

2026 WORLD ATHLETICS INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION POLICY

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1. SELECTION PHILOSOPHY

- 1.1 This Selection Policy is issued by Athletics New Zealand Inc. ("Athletics NZ") and sets out the basis on which the Athletics NZ Selectors (refer to clause 2) will consider athletes for selection to compete at the 2026 World Athletics Indoor Championships ("2026 WICs").
- 1.2 The specific selection philosophy for this Championships is to select athletes who are deemed capable of performing at a truly world class level and with distinction at the Championships. This means individual athletes who:
 - a) achieve a World Athletics ("WA") 2026 WICs Entry Standard; or,
 - b) are deemed capable of a Top 16 placing at the 2026 WICs and subsequently receive a WA invitation to compete.

2. SELECTION PANEL

- 2.1 The Athletics NZ Board has endorsed the following selection panel to consider and select athletes for the 2026 WICs:
 - a) [Stephen Brown](#) ("Convenor"); and
 - b) Craig Motley; and
 - c) Jo Mersh.
- 2.2 The Athletics NZ Board reserves the right to replace any member of the Selection Panel at any time for any reason.

3. CONDITIONS OF SELECTION

- 3.1 As a condition of selection for the 2026 WICs in an Individual Event an athlete must:
 - a) Be a registered member of Athletics NZ at the time of achieving;
 - i. A 2026 WICs Entry Standard (refer to clause 4) within the qualification period; or,
 - ii. Performances that are recorded on the WA Road to Kujawy Pomorze list from competitions listed on the WA Global Calendar within the Qualification Period; and

Events	Qualification Period
Individual Events	1 November 2025 to 8 March 2026

- b) Have satisfied all WA eligibility, nationality, participation requirements, including those set out in clause 5; and
- c) Enter into and adhere to a team agreement (refer to clauses 4.4 – 4.6) with Athletics NZ;
Note: This agreement will be distributed upon selection; and
- d) Be and remain in "good standing" with Athletics NZ and at all times comply with all Athletics NZ and/or 2026 WICs and/or WA codes of conduct and regulations and the terms and conditions of the TAPS Athlete Agreement (if applicable) and otherwise conduct themselves in a way that does not bring the sport or team into disrepute; and
- e) Not have used or administered any substance which, if it had been detected as being present in the athlete's body tissue or fluids, would have constituted doping or used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offence as defined in any applicable Athletics NZ or WA anti-doping or related rules or regulations.

Note: Nothing in this Selection Policy obliges Athletics NZ to select a full contingent of athletes in any event, regardless of the WA Technical Regulations or the 2026 WICs Local Organizing Committee ("LOC") entry requirements.

4. **SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.1 For an athlete to be considered for selection to the 2026 WICs by achieving an Entry Standard (refer to clause 6.1a), they must have achieved the following relevant 2026 WICs Entry Standard:

Target #	Men	Event	Women	Target #
56	6.59	60m	7.20	56
30	45.80	400m	51.75	30
30	1:45.90	800m	2:00.90	30
30	3:36.00	1500m	4:06.00	30
15	7:33.00	3000m	8:35.00	15
48	7.65	60mH	8.02	48
14	WA Invitation	Hept/Pent	WA Invitation	14
12	2.30	High Jump	1.96	12
12	5.90	Pole Vault	4.70	12
16	8.17	Long Jump	6.75	16
16	16.90	Triple Jump	14.15	16
16	21.20	Shot Put	18.90	16

Note: Achieving a 2026 WICs Entry Standard gives no right or guarantee of selection.

- 4.2 Notwithstanding the provisions outlined in this Selection Policy, the Selectors have an overriding discretion to select any athlete eligible for entry for the 2026 WICs if they, in consultation with the Athletics NZ High Performance Director (“Athletics NZ HPD”), believe it is in the best interests of all parties to do so.
- 4.3 The Selectors may consider any combination of factors that they deem relevant in their decision whether or not to select an athlete, including but not limited to the athlete’s:
- Potential to be highly competitive at HP Track & Field competitions within the 2025-28 Olympic cycle;
 - Competitive record against other athletes under consideration for selection in the same event;
 - Quality and consistency of performances during the Qualification Period;
 - Commitment and focus on competing at the 2026 WICs;
 - History of performances at previous international competitions;
 - Recent injuries or illness;
 - History of behaviours and breaches of agreements from previous international competitions.

Athletics NZ Team Agreement

- 4.4 The Athletics NZ team agreement will be distributed upon selection.
- 4.5 The Selectors are not obliged to consider an athlete for selection who has breached a previous team or TAPS athlete agreement with Athletics NZ
- Athletes who have breached a previous team or TAPS athlete agreement with Athletics NZ may be considered for selection for the 2026 WICs on the basis that their team agreement for the 2026 WICs will be tailored to best align to a performance enhancing environment, taking into account the nature of their breach.

5. **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Age Considerations

- 5.1 U20 Athletes: any athlete aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December 2026 (born in 2008 or 2007) may compete in any event.

- 5.2 U18 athletes: any athlete aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December 2026 (born in 2010 or 2009) may compete in any event except the Shot Put.
- 5.3 Athletes younger than 16 years on 31 December 2026 (born in 2011 or later) may not compete in any event.

Individual Events

- 5.4 Member Federations may enter a maximum of two athletes (or three in case of a Wild Card) per Individual Event.
- 5.5 In individual events where the target number of entries (refer to clause 4.1) has not been reached, WA shall invite the athletes with the next best performance based on the WA Road to Kujawy Pomorze list in order to reach the established target number while respecting the maximum quota per member federation per event.

Note: The Road to Kujawy Pomorze list will be published and updated every week on the World Athletics website starting from 1 December and is based on Top Performances lists from within the Qualification Period.

Combined Events

- 5.6 On 9 January 2026, WA will publish a list of the qualified athletes and reserves based on World Rankings and from this list up to 14 athletes will be invited by WA to compete at the 2026 WICs.
- 5.7 Following 9 January 2026, invites will be extended to reserves in order of ranking on the above mentioned list, with final entries being confirmed at the same time as final entries closing for individual events on Thursday 12 March 2026.
- 5.8 One athlete may be invited at the discretion of WA.

6. SELECTION PROCESS

- 6.1 At the end of the Qualification Period, the Selectors will consider for selection:
 - a) individuals who have met a 2026 WICs Entry Standard in accordance with the criteria set out in this Selection Policy and as allowed by the 2026 WICs Technical Regulations and the LOC entry requirements; and
 - b) athletes who have received a WA invitation that they deem eligible under this Selection Policy i.e., Athletes deemed capable of achieving a Top 16 placing at the 2026 WICs.

Ratification Review

- 6.2 The Athletics NZ Board must ratify selections prior to the Selection Announcement.

Selection Announcements

- 6.3 The Selection Announcement of athletes selected for the 2026 WICs will be published on the Athletics NZ website by 5pm Friday 13 March 2026.

7. NON-SELECTION QUERIES &/OR APPEALS PROCESS

- 7.1 Non-selected athletes can query their non-selection after the applicable Selection Announcement by contacting the [Convenor](#) (i.e. to seek clarification regarding their non-selection).

Non-selection appeals process

- 7.2 The time of the publishing the Selection Announcement on the Athletics NZ website will be deemed to be the commencement of the 48-hour period to lodge non-selection appeals in accordance with this Selection Policy.
- 7.3 Any athlete whose selection is not ratified by the Athletics NZ Board in accordance with this Selection Policy may appeal this to the New Zealand Sports Tribunal providing they submit a notice of their

intention to appeal their non selection in writing to the CEO of Athletics ([Cam Mitchell](#)) NZ within 48 hours of the applicable Selection Announcement being published on the Athletics NZ website.

- 7.4 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. General provisions relating to appeals in the Constitution and Regulations of Athletics NZ will not apply.

8. PRE-ENTRY PROOF OF FITNESS REQUIREMENTS

- 8.1 All selections for the 2026 WICs remain conditional until each athlete has met their Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness requirement.
- 8.2 All Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness requirements will be confirmed by the 2026 WICs Team Leader in consultation with the athlete and their coach.
- 8.3 The time frame for all athletes to achieve specific Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness requirement will be at the discretion of the 2026 WICs Team Leader. However, generally it will be prior to them leaving for the 2026 WICs from New Zealand or their place of residence.
- 8.4 Generally, failure by a selected athlete to meet the Pre-Entry Proof of Fitness requirement may result in that athlete who has been selected to the team being withdrawn from the 2026 WICs. Such a decision is at the discretion of the 2026 WICs Team Leader and the Convenor of Selectors.
- 8.5 Athletics NZ reserves the right to select a replacement athlete if any athlete is withdrawn or otherwise fails to meet the requirements set out in this Selection Policy.

9. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 9.1 This Selection Policy may be amended at any time prior to the Selection Announcements by the Athletics NZ Board. Any amendment will be published on the Athletics NZ website.

Funding

- 9.2 A travel expenses contribution of at least \$1,600 NZD per athlete will be covered by the Athletics NZ High Performance programme.

Team Support Personnel

- 9.3 The 2026 WICs Team Leader will be Brianna Maynard.
- 9.4 The 2026 WICs Team Leader will identify a shortlist of possible team coaches and/or additional team support personnel and liaise with them regarding their availability for the 2026 WICs.

10. ADDITIONAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

- 10.1 For further information regarding the 2026 WICs refer to the competition website or contact [Brianna Maynard](#).