

2011 IPC ATHLETICS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - 21 to 30 JANUARY 2011 - CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

These criteria are to be read in conjunction with the Paralympics 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 – IPC Athlete Eligibility

- 1.1** To be eligible to compete an athlete must:
 - Hold an IPC Athletics Athlete License for the 2010 and 2011 seasons.
- 1.2** To be eligible to compete in individual medal events an athlete must:
 - Have achieved the Qualification Standard at an IPC Athletics recognized competition (IPC Competitions, IPC Sanctioned or IPC Athletics Approved competitions) during the qualification period (1 September 2009 to 31 August 2010).
- 1.3** To be eligible to compete a relay specialist athlete must:
 - Have met an approved standard to be published during the qualification confirmation period.
- 1.4** Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female participants, held completely in the Stadium, may be accepted under specific circumstances and conditions (see Rule 147).
- 1.5** Wind-assisted performances shall not be accepted.
- 1.6** Hand-timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 110m/100m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles and 4x100m relay shall not be accepted.
- 1.7** For the running events of 400m and over, performances achieved on oversized tracks shall not be accepted.

2. IPC Individual Events Allocation

- 2.1** Only results captured from IPC recognized competitions during the qualification period (1 September 2009 – 31 August 2010) in the respective individual medal events listed on the 2011 IPC Athletics World Championships programme will be used for allocating qualification slots under this method. A NPC can only be allocated one qualification slot per athlete regardless of whether the athlete has achieved a Qualification Standard in multiple events or not.

3. SELECTION PHILOSOPHY:

- 3.1** The 2011 IPC Athletics World Championships is a Black Singlet event where an athlete selected to compete as an individual (who has not been selected as a talent or development athlete under clause 4.5) **will be expected to obtain a top 3 finish**. Achieving a Performance Standard gives no right or guarantee of selection.

4. SELECTION PROCESS:

Participation Criteria

- 4.1** Nothing in this Policy obliges Paralympics New Zealand to select a full contingent of three (3) in any particular event regardless of the IPC Entry Rules or the IPC qualification standards. Paralympics New Zealand will select its Team according to the criteria set out in this Policy as allowed by IPC Entry Rules.

Eligibility

- 4.2** In order to be eligible for selection all athletes must:
 - 4.2.1** Satisfy all IPC, eligibility, nationality and world championship participation rules.
 - 4.2.2** Be a registered member of Athletics New Zealand and IPC.
 - 4.2.3** Remain in “good standing” with Paralympics 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.

Performance Standards

- 4.3** Paralympics New Zealand has set its own Performance Standards for the purposes of this Selection Policy. Paralympics New Zealand’s Performance Standards for each of the events to be conducted at the 2011 IPC Athletics World Championships are set out in clause 6.

Selection Criteria - World Athletics Championships

4.4 Selection

4.4.1 Subject to the provisions under 4.7 below, for an athlete to be considered for selection to the 2011 IPC Athletics World Championships, elite athletes must achieve an "A" Performance Standard, Talent and Development Athletes must achieve a "B" Performance Standard (clause 6.1) within the Performance Period on, at least, one occasion. An athlete should endeavour to better the required Performance Standard on more than one occasion and should demonstrate throughout the season, his or her ability to perform consistently close to the Performance Standard.

4.4.2 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 season;

B Quality of performance in the 2010 and 2011 domestic season;

C Consistency of performance during the Performance Period;

D History of performances at previous World Track and Field Championships, Commonwealth and Paralympic Games, 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.

4.4.3 Where, in the opinion of the Selectors, an athlete has a history of non-performance, the Selectors may decide not to select 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 Paralympic 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 selectors making such enquiry as they regard necessary, the selectors are not satisfied with any explanation provided. The 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.

4.4.4 Where there are more than three athletes who have bettered the "A" Performance 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 above.

4.4.5 The Selectors will consider any established breach of any code of conduct or athlete agreement by an athlete as a member of a Paralympics 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.

4.5 Selection of Talent and Development Athletes

4.5.1 Athletes who have achieved the "B" Performance Standard will be considered for selection as a **talent or development athlete**. In selecting an athlete as a talent or development athlete, the Selectors must be satisfied that the athlete has the potential to develop into a successful top 12 athlete at the world level in Black Singlet events such as the World Track and Field Championships.

4.5.2 In considering whether to select an athlete as a talent or development athlete, the Selectors will consider any factor which they consider is relevant for their selection decision, including, but not necessarily limited to:

A Quality of performance in the 2010 and 2011 international season;

B Quality of performance in the 2010 and 2011 domestic season;

C Consistency of performance during the Performance Period, in particular whether an athlete has achieved more than one "B" Performance Standard and a performance or performances close to the "A" Performance Standard.

After Selection

4.6 All athletes selected to the team, will be required to prove their fitness to compete in the 2011 IPC Athletics World Championships by attaining a Performance Standard, or some other appropriate performance as agreed with the athlete and their coach, the Selectors, and the Athletics Programme Director **prior to the final selection date**.

4.6.1 The timeframe for all (athletes/events) to achieve the fitness standard will be from 1 December to 31 December 2010.

4.6.2 The expectation will be for a "B" standard or equivalent after taking into account conditions and the competition.

4.6.3 Failure by a selected athlete to meet the pre-World Championships fitness standard will, at the discretion of the Selectors, result in an athlete who has been initially selected to the team being withdrawn from the 2011 IPC Athletics World Championships competition.

4.6.4 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 Championships fitness standard set by the Selectors.

4.6.5 Athletes who have been **granted an extension and who have** achieved the Performance Standard for the first time in the period prior to the final selection date (1 December – 31 December 2010) shall be deemed to have satisfied the fitness requirements of this clause.

4.7 An athlete that has been selected for the 2011 IPC Athletics World Championships with an “A” Performance Standard who has also achieved a “B” Performance Standard in another event will be automatically entered for the championship for the “B” event as well as the “A” event and may compete in either or both events.

4.8 An athlete who enters the Paralympics New Zealand Team Camp and/or the 2011 IPC Athletics World Championships village will be subject to an injury evaluation/assessment by the championship Team Management staff. The injury evaluation/assessment will be carried out by Paralympics New Zealand’s Athletics Physio (or appointed Team Physio) in consultation with the PNZ Medical Director.

4.8.1 If as a result of such injury evaluation/assessment the PNZ Medical Director, Team Management staff, and Athletics Programme Director consider 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 Athletics Programme Director will ask the athlete to withdraw from the competition.

4.8.2 If an athlete has been asked to withdraw due to injury (as outline in clause 4.13.1), the athlete and coach will confirm with the Athletics Programme Director their intentions to compete at the championship or withdraw.

Selectors Meetings

4.9 Selectors meetings will be held to select athletes as follows:

4.9.1 1 September 2010 - Initial nominations for all track and field events.

4.9.2 5 January 2011 - Final nominations all events.

Notification of Selection

4.10 The PNZ Board will confirm all nominations after each selection meeting.

4.11 Paralympics New Zealand will endeavor to announce selected team members in the week following each selection meeting.

5. [GENERAL INFORMATION:](#)

5.1 The criteria may be amended at any time by the Board of Paralympics New Zealand, if Paralympics New Zealand is of the opinion that such amendment is necessary in the best interests of Paralympics New Zealand or as a result of any change in IPC participation rules and/or guidelines. Any amendment to the criteria will be published on the Paralympics New Zealand website.

Funding

5.2 The 2011 IPC Athletics World Championships is an athlete-funded event.

5.3 Athletes may receive funding for the 2011 IPC Athletics World Championships as indicated within their Paralympics 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 PNZ Investment Panel.

Meet Information

5.4 The number of officials/coaches accreditations authorised per team is limited to the number of participating athletes. Officials and Team Coaches will be accredited on this basis and named after the initial team selections.

5.5 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 IPC Athletics World Championships.

Team Manager/Coach/Staff

5.6 Management and support staff positions will be advertised in April 2010 and will to be appointed in May 2010. Team Coaches Expression of Interest (If deemed necessary by Paralympics New Zealand) will be advertised from in August 2010. Team coaches will be selected by after the initial team selections 1 September 2010.

5.7 The advertisement, application, and procedures for Team support selection for these positions can be found on the PNZ website.

6. 2011 IPC ATHLETICS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS PERFORMANCE STANDARDS :

The IPC have published the Entry Standards for Christchurch 2011 as follows: