17-19 March 2017

7.2 There will be no *Compulsory Selection Trial/s* for the Half Marathon or Race-Walk events.

7.3 Other than the Half Marathon and the Race Walk Events, all athletes seeking selection for the 2017 WUG must have either:

- a) Competed in the *Compulsory Selection Trial/s* in the event/s most relevant to the event/s in which they are seeking selection; OR
- b) Received dispensation from the relevant *Compulsory Selection Trial/s* in the event/s most relevant to the event/s in which they are seeking selection; OR
- c) Received a medical exemption from the relevant *Compulsory Selection Trial or Trials* as a result of injury or illness that occurred during the competition, or during the 10 days before the competition, that can be verified by the provision of the Medical Certificate (refer to clause 7.6).

### **Dispensation from Compulsory Selection Trial/s**

7.4 Athletes seeking dispensation from one or more of the *Compulsory Selection Trial/s* (other than a medical exemption covered by clause 7.6) must make a request by E-Mail no later than ten (10) days prior to the competition/s, to the *Convenor* [[Alec McNab](#)].

7.5 Dispensations from one or more of the *Compulsory Selection Trial/s* will be at the sole discretion of the *Convenor* and will generally only be granted to athletes in exceptional circumstances.

### **Medical Exemption from Compulsory Selection Trial/s**

7.6 Athletes that are unable to effectively compete at the *Compulsory Selection Trial/s* as a result of injury or illness that occurred during the competition, or during the 10 days before the competition, must make a request for a Medical Exemption by E-Mail accompanied by a copy of a Medical Certificate to verify their situation, as soon as they are aware of their situation, but no later than 48 hours after the conclusion of the competition, to the *Convenor* [[Alec McNab](#)].

### **Requirements for athletes granted a Dispensation or a Medical Exemption**

7.7 Athletes who are granted dispensation or a medical exemption from competing at the *Compulsory Selection Trial/s* will generally be required to complete an alternative *Proof of Fitness* trial by a date agreed between the athlete, their personal coach (if applicable) and the *Convenor* in consultation with the 2017 WUG Athletics Team Leader.

## 8. AUTOMATIC NOMINATIONS (i.e. for winning compulsory selection trials)

- 8.1 Subject to the entry and eligibility requirements stipulated in this *Selection Policy*, and providing they achieve the relevant 'A' *Performance Standard* for the event during the Championships, and otherwise meet the requirements for nomination set out in this Selection Policy, including Clause 3.1, athletes that win either the Senior Women's or the Senior Men's events at the following competitions will be *automatic nominations* for the 2017 WUG:
- a) *Athletics New Zealand 10,000m Championships*, New Plymouth, 28 January 2017
  - b) *Athletics New Zealand Track & Field Championships*, Hamilton, 17-19 March 2017
- 8.2 Subject to the entry and eligibility requirements stipulated in this *Selection Policy*, and providing they achieve the relevant 'B' *Performance Standard* during the Championship, and otherwise meet the requirements for nomination as set out in this Selection Policy, including Clause 3.1, athletes that win either the Senior Women's or the Senior Men's events at the *Athletics New Zealand Combined Events Championships* will be *automatic nominations* for the 2017 WUG.

## 9. DISCRETIONARY NOMINATIONS

- 9.1 In addition to the athletes that achieve *automatic nomination* under Clause 8.1 or 8.2, the *Selectors* will consider athletes for nomination in accordance with Clauses 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4.
- Note:** In situations where a New Zealand or Australian based athlete is granted a *Qualification Period Extension* (refer Clauses 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4), then they must fulfil the above criteria during the overall *Qualification Period* available to them (i.e. from the 1 October 2016 to the conclusion of their *Qualification Period Extension*).
- 9.2 In situations where there are more than two (2) athletes that meet the eligibility requirements in the same event, then the *Selectors* may consider any combination of factors that they deem relevant to their decision whether or not to nominate an athlete, including but not limited to the athlete's:
- a) Performance at the *Compulsory Selection Trial/s*;
  - b) Potential to be highly competitive at the 2017 WUG;
  - c) Competitive record against other athletes under consideration for nomination in the same event;
  - d) Quality and consistency of performances during the *Qualification Period*;
  - e) Commitment and focus on competing at the 2017 WUG;
  - f) History of performances at previous selected individual or team events;
  - g) Performances in international competitions during the *Qualification Period*;
  - h) Recent injuries or illness; and/or
  - i) Any other factors reasonably considered by the *Selectors* to constitute extenuating circumstances.
- 9.3 In any decision regarding the nomination of athletes for the team, the *Selectors* may, in their sole discretion, also take into account or give weight to any extenuating circumstances, including but not limited to:
- a) Injury or illness;
  - b) Travel delays;
  - c) Equipment failure;
  - d) Bereavement or personal misfortune; and/or
  - e) Any other factors reasonably considered by the *Selectors* to constitute extenuating circumstances.
- 9.4 Any athlete nominated must comply with the form and fitness obligations set out in the *Village Pre Entry Proof of Fitness Requirements* detailed in Clause 12.
- 9.5 Athletes unable to compete at competitions relevant to meeting the requirements outlined in this *Selection Policy*, must advise the *Convenor* [[Alec McNab](#)] of the extenuating circumstances and reasons (accompanied by a medical certificate if applicable) or other such details, in writing, as soon as the extenuating circumstances are known (or at least within 7 days). If the *Convenor* is not notified of any extenuating circumstances in accordance with this *Selection Policy*, then the *Selectors* have no obligation to consider such circumstances.

**10. SELECTION PROCESS**

- 10.1 *Athletics NZ* will select *Individual(s)* or *Relay Team(s)* in accordance to the criteria set out in this *Selection Policy* as allowed by the *FISU Regulations*, *IAAF Technical Regulations* and/or the *LOC* entry requirements.
- 10.2 Nothing in this *Selection Policy* obliges *Athletics NZ* to select a full contingent of athletes in any particular event regardless of the *FISU Regulations*, *UTSNZ Regulations*, *IAAF Technical Regulations* or the *LOC* entry requirements.

**Ratification Review**

- 10.3 The *Athletics NZ Board* must ratify nominations prior to each *Selection Announcement*.

**Selection Announcements**

- 10.4 The *Initial Selection Announcement* of the athletes selected for the *2017 WUG* will be published on the *Athletics NZ* website by 5pm on Tuesday 11 April 2017.

**Note:** For events where *Qualification Period Extensions* have been granted or an *Application for Selection Form* has been received from overseas based athletes, then only one (1) athlete will be named in the *Initial Selection Announcement* in the respective event/s.

- 10.5 The *Final Selection Announcement* of the athletes selected for the *2017 WUG* will be published on the *Athletics NZ* website 5pm on Monday 19 June 2017.

**11. NON-SELECTION QUERIES &/OR APPEALS PROCESS**

Non-selected athletes can query their non-selection after any *Selection Announcement* by contacting the *Convenor* (i.e. seek clarification regarding their non-selection and/or requirements regarding what they need to do to meet selection requirements).

**Non-selection appeals process**

- 11.1 The publishing of the *Final Selection Announcement* on *Athletics NZ* website by 5pm on Monday 19 June 2017 will be deemed to be the commencement of the 48 hour period to lodge non-selection appeals in accordance with this *Selection Policy*.
- 11.2 Any athlete whose selection is not ratified by the *Athletics NZ Board* in accordance with this *Selection Policy* may appeal their non-selection to the New Zealand Sports Tribunal providing they:
- a) Have submitted an [Application for Selection Form](#) in accordance with timelines contained in this *Selection Policy*; AND
  - b) Submit a notice of their intention to appeal their non-selection in writing to the *Convenor* within 48 hours of the decision of the *Athletics NZ Board* being published on the *Athletics NZ* website (i.e. the *Final Selection Announcement*).
- 11.3 Any appeal will be considered by the Sports Tribunal under its Rules and the grounds for an appeal will be as set out in those Rules. This provision will apply in relation to non-selection appeals. General provisions relating to appeals in the Constitution and By-Laws of *Athletics NZ* will not apply.

**12. VILLAGE PRE-ENTRY PROOF OF FITNESS REQUIREMENTS**

- 12.1 All athlete seeking nomination and selection should be aware that selected athletes will be required to undertake the following prior to the *2017 WUG*;
- a) All selected athletes must meet their *Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness Requirements*. Generally, *Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness Requirements* will be assessed at the Village Pre-Entry Camp (date to be confirmed, venue is Saga Prefecture, Japan).
  - b) Exemptions from the compulsory *Village Pre-Entry Camp* can only be approved by the *2017 WUG* Team Leader and will only be approved in exceptional circumstances. Applications for such exemption must be made by Friday 23 June 2017.
  - c) All selected athletes will be advised in writing of their specific *Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness Requirements* by the *Convenor* and/or the *2017 WUG* Team Leader.

- d) The time frame for all athletes to achieve specific *Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness Requirements* will be at the discretion of the *Convenor* and/or the *2017 WUG Team Leader*. However, generally it will be within the 2 weeks of the commencement of the competition and prior to them leaving for the Games from New Zealand or their place of residence.
- e) Generally, failure by a selected athlete to meet the *Village Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness Requirements* will result in an athlete who has been selected to the team being withdrawn from the Games. However, such a decision would be at the discretion of the *Convenor* in consultation with the *2017 WUG Athletics Team Leader*.

### 13. GENERAL INFORMATION

13.1 This *Selection Policy* may be amended at any time prior to the *Final Selection Announcement* by the *Athletics NZ Board*. Any amendment will be published on the *Athletics NZ* website.

#### **Funding**

13.2 *Athletics NZ* has committed an amount to assist the costs of sending the team management to the *2017 WUG*.

13.3 The *2017 WUG* is an athlete-funded competition and athletes seeking selection in accordance with this *Selection Policy* will have to participate at no further cost to *Athletics NZ* than the amount allocated to assist with sending the team management.

#### **Bond**

13.4 Athletes seeking selection for the *2017 WUG* will be required to pay a Bond of \$500.00 along with their [Application for Selection Form](#) by 5pm on Monday 13 February 2017.

13.5 The conditions associated with Bond are:

- a) The Bond should either be paid by:
  - i. Depositing cleared funds into 12-3192-0002433-00 noting "2017 WUG" in the Particulars field and athlete's name (e.g., "C J Stewart") in the Reference field in internet banking. The Payee is *Athletics NZ*; or
  - ii. Sending a cheque made payable to *Athletics NZ*, P O Box 305 504 Triton Plaza, Auckland 0757 to be received no later than 5pm on Monday 13 February 2017. The cheque must be accompanied with a note recording the athlete's name and that the payment is made as a bond for the *2017 WUG* team.
  - iii. By credit card when completing the *Application for Selection Form*. **Please note:** paying via credit card within the *Application for Selection Form* incurs a non-refundable 4% processing fee.

#### **Refund of Bond**

- b) The full amount of the Bond paid will be refunded (without interest) if an athlete is not selected.
- c) If an athlete withdraws from the team after nomination for any reason, they must notify the *Convenor* in writing as soon as possible. A full refund of the Bond paid will not automatically be given in these circumstances. All refund requests will be considered on a "case-by-case" basis, including by reference to whether any costs have already been incurred or committed by *Athletics NZ* prior to the time of the withdrawal, as well as to the circumstances behind the withdrawal. In any case, an amount of not less than \$100 will be retained to defray costs.
- d) Any refund is subject to the athlete in question having included details for the refund payment (i.e., bank account details or address and payee for refund cheque) in their *Application for Selection Form*; otherwise the athlete must provide those details when he or she advises of the withdrawal of their *Application for Selection Form*. Refunds cannot be made without these details.

#### **Application of Bond**

- e) If selected the Bond will be applied by *Athletics NZ* to offset costs payable by that selected athlete as a member of the *2017 WUG team* (i.e. it is not an "extra" fee/levy).

- 13.6 A management levy is likely to be charged across all athletes (i.e. above the cost of their own travel and accommodation, but after taking into account the Athletics NZ contribution) to assist with cost of the 2017 WUG team management (if applicable).
- 13.7 Athletes considering competing at the 2017 WUG should plan their funding and budgets early. The trip cost is expected to be around \$7,500.00 NZD with the likely travel dates of [8 to 30] August 2017.
- 13.8 **NOTE:** All athlete-funding components must be paid to *Athletics NZ* by no later than 5pm on Friday 4 August 2017. **NOTE: Non-payment of the athlete-funding components in full by this date will result in removal of the athlete from the team and the withdrawal of that athlete's entry in the 2017 WUG. Unpaid amounts will remain outstanding and will be subject to collection in accordance with [Athletics NZ Debtors policy](#).**

#### **Team Leader/Coach/Staff Appointments**

- 13.9 [Expressions of Interest](#) for the position of a 2017 WUG Team Leader will be published by Friday 20 January 2017.
- 13.10 Once appointed the 2017 WUG Team Leader in consultation with the *Athletics NZ-HPD* will identify a shortlist of possible coaches and liaise with them regarding their availability for the Games pending on the final make-up of the team.
- 13.11 Any additional support staff and/or coaches required for the team will be advertised from 17 February 2017.
- 13.12 For further information regarding staff appointments contact [Kat Austin](#)

#### **14. ADDITIONAL COMPETITION INFORMATION**

- 14.1 For further information regarding the 2017 WUG refer to the [website](#)



**APPENDIX 1****Institutions recognised by New Zealand Ministry of Education**

1. Auckland University
2. Auckland University of Technology
3. Lincoln University
4. Massey University (Albany, Palmerston North & Wellington Campuses)
5. University of Canterbury
6. University of Otago
7. Victoria University
8. Waikato University

**Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics**

1. Ara Institute of Canterbury (ARA)
2. Eastern Institute of Technology (Hawkes Bay) (EIT)
3. Manukau Institute of Technology
4. Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT)
5. Northland Polytechnic (NorthTec)
6. Otago Polytechnic
7. Southern Institute of Technology (SIT)
8. Tai Poutini Polytechnic
9. The Open Polytechnic of New Zealand
10. Unitec New Zealand
11. Universal College of Learning (UCOL)
12. Waiariki Bay of Plenty Polytechnic
13. Waikato Institute of Technology (Wintec)
14. Wellington Institute of Technology (Weltec)
15. Western Institute of Technology at Taranaki (WITT)

**Wānanga**

1. Te Wānanga o Aotearoa
2. Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi
3. Te Wānanga -o-Raukawa