

24-Hour Asia & Oceania Championships Selection Policy

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Event: 2026 IAU 24-Hour Asia & Oceania Championships

Location: Hirosaki City, Aomori Prefecture, Japan

Event Dates: 23–24 May 2026

Revision History

Date	Version	Author	Description
30 November 2025	1.0	Governance Officer	Initial creation of 3.1.1 24-Hour Asia & Oceania Championships Selection Policy to

1. Purpose and Relationship to AUTRA Policy

1.1 This policy sets out the specific selection criteria and processes for the Australian Ultra and Trail Runners' Association (AUTRA) team representing Australia at the 2026 IAU 24-Hour Asia & Oceania Championships in Hirosaki City, Aomori Prefecture, Japan. It must be read together with the 3.1 International Team Selection Policy (Version 3, 30 November 2025), the AUTRA Rules of Association, and other relevant AUTRA policies including the 3.2 Athletes Agreement – International Competition, 3.3 Crew Agreement – International Competition, and 3.9 Code of Conduct – International Competition. Where there is any inconsistency, the 3.1 International Team Selection Policy and AUTRA Rules prevail, except where AUTRA has expressly approved a variation for this Championship.

2. Event Overview

2.1 The 2026 IAU 24-Hour Asia & Oceania Championships is a 24-hour road/track ultramarathon conducted under the rules of the International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU) and the Local Organising Committee (LOC) in Hirosaki City. Athletes cover as much distance as possible in 24 hours, with individual and team medals awarded based on total distance in accordance with the IAU General Information Sheet (GIS) and competition rules.

3. Eligibility and Citizenship

3.1 To be eligible for selection, applicants must:

3.1.1 Be citizens of Australia at the time of application and for the entire Championship period.

3.1.2 Meet World Athletics Policy C3.2 "Eligibility to Represent a Member", as adopted by AUTRA, including any waiting periods and approvals required for athletes who have previously represented another country in National Representative or Other Relevant Competitions.

3.1.3 Satisfy any age or eligibility conditions set out by the IAU and LOC for this Championship.

3.2 Eligibility requirements in Sections 2 (Scope) and 4 (Representation Eligibility) of the 3.1 International Team Selection Policy apply in full to this Championship.

4. Application Process

4.1 Applicants must be current financial members of AUTRA in good standing at the time of application and throughout the Championship.

4.2 Applications must be submitted using the official AUTRA nomination form for the 2026 IAU 24-Hour Asia & Oceania Championships, including full race history and details of qualifying performances within the qualifying period.

4.3 A Championship participation levy (currently \$350) is payable by all selected athletes on notification of selection, and must be paid before any official team announcement is made. The levy amount and payment instructions will be confirmed to selected athletes.

4.4 Key dates (to be confirmed by AUTRA and published with this policy):

4.4.1 Nominations open: 5 January 2026

4.4.2 Nominations close: 18 January 2026

4.4.3 Provisional team announcement: on or before 15 February 2026

4.4.4 Final team confirmation / LOC Final Entry Form: on or before 22 April 2026

4.5 Athletes who are selected but subject to completing a fitness/performance test, an additional qualifying race, or providing a Sports Medical Physician report may be named in the provisional team as "pending" until those requirements are satisfied.

5. Qualifying Criteria – 24-Hour

5.1 Primary Qualifying Criteria

5.1.1 Athletes must achieve a National A, B or C 24-hour qualifier as per the Benchmark Qualifying Standards in Section 6, in an AUTRA-recognised event or IAU-labelled race within the qualifying period.

5.2 Secondary Qualifying Criteria

5.2.1 Where places remain after primary qualifiers are considered, or where exceptional circumstances apply, the Selection Committee may consider:

5.2.1.1 Other strong and recent performances in 24-hour, 12-hour or 100 km events.

5.2.1.2 Previous achievement of A/B/C 24-hour qualifiers outside the current qualifying window.

5.2.1.3 Demonstrated progression and performance consistency across multiple ultra-distance events.

5.3 Athletes who believe their ultra-distance results demonstrate readiness for this Championship, even if they narrowly miss the published qualifying distances, are encouraged to apply and provide supporting evidence.

5.4 Qualifying Period

5.4.1 Unless varied by AUTRA due to changes in the event date or LOC requirements:

5.4.1.1 Performances must be achieved within **24 months** of the Championship start date, i.e. from **23 May 2024** to the final nomination/entry cut-off for the 2026 Championship.

5.4.1.2 In addition, results from IAU 24-Hour World or Asia & Oceania Championships held in the preceding two calendar years may be considered as primary qualifiers, even if they fall slightly outside the 24-month window.

6. Benchmark Qualifying Standards – 24-Hour

6.1 The following standards apply to the 2026 IAU 24-Hour Asia & Oceania Championships:

6.1.1 24-Hour – Men

6.1.1.2 National A: \geq 240 km

6.1.1.3 National B: \geq 230 km

6.1.1.4 National C: \geq 220 km

6.1.2 24-Hour – Women

6.1.2.1 National A: \geq 220 km

6.1.2.2 National B: \geq 210 km

6.1.2.3 National C: \geq 200 km

6.2 Qualifying performances must be achieved in officially measured and timed 24-hour events. AUTRA will recognise IAU-labelled races and other events that meet appropriate technical and safety standards, as determined by the Selection Committee.

7. Team Size and Composition

7.1 Final team size is subject to IAU/LOC limits as set out in the official GIS for the 2026 Championship.

7.2 AUTRA anticipates selecting up to 12 men and 12 women, with the top 3 contributing to the team classification in accordance with IAU rules.

7.3 AUTRA may, at its discretion, select a smaller team than the maximum allowed number of athletes, based on available qualifiers, performance depth and budgetary or logistical considerations.

7.4 An athlete will only be considered for selection in the event(s) they have nominated in their application.

7.5 Subject to LOC rules on team size, the Selection Committee may exercise discretion to add further athletes to the team, provided those athletes meet the qualifying criteria or clearly demonstrate the capacity to perform at the required standard.

8. Selection Criteria – 24-Hour Emphasis

8.1 Achievement of a qualifying standard does not entitle an athlete to automatic selection.

8.2 In considering athletes for selection, the Selection Committee and AUTRA Committee will take into account (without limitation):

- 8.2.1** Quality of qualifying performance(s) relative to A/B/C standards.
- 8.2.2** Recent performance trajectory and consistency in 24-hour or similar events.
- 8.2.3** Previous performance representing Australia or other national teams at international championships.
- 8.2.4** Adherence to AUTRA's policies, including the Athletes Agreement and Code of Conduct, in past representation and AUTRA membership.
- 8.2.5** Any other matters deemed relevant, including team balance, health/medical considerations, and capacity to contribute to team performance.

8.3 A fitness/performance test and/or supplementary qualifying race may be required at AUTRA's discretion.

8.4 A Sports Medical Physician report may be required for any athlete where there are relevant health or injury concerns. Reports from physiotherapists, chiropractors or coaches will not substitute for a Sports Medical Physician report.

9. Funding and Costs

9.1 The Australian team for this Championship will be self-funded. Athletes are responsible for all costs associated with participation, including but not limited to airfares, ground transport, accommodation (beyond any IAU/LOC provision), entry fees, insurance, and additional uniforms.

9.2 Any IAU or LOC-funded accommodation or travel provisions for athletes, as defined in the Championship GIS, will be pooled and allocated by AUTRA to assist with team costs. Details will be communicated to selected athletes once confirmed by the IAU/LOC.

9.3 The Championship participation levy, as set out in Section 4, is payable by all selected athletes and forms part of the overall cost of representation.

9.4 Eligibility for any AUTRA performance bonus or incentive scheme will be advised separately; performance bonus structures are not part of the selection criteria.

10. Crew for the 24-Hour Asian & Oceania Championships

10.1 The maximum number of official crew members AUTRA may nominate will be determined in accordance with IAU/LOC limits for the 2026 Championship and advised once the GIS is finalised.

10.2 Crew applications will be invited from suitable individuals. Selection will take into account:

10.2.1 Previous 24-hour crewing experience.

10.2.2 Adherence to AUTRA policies in any previous international representation.

10.2.3 Capacity to support multiple athletes and to be present for the entire Championship period.

10.3 Crew members must sign and comply with the AUTRA Athletes Agreement and AUTRA Crew Agreement, and will be expected to assist with pre-race and post-race organisational duties as required.

11. Selection Process, Removal, Replacement and Appeals

11.1 The selection process for this Championship (including decision-making, communication of outcomes, and handling of disputes) will follow Sections 10–13 of the 3.1 International Team Selection Policy and the 2.5 Complaints, Disputes & Discipline Policy.

11.2 Any athlete who is removed from or withdraws from the team remains liable for costs as set out in the 3.1 International Team Selection Policy and the 3.2 Athletes Agreement – International Competition (including funding and accommodation provisions).

11.3 Appeals against selection decisions must be lodged in writing with the AUTRA Delegate (President) within 14 days of written notification of the selection outcome for this Championship. Appeals will be managed in accordance with the AUTRA Rules of Association, the 3.1 International Team Selection Policy, and the 2.5 Complaints, Disputes & Discipline Policy

12. Related Documents

- AUTRA Rules of Association
- 1.2 Conflict of Interest Policy
- 1.3 Document Retention & Recordkeeping Policy
- 1.6 Policy Review & Amendment Procedure
- 2.2 Child Safeguarding Policy
- 2.5 Complaints, Disputes & Discipline Policy
- 2.7 Whistleblower Policy
- 3.1 International Team Selection Policy
- 3.2 Athletes Agreement – International Competition
- 3.3 Crew Agreement – International Competition
- 3.8 Records – Criteria and Applications Policy
- 3.9 Code of Conduct – International Competition
- 5.4 Privacy and Data Protection Policy

Compliance Notice:

This policy is aligned with:

- AUTRA Rules of Association
- Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic)
- Sport Integrity Australia National Integrity Framework (as applicable to integrity and selection matters)
- World Athletics, IAU and Local Organising Committee rules for the 2026 IAU 24-Hour Asia & Oceania Championships
- Relevant AUTRA integrity, selection and member protection policies

Contact: For questions or feedback regarding this event-specific selection policy, contact the AUTRA Committee Secretary at

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