



AURA Policy: International Team Selection World & Asian Championships

The Australian Ultra Runners' Association (AURA) is officially endorsed by the International Association of Ultra Marathons (IAU) to select male and female teams to represent Australia at World and Asian ultra-distance events:

- 24hr
- 100km
- 50km

World & Asian Championships for 24hr and 100km are organised by the IAU biannually, 50km World Championships annually.

Application Process:

- Applications will open approximately 3 months prior to the scheduled Championship date (where possible).
- Applications will remain open for a minimum 2 weeks (where possible).
- Application periods will close with sufficient time for:
 - The selection process to be undertaken and completed.
 - A team announcement to be made a minimum of 2 months prior to the scheduled Championship date.
- Athletes who are selected subject to undertaking a fitness/performance test, qualifying race and/or required to provide a Sports Medical Physician report will be named in the initial team announcement as “pending” with their fitness/performance test, qualifying race and/or awaiting medical clearance noted.

Selection/Qualifying Criteria:

- Primary Qualifying Criteria:
 - Athletes who achieve a National A, B or C qualifier as per *Benchmark Qualifying table below.
(N.B. These athletes will be considered for selection in priority to other athletes applying for Team Selection).
- Secondary Qualifying Criteria:
 - Athletes who have not met the primary qualification criteria will be considered for selection if places are available. If athletes believe they have shown strong & recent results in road/track events or have previously met the primary qualifying criteria, they are encouraged to apply.
- Achievement of an A, B or C qualifier does not entitle an athlete to automatic selection.
- Achieving an A, B or C qualifier is only one of numerous prerequisites to be considered for selection by the Selection Committee and/or AURA Committee. Other factors considered, but not limited to include:

- Recent performance
 - Previous representation performance
 - Adherence to AURA's Policies (Athletes Agreement, Code of Conduct) whilst an AURA member and during any previous international representation.
 - Any other matter or thing deemed relevant by the Selection Committee and/or AURA Committee.
- A fitness/performance test and/or supplementary 'qualifying' race may be required upon request.
 - A Sports Medical Physician report may be required upon request. (N.B Reports/letters from Physiotherapists, Chiropractors and Coaches etc. do/will not suffice).
 - A performance which achieves a Benchmark Qualifier will only be valid where it is achieved within the following of the World or Asian Championship in question:
 - 24 months for 24hr events,
 - 20 months for 100km
 - 20 months for 50km
 - The qualifying period (24 months or 20 months) is fixed to the date of the World or Asian Championship event in question. In addition, results from World and Asian Championships held in the preceding 2 calendar years will be considered as primary qualifiers, even if they fall outside the 24 month or 20 month period.
 - Applicants must be citizens of Australia at the time of submitting their Application.
 - AURA has adopted World Athletics Policy C3.2 '*Eligibility to Represent a Member Rules in force from 1 November 2019*' which states:
 - 1.4 '*An athlete who has competed on behalf of the Country or Territory of a Member in a National Representative Competition or in any Other Relevant Competition shall not be eligible to represent another Member in a National Representative Competition.*
 - 1.4.2 '*Alternatively, an athlete may represent another Member with the approval of World Athletics, which approval shall be conditional upon:*
 - (i) *The athlete observing a **waiting period of three years** from the date that application for approval is made to World Athletics (during which period the athlete must not represent any other Member in National Representative Competition or compete in any Other relevant Competition) and*
 - (ii) *The athlete demonstrating that as at the end of the 3 year waiting period:*
 - a. *They are or will be ages twenty or over; and*
 - b. *They are or will be a Citizen of the Country or of the parent Country of the Territory which the Member represents; and*
 - c. *They are or will have a genuine, close, credible and established link to that Country or Territory (e.g. through Residence there)*
 - Therefore, as per World Athletics Policy C3.2: If an athlete has represented for another country in a World and/or Asian Championship, then the athlete is NOT eligible to *apply* to represent Australia (unless approval from World Athletics has been granted and/or a **3 year waiting period** is applied).
 - Applicants must be a current AURA financial member at the time of application, up to and throughout the Championship period.
 - Applicants can only be representative of the country/Federation they are competing for at the time of application, up to and throughout the Championship period.

Benchmark Qualifying Table:

	24hr Men	24hr Women	100km Men	100km Women	50km Men	50km Women
National A	240km	220km	<7:00	<8:30	<3:00	<3:30
National B	230km	210km	<7:20	<8:50	<3:05	<3:40
National C	230km	200km	<7:40	<9:10	<3:10	<3:50

Selection Process:

The AURA committee will on forward all applications to the Selection Committee as soon as possible after the Selection Period closes.

The Selection Committee will deliberate and provide their final Team selection via the Selection Committee Chairperson to the AURA Committee as soon as possible.

The Delegate (AURA President) will:

- Attempt to contact all athletes who applied >24 hours of the Team Announcement on social media (e.g. Facebook)
- Notify applicant/s where their submission has been successful.
- Notify applicant/s where their submission has been unsuccessful.
- Notify applicant/s where their submission is pending and will be reviewed if they:
 - Undertake a fitness/performance test, qualifying race and/or provide a Sports Medical Physician report.

All selections are made provisionally and at the discretion of the AURA Committee, can be revoked at any time.

Any disputes from athletes regarding the Selection Process and/or outcome/s are to contact the Delegate in the first instance. Athletes are **not** permitted at any time to contact any member of the Selection Committee.

Team Funding:

Athletes are responsible for all costs associated with their representation at the Championship, with some notable exceptions:

1. IAU accommodation provisions for athletes as per the General Information Sheet (GIS) relating to the event.
2. IAU funding provisions for individuals and teams as per the Championship General Information Sheet (GIS)
 - a. All IAU provisions (noted in above 2 points) whether individual or team will be pooled to cover the cost of team members.
The duration of AURA funding support will vary dependent on the Championship.
 - b. If the AURA budget has been fully allotted, team members that meet the criteria can be selected on the basis they pay any short fall in board provisions.
3. AURA will make the following payments to each selected *athlete* who starts the event, to assist with the costs associated with the event:
 - \$100 for 100km/50km championship
 - \$200 for 24hr championship

This payment will be made after the event and in conjunction with any bonus performance payments earned by the athlete.

4. AURA will provide the following payments to individuals who are selected to serve as *official crew* for the team throughout the Championship event:
 - i. \$100 for 100km/50km championship
 - ii. \$200 for 24hr championship
 - b. An application process will be available for individuals to nominate as crew.
 - c. Crew are expected to assist a minimum of two and maximum of three athletes in any given event and remain available for the duration of the event.
 - d. Crew may also be required to assist for up to 6 hours prior and post Championship race due to organisational requirements.
 - e. Where possible, crew members may also be utilized in support roles (e.g. ferry between accommodation/event, provision of meals for crew, photography/video, etc.)
 - f. For 100km & 50km events, a maximum of three crew only will be selected due to reduced needs and access to athletes on the course.
5. Performance bonus payments will be made after the Championship if the following distances or times are achieved:

	\$150	\$300	\$500	\$750
50km				
Men	<3:10	<3:05	<2:55	<2:45
Women	<3:40	<3:30	<3:20	<3:10
100km				
Men	<7:30	<7:10	<6:50	<6:30
Women	<8:30	<8:10	<7:50	<7:30
24hr				
Men	>220km	>235km	>250km	>265km
Women	>200km	>215km	>230km	>245km

6. Athletes invited by the selection committee and/or Committee to attend in addition to the already selected Team may not share in the IAU/AURA funding, however will be eligible for performance bonuses.
7. Athletes choosing not to utilise IAU/AURA provided accommodation options may not be eligible for any individual/team grant funding or subsequent performance bonuses (where their performance may have otherwise achieved this).
8. AURA will make the following payments to individuals who are selected to serve as the official Team Manager and fulfil this duty for the entirety of the Championship:
 - a. International 24H, 100km & 50km events: \$1,500
 - b. For Domestic 24H, 100km & 50km events: \$750
 - c. The Team Manager's accommodation cost at the Team Hotel for the allocated nights will be paid for by AURA in full.

Team Uniform:

1. A uniform will be provided at no cost to the athlete.
 - Where uniforms are in good condition they are expected to be utilized for future international representation.
 - Some basic team gear will be supplied to crew for use during the event.
2. For first time Athletes, supplied uniform at no cost to be.
 - Team jacket, team black pants, team polo shirt plus choice of either race shirt or race singlet.
3. For returning Athletes, one item supplied at no cost to be.
 - Choice of either team polo shirt, race shirt or race singlet.
4. Extra team uniform items may be purchased at time of order at athlete's expense.

Team Member Responsibilities:

AURA expects selected team members will give priority to preparing for the Championship and will abide by the following AURA Policies:

- Athletes Agreement: International Competition
- Athletes Code of Conduct: International Competition

Team Manager Selection:

For each Championship (24hr, 100km, 50km worlds or Asian), AURA may choose to appoint a person in the role of Team Manager.

The Team Manager will be selected and/or appointed by the AURA committee after the team application process and announcement has been made.

Upon selection, the team manager's role will be to work with the AURA committee in supporting the team and runners in the lead up to and during the championships.

Selection Committee:

- The Selection Committee will be made of up to five current AURA members.
- Applications for the committee will be sought at the discretion of the Committee, which is usually either annually or biannually in June.
- The Committee will make appointments after the nominations have been open for one week.
- Successful applicants will be notified of the appointment via email.
- Selection Committee appointments will be for either 1 or 2 years with no split rotation. It is at the discretion of the AURA Committee as to whether the Selection Committee appointments are for 1 or 2 years.
- The AURA Committee has the right to appoint members to the Selection Committee for a 2 year period and at any time alter that appointment to a 1 year period.
- Notwithstanding that a member has been appointed to the Selection Committee, the AURA Committee may at any time remove that member at its discretion.
- Immediately after each selection process and subsequent appointments, the five selectors will appoint one of their members as the selection committee Chairperson for the same 1 year or 2 year period.
- Any selector that has a vested interest in any athlete applying for selection (e.g. coach - running coach, mindset coach, mentor physio, specialist, etc.) must step aside for the selection in question due to a conflict of interest.

Selection Committee Chairperson:

- Liaison with the Committee regarding selection processes and guidelines.
- Coordination of National Team selections with the other selection committee members
- Ensure the selection process is conducted in a timely manner and communicated to the Committee including the Delegate by the required deadline.

Official Crew:

- An application process will be available for individuals to nominate as official crew.
- Crew are expected to assist a minimum of two and maximum of three athletes.
- Crew must be available for the entire duration of the Championship.
- Crew may also be required to assist for up to 6 hours prior and post Championship race due to organisational requirements.
- Where possible, crew members may also be utilized in support roles (e.g. ferry between accommodation/event, provision of meals for crew, photography/video, etc.)
- For 100km & 50km events, a maximum of three crew will be selected, subject to LOC guidelines.
- For 24hr Championships, a maximum of six crew will be selected, subject to LOC guidelines.

Delegate:

- The Delegate for International World & Asian Selections is the AURA President.
- In the event of the Presidents absence or unavailability, the Delegation will fall to the AURA Vice President.
- Communicate with all athletes who have applied for team selection, including advice of successful selection and unsuccessful selection.
- It is at the discretion of the Delegate if advice of international selection is provided to the athlete via phone and/or email.
- The first point of contact for any athlete disputes regarding all Team selections.

Policy Changes:

- All policies are subject to change at anytime
- The committee can / will update or amend AURA policies at their discretion.

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