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1. Overview

- 1.1 This selection policy (**Selection Policy**) sets out the basis on which Athletics Australia will select its representative team (**Team**) for the 2025 World Mountain and Trail Running Championships in Canfranc-Pirineos, Spain, 25 – 28 September 2025 (the **Event**).
- 1.2 This is a self-funded representative team and doesn't form part of Athletics Australia's High Performance program.
- 1.3 This Team is a collaboration between Athletics Australia and the Australian Ultra and Trail Runners' Association (AUTRA). As a Member Federation of World Athletics, Athletics Australia has responsibility for the nomination of the Team to the Event.
- 1.4 The general Team selection philosophy is to select individuals that will be competitive at the Event. Where a sufficient number of athletes are of a suitable standard within a discipline, so as to be competitive individually within the Event, AA will endeavour to select enough athletes to form a team within a particular discipline (refer to clause 2).
- 1.5 This Selection Policy will, when approved by the Athletics Australia Chief Executive Officer (or their delegate), constitute Nomination or Selection Criteria (as defined in the Athletics Australia By-Laws) in respect of the nomination/selection of individuals or teams for the Event.

2. Team Selection Summary

Team Selection Philosophy	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To provide athletes across the spectrum of ultra, trail and mountain running disciplines an opportunity to represent Australia at the combined World Mountain and Trail Running Championships.2. To select individual athletes that have the ability to finish in the top 50% of the field in their respective discipline.3. To select a strong representative team capable of top 5 team performances.4. To provide international team experience for emerging athletes.
Event Disciplines	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mountain running (both up and up/down)2. Long distance trail running (short and long events)
Trial	There will be no specific trial for any event disciplines. For the up/down mountain events, performances at the 2025 Australian Mountain Running Championships will be considered along with other relevant events.
Qualifying Period Start	1 April 2024
Qualifying Period End	31 March 2025
No Automatic Selection	There will be no automatic selections for any event disciplines. All selections will be discretionary.



Discretionary Selection	<p>1. Mountain Running Performances over events of relevant distance, terrain or difficulty, including the 2025 Australian Mountain Running Championships to be held at Cleland, Adelaide on the 16th March 2025. Consideration will also be given to performances at the kunanyi Vertical Kilometre to be held in Hobart, Tasmania on 28 March 2025.</p> <p>2. Short Trail Race Performances over events of relevant distance, terrain or difficulty during the qualifying period.</p> <p>3. Long Trail Race Performances over events of relevant distance, terrain or difficulty during the qualifying period.</p>
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3. Selection Philosophy

Athletes who are eligible to be selected for the Event will be considered for selection in accordance with the Team Selection Philosophy as outlined in clause 2.

4. Athlete Eligibility Criteria

Only those athletes who qualify according to this clause will be eligible for selection in the Team:

- 4.1 Be a citizen of Australia. For the avoidance of doubt, Australian permanent residency is not acceptable. Athletes must hold or be eligible for an Australian passport;
- 4.2 Be eligible to be selected as an athlete in a representative team pursuant to the Athletics Australia By-Laws;
- 4.3 Be a current registered and financial member of Athletics Australia through their Member Associations; namely Capital Athletics, Athletics NSW, Athletics Northern Territory, Queensland Athletics, Athletics South Australia, Athletics Tasmania, Athletics Victoria or Athletics West and:
 - 4.3.1 In addition to 4.3, for short and long trail events only, hold a membership with the [Australian Ultra and Trail Runners' Association](#).
- 4.4 An Athlete must maintain their membership of an Athletics Australia Member Association throughout their participation in the Team to remain eligible to represent Australia on an Athletics Australia Team.
- 4.5 Satisfy all participation/eligibility rules of the governing body for the Event;
- 4.6 Meet the minimum age of eligibility as determined by the governing body for the Event;
- 4.7 Complete and submit the online nomination form (which may be found at www.athletics.com.au) for each event discipline in which the athlete is seeking



selection. The form must be submitted no later than 3 April 2025 as per 5.9.1.

- 4.8 Be and remain in 'good standing' with Athletics Australia and at all times comply with Athletics Australia's Code of Conduct and conduct themselves in a way that does not bring themselves, their sport or the Team into disrepute. Athletics Australia may consider past and present behavioural conduct in determining whether an athlete is in 'good standing'. If Athletics Australia determines that an athlete is not in 'good standing', Athletics Australia may in its absolute discretion choose not to select that athlete;
- 4.9 Commit to signing and/or abiding by any Athletics Australia Team Agreement, Code of Conduct and other relevant Athletics Australia policies and procedures as reasonably directed from time to time;
 - 4.9.1 Additionally, for short and long trail Athletes:
 - 4.9.1.1 Be and remain in 'good standing' with AUTRA and conduct themselves in a way that does not bring themselves, their sport or the Team into disrepute.
 - 4.9.1.2 Commit to signing and/or abiding by the [AUTRA Athletes Agreement](#) and the [AUTRA Athletes Code of Conduct](#).
- 4.10 Commit to completing all expected education courses, including but not limited to the following online courses accessed via the Sport Integrity Australia eLearning platform, and any other integrity education requirements Athletics Australia sets from time to time as part of the Athletics Australia National Integrity Framework:
 1. Anti-Doping Fundamentals Course
 2. Competition Manipulation and Sports Betting
 3. Child Safeguarding in Sport Induction
 4. Introduction to Illicit Drugs in Sport
- 4.11 Agree to comply with any pre-Championships preparation policy which may include the requirement to prove form and fitness to compete in the Event; and
- 4.12 Agree to prioritise their performance at the 2025 World Mountain and Trail Running Championships above all other events, including not participating in other events in close proximity to the 2025 World Mountain and Trail Running Championships that would negatively impact performance;
 - 4.12.1 For the avoidance of doubt, for short and long trail events, Athletics Australia has adopted the timeframes recommended by the Australian Ultra and Trail Runners' Associations as outlined in the table in 7.1.6.1.
- 4.13 The rules of the governing body applicable to the Event can be found here: <https://www.worldathletics.org/about-iaaf/documents/book-of-rules>

5. Selection Procedure

5.1 Team Size and Event Entry Criteria



- 5.1.1 Pursuant to the rules of the governing body applicable to this Event, Athletics Australia may select:
1. Uphill Open Mountain Races (Men and Women) – up to 4 athletes (3 to score)
 2. Up/Down Open Mountain Races (Men and Women) – up to 4 athletes (3 to score)
 3. Up/Down Junior Mountain Races (Men and Women) – up to 4 athletes (3 to score)
 4. Long Trail Races (Men and Women) – up to 6 athletes (3 to score)
 5. Short Trail Races (Men and Women) – up to 6 athletes (3 to score)
- 5.1.2 In line with the selection criteria and selection philosophy contained within this Selection Policy, Athletics Australia may elect to select and send a Team smaller than the maximum available number of athlete slots available per country in each of the categories outlined in 5.1.1.
- 5.1.2.1 Based on prior performance levels and in line with the Team Selection Policy, Athletics Australia anticipates that it will send a smaller team than in previous editions of the World Mountain and Trail Running Championships.
- 5.1.3 An eligible athlete may compete in both the Uphill and Up/Down Mountain Running Championships as long as they have been selected for that Event discipline in accordance with this Selection Policy, including 5.1.4.
- 5.1.4 An Athlete may only be considered for selection in an event or events that they have nominated for as part of the Team Nomination process.

5.2 Performance Standards

- 5.2.1 Where selection applies, Athletes will only be selected if considered to be capable of finishing within the top 50% of the field in their Event discipline, except where 5.2.2 or 5.2.3 applies.
- 5.2.2 Where an Athlete's performance levels don't satisfy 5.2.1, and in the opinion of the Selection Committee, that Athlete would benefit from international team experience for future editions of the World Mountain and Trail Running Championships or another International team, the selectors may exercise discretionary selection, provided that the Athlete will still be competitive at the 2025 World Mountain and Trail Running Championships.
- 5.2.3 Where an Athlete's performance levels don't satisfy 5.2.1, but their selection would, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, contribute to a top 5 team performance, the selectors may exercise discretionary selection.



5.3 Qualification Period

All Selection Standard Performances must be achieved between the following dates:

Events	Qualifying Start	Qualifying End
Uphill Mountain Race Up/Down Mountain Races Short Trail Race Long Trail Race	1 April 2024	12:00 (Australian Eastern [Daylight Time]) on Monday 31 March 2025

5.4 Eligible Selection Standard

5.4.1 Mixed Events:

Performances achieved in mixed events, will be accepted for all Championship events.

5.5 No Automatic Selection

5.5.1 There will be no selection trial or automatic selection for any event disciplines. All selections will be discretionary.

5.6 Selection at the Discretion of the Selection Committee

5.6.1 Subject to the rules of the governing body of the Event relating to the number of athletes who may be selected for each event discipline and for the Team overall, the Selection Committee will exercise discretion to select further athletes to the Team. This discretion will be exercised in line with the Athletics Australia Selection Philosophy. This discretion is absolute and need not be exercised.

5.6.2 In order to be eligible for discretionary selection, athletes must meet the eligibility criteria set out in section 4;

5.6.3 Without limiting its discretion, the Selection Committee may consider any factor, or combination of factors that, in its opinion, is relevant for consideration when selecting athletes for the Team, including without limitation those factors listed in the Selection Philosophy in clause 2 to identify priority athletes.

5.7 Selection Meeting

The Selection Committee will meet to determine the athletes who will be selected in the Team for the Event as follows:

5.7.1 Composition of the Selection Committee

The Selection Committee for the Event will be made up of two representatives of each of the following organisations:

1. Athletics Australia (or its delegated representative[s])



2. Australian Ultra and Trail Runners' Association (or its delegated representative[s])

5.8 Selection Process

The Selection Committee will select the Team as follows:

- 5.8.1 Discretionary selection of nominated athletes as per 5.6.

5.9 Nomination of athletes

- 5.9.1 Athletes must nominate via the Athletics Australia nomination portal before 16:00 (Australian Eastern [Standard/Time]) on Wednesday 2 April 2025.
- 5.9.2 The nomination of any athlete to participate as a member of the Team for the Event is at the absolute discretion of Athletics Australia.

6. Further Obligations after Selection

Athletes selected in the Team for the Event pursuant to this Selection Policy must:

- 6.1 Undertake any medical assessments and testing requested by the Athletics Australia Chief Medical Officer, or their delegate, and disclose to the Athletics Australia Chief Medical Officer, or their delegate, any relevant medical history and known medical condition or issue that may be or become relevant to participation in the Team;
- 6.2 Adhere to all anti-doping protocols, policies, and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by applicable anti-doping rules, including the Athletics Australia Anti-Doping Policy and the anti-doping rules of the governing body of the Event;
- 6.3 Sign an Athletics Australia Team Agreement and the Athletics Australia Code of Conduct governing their selection in the Team and participation in the Event;
- 6.4 Noting that this is a self-funded Team, pay any applicable fees and charges relating to their participation in the Event including, but not limited to airfares, ground transport, accommodation, entry fees, uniforms, insurance, and costs associated with the provision of Team staff by Athletics Australia. A team levy will apply and will be payable by all selected athletes.
- 6.5 If requested, pay a non-refundable deposit to Athletics Australia prior to Athletics Australia entering you in the Event. This deposit will be deducted from the final invoice for costs of your participation in the Event.
- 6.6 Stay with the Team in the Team accommodation allocated by the Event Organisers during the Event period. For the avoidance of doubt, selected athletes will be expected and required to stay in the Australian Team accommodation during the Event. Additional accommodation nights either side of the Team accommodation will need to be sourced and paid for directly by each athlete should they require accommodation outside of the designated Event window.



7. Removal of Athletes

- 7.1 A selected athlete may be removed from the Team for any of the following reasons:
- 7.1.1 A voluntary withdrawal notified in writing by the athlete to Athletics Australia;
 - 7.1.2 Injury or illness certified by a medical practitioner approved by Athletics Australia;
 - 7.1.3 A violation of the athlete's Team Agreement or the Athletics Australia Code of Conduct;
 - 7.1.4 The athlete's eligibility status changes so that the athlete is ineligible to participate in the Event; and/or
 - 7.1.5 The athlete's event is removed from the Event program.
 - 7.1.6 The Athlete competes in another event in close proximity to the World Mountain and Trail Running Championships that, in the opinion of Athletics Australia, will render the athlete unable to perform at their best at the World Mountain and Trail Running Championships.
 - 7.1.6.1 For athletes selected in the short and long trail races, the following table, developed by the Australian Ultra and Trail Runners' Association, shows the minimum expected clearance period for racing leading into the Event:

	Long Trail	Short Trail
100 Miles	No less than 10 -12 weeks	No less than 10 weeks
100km	No less than 8 – 10 weeks	No less than 8 - 10 weeks
50km	No less than 6 weeks	No less than 6 weeks
>50km	No less than 4 weeks	No less than 4 weeks

- 7.1.6.2 If in doubt, selected athletes should contact Athletics Australia prior to their participation in a lead up event.
- 7.1.7 Failure to pay any applicable fees and charges related to their participation in the Event prior to their departure from Australia to attend the Event.
- 7.1.8 An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to an appeal in accordance with By-Law 8 of the Athletics Australia By-Laws.

8. Replacement of Athletes

- 8.1 Replacement athletes will be determined in accordance with the following process:
- 8.1.1 If the replacement athlete is to be determined prior to nominating Team names, the replacement athlete will be selected based on the selection procedure set out in Section 5.
 - 8.1.2 If the replacement athlete is to be determined after nominating Team names to the governing body of the Event, the replacement athlete will be nominated subject to the eligibility and nomination rules set out by the governing body of the Event and selected based on the selection procedure set out in Section 5.



8.2 Athletics Australia reserves its right, at its absolute discretion, not to replace any withdrawn athletes.

9. Selection Appeal Process

9.1 The selection appeal process can be found in the Athletics Australia By-Laws (section 8) available at www.athletics.com.au.

9.2 Where an eligible matter is referred to a Selection Appeal Tribunal, the General Division of the National Sport Tribunal may act as the Selection Appeal Tribunal upon the agreement of both parties to the appeal.

9.3 Athletics Australia will notify athletes where this is the case, however those seeking to appeal should make themselves aware of the National Sports Tribunal process (found [HERE](#)) and the potential additional costs involved to further their appeal;

9.4 In the event of a selection appeal, the applicant shall be responsible for any applicable fees and their own costs associated with an appeal.

10. Amendment to Policy

10.1 This Policy may be amended at any time by Athletics Australia if it is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary as a result of any change to the participation/eligibility rules of the governing body for the Event, to give effect to the Policy following discovery of a drafting error or oversight, or for any other reason determined to be in the best interests of Athletics Australia. Athletics Australia shall not be responsible or liable in any way to any one as a result of any such amendment.