EUROPEAN YOUTH OLYMPIC FESTIVAL: JULY 26th - August 1st 2015  TBILISI GEORGIA

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1. ENTRY CONDITIONS:
1.1 Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by the IAAF, its Area Associations or its Member Federations.
1.2 Performances must be achieved during an official competition organised in conformity with IAAF Rules.
1.3 Performances achieved in mixed competitions in track events will not be accepted.
1.4 Wind-assisted performances over (over 2m/sec) will not be accepted.
1.5 Indoor performances will be accepted.
1.6 For the running events of 200m and over, performances achieved on oversized tracks will not be accepted.

2. ENTRY RULES:
2.1 Athletics Ireland is entitled to enter one (1) competitor in each event of the competition.
NOTE: There is a limit set by Olympic Council of Ireland of 16 (including relay(s)) as the size of the team that will be selected for this event
2.2 Only athletes born in 1999 or before July 1st 2000 will be selected to compete in the European Youth Olympic Festival 2015.

3. NOMINATION/SELECTION PHILOSOPHY:
3.1 Athletics Ireland recognises the importance of the European Youth Olympic Festival (EYOF) in the development of the next generation of junior international athletes. The Performance Guideline Standards set reflect a desire to develop young athletes and give them the opportunity to be competitive at this international level.
3.2 In the interest of long term athlete welfare, Athletics Ireland will only consider athletes under 18 years of age (U18) to be eligible to compete at one major championship in 2015 (either the World Youth Championships or the European Youth Olympics Festival. Only in exceptional circumstances may an athlete be considered for both).

4. SELECTION PROCESS:
Participation Criteria
4.1 Nothing in this Policy obliges Athletics Ireland to nominate a full contingent of one (1) in any particular event regardless of the Entry Rules or the Performance Guideline Standards. Athletics Ireland will nominate its Team to the Olympic Council of Ireland according to the criteria set out in this Policy as allowed by Entry Rules.
Eligibility

4.2 In order to be eligible for selection all athletes must:
   4.2.1 Fill out a National Team Declaration Form (NTDF) on Athletics Ireland High Performance website before 15th May 2015
   4.2.2 Be in possession of a full IRISH passport that is valid until at least 2/2016.
   4.2.3 Satisfy all IAAF eligibility, nationality and LOC participation rules.
   4.2.4 Be a registered member of Athletics Ireland.
   4.2.5 Remain in “good standing” with Athletics Ireland 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 Guideline Standards

4.3 Athletics Ireland has set its own Performance Guideline Standards for the purposes of this Nomination/Selection Policy. As a guide for nomination, Athletics Ireland’s Performance Guideline Standards for each of the events to be conducted at the 2015 European Youth Olympic Festival are set out in clause 6. Achieving the Performance Guideline Standard does not guarantee automatic right of nomination.

Qualification Period

4.4 Athletics Ireland’s has set the Qualification Period in which the Performance Guidelines Standards must be achieved. Nominations will be based on performances (for all events) during the period of 1st January 2015 to 14th June 2015.

General Nomination Criteria

4.5 The Selection Panel may “exercise their sole discretion” to nominate an athlete(s) or relay team that meets with the eligibility and entry rules of the 2015 EYOF and as stipulated in this Selection Policy.

4.6 Where there are more athletes that have achieved the selection criteria in this policy beyond the maximum entry limit in any one event, the Selectors will have sole discretion to decide which of the athlete(s) is to be nominated.

Individual Nomination/Selection Criteria

4.7 For an athlete to be considered for nomination and selection to the 2015 European Youth Olympic Festival it is expected that the athlete achieve a Performance Guideline Standard (clause 6) within the Qualifying Period. An athlete should endeavour to better the required Performance Guideline Standard on more than one occasion and should demonstrate throughout the season, his or her ability to perform consistently close to the Performance Guideline Standard.

After Selection

4.8 All nominated athletes must be cleared as “Fit to Compete” by Athletics Ireland medical team. All nominations are to remain conditional until proof of fitness to compete is confirmed.

4.9 An athlete who enters the Athletics Ireland Team Camp and/or the 2015 European Youth Olympic Festival village will be subject to an injury evaluation/assessment by the championship Team Management staff. The injury evaluation/assessment will be carried out by the OCI EYOF Medical Team.

   4.9.1 If as a result of such injury evaluation/assessment the Team Physio, Team Management staff, or Team Leader/Manager 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 Team Leader/Manager will have the sole discretion to recommend the withdrawal of the athlete from the competition to the Chef de Mission.
   4.9.2 An athlete who is found to have breached any Athletics Ireland, OCI, IAAF or other relevant code of conduct may be withdrawn from the competition or have their accreditation withdrawn on the recommendation of the Team Leader/Manager to the Chef de Mission

Selectors Meetings

4.10 Selectors meetings will be held to select athletes as follows:
   4.10.1 Final nominations all events will be on 18th June 2015.
   4.10.2 Final selections will be confirmed and announced by the OCI.
Nomination Queries

4.11 Athletes can query (i.e. seek clarification regarding nomination and/or requirements regarding what they need to do to meet nomination/selection policy requirements) with the Athletics Ireland Selectors or High Performance Director.

Non-Nomination/Selection Appeals Process

4.12 Any athlete who is not nominated in accordance with this Selection Policy may appeal their non-selection to Athletics Ireland providing they:

   A. Have submitted an NTDF in accordance with timelines contained in this Selection Policy and;
   B. Submit a notice of their intention to appeal their non-selection in writing to the CEO of Athletics Ireland or the Athletics Ireland High Performance Director within 24 hours of the selection decision published on the Athletics Ireland website (i.e. the Selection Announcement).

4.13 The sole ground of appeal against the decision of any selection panel will be that there has been a failure to follow the applicable selection criteria. The non-selection appeal should target aspects of the Selection Policy that have not been adhered to and therefore have culminated in their non-selection.

4.14 The Selection Appeals Procedure can be found on the calendar pages of Athletics Ireland HP website.

5. GENERAL INFORMATION:

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

Meet Information

5.3 The number of officials/coaches accreditations authorised per team is limited. Officials and Team Coaches (if deemed necessary) will be accredited on this basis and named after the team selections.

5.4 Selected athletes’ personal coaches/family outside of the selected “Official Irish Team” will be responsible for their own travel, accommodations, tickets, and accreditations for the 2015 European Youth Olympic Festival.
6. PERFORMANCE GUIDELINE STANDARDS:

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¹ Performances in 300m will be considered for qualification for girls 400m

² Performances for 300mH will be considered for qualification for girls 400mH
IAAF WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS: 15-19 JULY CALI, COLUMBIA 2015

OVERVIEW
Athletics Ireland is committed to providing talented young athletes with appropriate competition opportunities, such as the IAAF World Youth Championships, to assist them in their progression towards representing Ireland with success at senior level at major international competitions such as the Olympic Games and World Championships. Athletics Ireland does not see events such as the IAAF World Youth Championships as an opportunity to merely expose young athletes to international competitions. Athletics Ireland considers the IAAF World Youth Championships to be an elite event and therefore Athletics Ireland requires the highest standards of performance from athletes in order to be selected for the Team.

*In the interest of long term athlete welfare, Athletics Ireland will only consider athletes under 18 years of age (U18) to be eligible to compete at one major championship in 2015 (either the World Youth Championships or the European Youth Olympics Festival or the European Junior Championships --only in exceptional circumstances may an athlete be considered for more than one).

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1. CONDITIONS:
1.1 Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by the IAAF, its Area Associations or its Member Federations.
1.2 Performances must be achieved during an official competition organised in conformity with IAAF Rules.
1.3 Performances achieved in mixed competitions in track events will not be accepted (except for Race Walks).
1.4 Wind-assisted performances over (over 2m/sec) will not be accepted.
1.5 Indoor performances will be accepted.
1.6 For the running events of 200m and over, performances achieved on oversized tracks will not be accepted.
1.7 In the case of race walks, road performances (5km or 10km) will be accepted.

2. ENTRY RULES:

Age Requirements
2.1 Only athletes aged 16 or 17 on 31 December in the year of the competition (born in 1998 or 1999) may compete.

Individual Events
2.2 Member Federations may enter a maximum of two (2) athletes per Individual Event other than the exception of Medley Relays (see below).
2.3 The maximum number of events that an athlete can compete in is two (2) Individual Events plus a Relay.
2.4 If the two (2) Individual Events are track events, then only one (1) race may be longer than 200m.

Relay
2.5 Member Federations may enter one (1) team for the Mixed Relay Event comprised of a maximum of six (6) athletes. Any four (4) athletes two(2) boys and two(2) girls among those entered for the Championships, whether for the Mixed Relay Team or for any other Individual Event, may then be used in the composition of a Medley Relay Team for the first round.
3. **SELECTION PHILOSOPHY:**

3.1 To achieve our High Performance vision of “more athletes winning on the world stage” Athletics Ireland has set the Performance Standards for the 2015 IAAF World Youth Championships, where an athlete and/or relay team selected to compete, will be expected to obtain a podium or a top 8 finish.

4. **SELECTION PROCESS:**

**Participation Criteria**

4.1 Nothing in this Policy obliges Athletics Ireland to select a full contingent of athletes in any particular event regardless of the Entry Rules or the Performance Standards. Athletics Ireland will select its Team according to the criteria set out in this Policy as allowed by Entry Rules. **Achieving a Performance Standard gives no right or guarantee of selection.**

**Eligibility**

4.2 In order to be eligible for selection all athletes must:

   4.2.1 Fill out a [National Team Declaration Form](#) on Athletics Ireland High Performance website before 1 June 2015.

   4.2.2 Satisfy all IAAF eligibility, nationality and LOC participation rules.

   4.2.3 Be a registered member of Athletics Ireland.

   4.2.4 Remain in “good standing” with Athletics Ireland 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 Athletics Ireland has set its own Performance Standards for the purposes of this Selection Policy. Athletics Ireland’s Performance Standards for each of the events to be conducted at the 2015 IAAF World Youth Championships are set out in clause 6.

**Qualification Period**

4.4 Athletics Ireland has set the Qualification Period in which the Performance Standards must be achieved. Selection will be based on performances (for all events) during the Qualification Period of 1 October 2014 to 6 July 2015.

**General Selection Criteria**

4.5 The Selection Panel may “exercise their sole discretion” to select an athlete(s) or relay team that meets with the eligibility and entry rules of the 2015 IAAF World Youth Championships and as stipulated in this Selection Policy.

4.6 Where there are more athletes that have achieved the selection criteria in this policy beyond the maximum entry limit in any one event, the Selectors will have sole discretion to decide which of the athlete(s) is to be selected.

**Individual Selection Criteria**

4.7 An athlete will be considered for selection to the 2015 IAAF World Youth Championships if they achieve one (1) Performance Standards within the Qualifying Period for their particular event and be performing close to that standard during the 2015 outdoor track season.

**Relay Teams**

4.8 Athletics Ireland will consider selection of a “Relay Team” for the Championships if the Selectors feel the Relay Team can achieve a top 8 finish. The final selection and pool of athletes for the Championships will be made by the appointed/designated relay coach or team leader/manager.

**After Selection**

4.9 For the purposes of clarity, it is the intended operation of this Policy that all selections in the Team remain conditional up and through the championships given the athlete shows form and fitness and meets with the conditions in this policy.

4.9.1 Form and fitness is proven by the athlete achieving a performance/result prior to the championships that is close/better than the published Performance Standards set in (clause 6).

4.9.2 Failure by a selected athlete to show form and fitness prior to the Championships will, at the discretion of the Selectors, High Performance Director and/or Team Manager result in an athlete who has been initially selected to the team being withdrawn.
4.10 An athlete who enters the Athletics Ireland Team Camp and/or the 2015 IAAF World Youth 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 Athletics Ireland’s Physio (or appointed Team Physio).

4.10.1 If as a result of such injury evaluation/assessment the Team Physio, Team Management staff (Team Leader/Manager) considers 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 Team Leader/Manager will have the sole discretion to withdraw the athlete from the competition.

4.10.2 An athlete who is found to have breached any Athletics Ireland, IAAF, LOC or other relevant code of conduct may be withdrawn from the competition at the sole discretion of the Team Leader/Manager.

Selectors Meetings
4.11 Selectors meetings will be held to select athletes as follows:

4.11.1 Final selections for all events will be on 6 July 2015.

Selection Queries
4.12 Athletes can query (i.e. seek clarification regarding selection and/or requirements regarding what they need to do to meet selection requirements) with the Athletics Ireland Selectors or High Performance Director.

Non-Selection Appeals Process
4.13 The publishing of the selected athletes (Selection Announcement) or when an athlete is informed of the selection decision (whichever is first) will be deemed the commencement of the 24 hour period to lodge non-Selection Appeals in accord with this Selection Policy.

4.14 Any athlete who is not selected in accordance with this Selection Policy may appeal their non-selection to Athletics Ireland providing they:

A. Have submitted an NTDF in accordance with timelines contained in this Selection Policy and;
B. Submit a notice of their intention to appeal their non-selection in writing to the CEO of Athletics Ireland or the Athletics Ireland High Performance Director within 24 hours of the selection decision published on the Athletics Ireland website (i.e. the Selection Announcement).

4.15 The sole ground of appeal against the decision of any selection panel will be that there has been a failure to follow the applicable selection criteria. The non-selection appeal should target aspects of the Selection Policy that have not been adhered to and therefore have culminated in their non-selection.

4.16 The Selection Appeals Procedure can be found on the calendar pages of Athletics Ireland HP website.

5. GENERAL INFORMATION:

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

Meet Information
5.3 The number of accreditations authorised per team is limited overall to the number of participating athletes. Team Support Staff will be accredited on this basis and informed after the team selections.

5.4 Selected athletes’ personal coaches/family outside of the selected “Official Irish Team” will be responsible for their own travel, accommodations, tickets, and accreditations for the 2015 IAAF World Youth Championships.
6. **Athletics Ireland - Performance Standards:**  

**Performance Standards Rationale**  

6.1 The rationale for setting the standards for this Selection Policy is based on our High Performance vision and our selection philosophy. Athletics Ireland Performance Standards were created by:

A. The statistics and results from the previous IAAF World Youth Championships targeting athletes who can obtain a podium or a top 8 finish.

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SELECTION POLICY

EUROPEAN ATHLETICS JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS: 16-19 JULY ESKILSTUNA SWEDEN 2015

OVERVIEW
Athletics Ireland is committed to providing talented young athletes with appropriate competition opportunities, such as the European Junior Championships, to assist them in their progression towards representing Ireland with success at senior level at major international competitions such as the Olympic Games, European and World Championships. Athletics Ireland does not see events such as the European Athletics Junior Championships as an opportunity to merely expose young athletes to international competitions. Athletics Ireland considers the European Athletics Junior Championships to be an elite event and therefore Athletics Ireland requires the highest standards of performance from athletes in order to be selected in the team.

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1. CONDITIONS:
1.1 Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by the IAAF, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations. Thus, results achieved at university or school competitions must be certified by the National Federation of the country in which the competition was organized.
1.2 Performances must be achieved in bona fide competition (either indoors or outdoors) organised in conformity with IAAF Rules.
1.3 Performances achieved in mixed events (between male and female participants), held completely in the stadium, shall not be accepted as entry standards.
1.4 Wind assisted performances will not be accepted; (For the combined events the conditions set in IAAF Rule 260.27 [version 2009] will still be applied for qualification purposes, so either the average velocity (based on the algebraic sum of the wind velocities, as measured for each individual event, divided by the number of such events) shall not exceed plus 2 m/s or the wind velocity in any individual event shall not exceed plus 4 m/s.

2. ENTRY RULES:
2.1 Athletics Ireland can enter three (3) competitors in each event of the Championships, provided all have achieved the corresponding entry standard.
2.2 Athletics Ireland can enter one (1) relay team in each relay event. Up to 6 (six) athlete may be entered for each relay. From these 6 (six) and from any other athletes entered for any event in the Championships, the 4 (four) athletes to participate must be nominated at the time specified for the Final Declaration.
2.3 Only athletes aged 16 to 19 on 31 December in the year of the competition are eligible to compete.

3. SELECTION PHILOSOPHY:
3.1 To achieve our High Performance vision of “more athletes winning on the world stage” Athletics Ireland has set the selection criteria and philosophy for the 2015 European Junior Athletics Championships, where an relay team/Individual(s) selected to compete, will be capable of obtaining a podium, top 8 (track events), top 12 (field events) finish.
4. **SELECTION PROCESS:**

**Participation Criteria**

4.1 Nothing in this Policy obliges Athletics Ireland to select a full contingent of three (3) in any particular event regardless of the Entry Rules or the Performance Standards. Athletics Ireland will select its Team according to the criteria set out in this Policy as allowed by Entry Rules. *Achieving a Performance Standard gives no right or guarantee of selection.*

**Eligibility**

4.2 In order to be eligible for selection all athletes must:

- 4.2.1 Fill out a [National Team Declaration Form](#) on Athletics Ireland High Performance website before 1 June 2015.
- 4.2.2 Must compete in Athletics Ireland 2015 Outdoor National Junior Championships.
- 4.2.3 Satisfy all IAAF, eligibility, nationality and European championship participation rules.
- 4.2.4 Be a registered member of Athletics Ireland.
- 4.2.5 Remain in “good standing” with Athletics Ireland 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 Athletics Ireland has set its own Performance Standards for the purposes of this Selection Policy (only IAAF/EAA recognised performances and events will only be accepted). Athletics Ireland’s Performance Standards for each of the events to be conducted at the 2015 European Athletics Junior Championships are set out in clause 6.

**Qualification Period**

4.4 Athletics Ireland has set the Qualification Period in which the Performance Standards must be achieved. Selection will be based on performances (for all events) during the Qualification Period of 1 January 2015 to 6 July 2015.

**General Selection Criteria**

4.5 The Selection Panel may “exercise their sole discretion” to select an athlete(s) that meets with the eligibility and entry rules of the 2015 European Junior Championships and as stipulated in this Selection Policy.

4.6 Where there are more athletes that have achieved the selection criteria in this policy beyond the maximum entry limit in any one event, the Selectors will have sole discretion to decide which of the athlete(s) is to be selected.

**Individual Selection Criteria**

4.6 Any eligible athlete must achieve one (1) “A” or two (2) “B” Performance Standard(s) within the Qualifying Period for the particular event to be considered for selection to the 2015 European Athletics Junior Championships.

- 4.6.1 In the 3000m, 3000m SC, 5000m, 10000m, 10000m RW, and CE: because of the restricted nature of the qualifying opportunities, athletes will be considered for selection who have achieved one (1) “A” Performance Standard.
- 4.6.2 Stronger consideration for selection will be given to athletes who achieve two (2) “B” Performance Standards that are closer to the “A” Performance Standard.

4.7 An athlete that has been selected for the 2015 European Athletics Junior 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 and may compete in either or both events if selected (the Selectors will confirm the selection of one/both events).

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Selectors Meetings
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5. **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

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5.3 Selected athletes’ personal coaches/family outside of the selected “Official Irish Team” will be responsible for their own travel, accommodations, tickets, and accreditations for the 2015 European Athletics Junior Championships.
6. **ATHLETICS IRELAND - PERFORMANCE STANDARDS:**

Performance Standards Rationale

6.1 Based on the selection philosophy and to achieve our High Performance vision of “more athletes winning on the world stage” the Athletics Ireland Performance Standards were set by using:

A. European Athletics published the 2015 “Entry Standards” to create a set number of specific rounds/groups for each event discipline. Athletics Ireland will adopt these Entry Standards as our “B Standards” (except for a few selected events where AAI have set the entry standard).

B. The “A” standards are viewed as “Performance Standards” and were set by looking at the previous performances from the European Athletics Championships where athletes finished between top 8 through top 16

6.2 Events with only one standard will be considered the “A” standard.

6.3 European Athletics will only accept the junior implements performances for the 2015 championship.

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EUROPEAN ATHLETICS U23 CHAMPIONSHIPS: 9-12 JULY TALLINN ESTONIA 2015

OVERVIEW
The European Athletics U23 Championships is an important competition of the 2015 season. Athletics Ireland is committed to providing talented athletes with appropriate competition opportunities, such as the European U23 Championships, to assist them in their progression towards representing Ireland with success at senior level at major international competitions such as the Olympic Games, European and World Championships. Athletics Ireland does not see events such as the European Athletics U23 Championships as an opportunity to merely expose athletes to international competitions. Athletics Ireland considers the European Athletics U23 Championships to be an elite event and therefore Athletics Ireland requires the highest standards of performance from athletes in order to be selected in the team.

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1. CONDITIONS:
1.1 Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by the IAAF, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations. Thus, results achieved at university or school competitions must be certified by the National Federation of the country in which the competition was organized.
1.2 Performances must be achieved in bona fide competition (either indoors or outdoors) organised in conformity with IAAF Rules.
1.3 Performances achieved in mixed events (between male and female participants), held completely in the stadium, shall not be accepted as entry standards.
1.4 Wind assisted performances will not be accepted; (For the combined events the conditions set in IAAF Rule 260.27 [version 2009] will still be applied for qualification purposes, so either the average velocity (based on the algebraic sum of the wind velocities, as measured for each individual event, divided by the number of such events) shall not exceed plus 2 m/s or the wind velocity in any individual event shall not exceed plus 4 m/s

2. ENTRY RULES:
2.1 Athletics Ireland can enter three (3) competitors in each event of the Championships, provided all have achieved the corresponding entry standard.
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3. SELECTION PHILOSOPHY:
3.1 To achieve our High Performance vision of “more athletes winning on the world stage” Athletics Ireland has set the selection criteria and philosophy for the 2015 European U23 Athletics Championships, where an relay team/Individual(s) selected to compete, will be capable of obtain a podium, top 8 (track events), top 12 (field events) finish.
4. **SELECTION PROCESS:**

**Participation Criteria**

4.1 Nothing in this Policy obliges Athletics Ireland to select a full contingent of three (3) in any particular event regardless of the Entry Rules or the Performance Standards. Athletics Ireland will select its Team according to the criteria set out in this Policy as allowed by Entry Rules. **Achieving a Performance Standard gives no right or guarantee of selection.**

**Eligibility**

4.2 In order to be eligible for selection all athletes must:

- **4.2.1** Fill out a [National Team Declaration Form](#) (NTDF) on Athletics Ireland High Performance website before 1 June 2015.
- **4.2.2** Must compete in Athletics Ireland 2015 Outdoor National U23 Championships.
- **4.2.3** Satisfy all IAAF, eligibility, nationality and European championship participation rules.
- **4.2.4** Be a registered member of Athletics Ireland.
- **4.2.5** Remain in “good standing” with Athletics Ireland 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 Athletics Ireland has set its own Performance Standards for the purposes of this Selection Policy (only IAAF/EAA recognised performances and events will only be accepted). Athletics Ireland’s Performance Standards for each of the events to be conducted at the 2015 European Athletics U23 Championships are set out in clause 6.

**Qualification Period**

4.4 Athletics Ireland has set the Qualification Period in which the Performance Standards must be achieved. Selection will be based on performances (for all events) during the Qualification Period of 1 January 2015 to 29 June 2015.

**General Selection Criteria**

4.5 The Selection Panel may “exercise their sole discretion” to select an athlete(s) that meets with the eligibility and entry rules of the 2015 European U23 Championships and as stipulated in this Selection Policy.

4.6 Where there are more athletes that have achieved the selection criteria in this policy beyond the maximum entry limit in any one event, the Selectors will have sole discretion to decide which of the athlete(s) is to be selected.

**Individual Selection Criteria**

4.7 For an athlete to be considered for selection to the 2013 European Athletics U23 Championships an athlete must achieve a Performance Standard (see clause 6) within the Qualification Period for the particular event on, at least, one occasion.

- **4.7.1** For the purposes of clarity, it is the intended operation of this Policy that **all selections in the Team remain conditional** up and through the championships given the athlete shows form and fitness.
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IAAF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: 22-30 AUGUST BEIJING CHINA 2015

OVERVIEW
The IAAF World Championships is an important competition of the 2015 season. Athletics Ireland has established the Selection Criteria consistent with its High Performance vision of “more athletes winning on the world stage”.

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1. CONDITIONS:
1.1 Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by the IAAF, its Area Associations or its Member Federations.
1.2 Performances must be achieved during an official competition organised in conformity with IAAF Rules.
1.3 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), performances achieved in events of 5000m and 10,000m may be accepted in circumstances where there were insufficient athletes of one or both genders competing to justify the conduct of separate races and there was no pacing or assistance given by an athlete(s) of one gender to an athlete(s) of the other gender.
1.4 Wind-assisted performances shall not be accepted.
1.5 Hand-timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 110m/100m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles and 4x100m relay shall not be accepted.
1.6 Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 200m and longer, shall be accepted.
1.7 For the running events of 200m and over, performances achieved on oversized tracks shall not be accepted.
1.8 In the case of walk races, track performances (20,000m or 50,000m) shall be accepted.

2. ENTRY RULES:
Individual Events
2.1 Member Federations may confirm a maximum of three (3) athletes per Individual Event.
2.2 Lower ages limits:
   A Junior athletes aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December 2015 (born 1996/97) may compete in any event except the Marathon and the 50km Race Walk.
   B Youth athlete aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December 2015 (born 1998/99) may compete in any event except the men’s Throws, Combined Events, 10,000m, Marathon and Race Walks.
   C Athletes younger than 16 years on 31 December 2015 (born 2000 or later) cannot be entered in any event.
2.3 Marathons
Member Federations can only enter athletes in Marathon Events if they have achieved their entry performance and the results are accepted by the IAAF. A list of Marathon Competition can be seen on the IAAF website.
2.4 Race Walk Events
Member Federations can only enter athletes in Race Walks Events if they have achieved their entry performance and the result are accepted by the IAAF. A list of Race Walk Competition can be seen on the IAAF website.

Relays
Relay Teams can qualify in one of two ways:
A  Automatically as being one of the first eight placed teams at the 2014 IAAF World Relays in the Bahamas.
B  As a result of being one of the best ranked teams at the end of the qualification period to fill the remaining quota places.

3. SELECTION PHILOSOPHY:
3.1 To achieve our High Performance vision of “more athletes winning on the world stage” Athletics Ireland will select athletes/relay teams for the 2015 IAAF World Championships with the expectations to obtain a podium, top 8, top 16 finish.

4. SELECTION PROCESS:
Participation Criteria
4.1 Nothing in this Policy obliges Athletics Ireland to select a full contingent of athletes in any particular event regardless of the Entry Rules or the Performance Standards. Athletics Ireland will select its Team according to the criteria set out in this Policy as allowed by Entry Rules. Achieving a Performance Standard gives no right or guarantee of selection.

Eligibility
4.2 In order to be eligible for selection all athletes must:
   4.2.1 Fill out a National Team Declaration Form (NTDF) on Athletics Ireland High Performance website before 1 June 2015.
   4.2.2 Satisfy all IAAF, eligibility, nationality and LOC championship participation rules.
   4.2.3 Be a registered member of Athletics Ireland.
   4.2.4 Remain in “good standing” with Athletics Ireland 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.
   4.2.5 Athletes (other than Marathon, Race Walks) seeking selection for the 2015 IAAF World Championships must compete in the 2015 Ireland Athletic Outdoor Championships unless dispensation has been requested in through the Selection Panel in writing (letter, fax, preferably by email) to (teams@athleticsireland.ie) no later than 3 August 2015, except in the case of genuine illness or injury occurring after that date and verified by a medical certificate from a general practitioner or sports medicine specialist.
   4.2.6 Dispensations will be at the sole discretion of the Selectors and will generally only be granted to athletes in exceptional circumstances.

Performance Standards
4.3 Athletics Ireland has set its own Performance Standards for the purposes of this Selection Policy. Only IAAF recognised results and events will be accepted. Athletics Ireland’s Performance Standards for each of the events to be conducted at the 2015 IAAF World Championships are set out in clause 6.

Qualification Period
4.4 Athletics Ireland has set its own Qualification Periods in which the Performance Standards must be achieved. Selection will be based on performances during the Qualification Periods of:
   4.4.1 1 January 2014 to 25 May 2015 - for the Marathon and 50km Race Walks
   4.4.2 1 October 2014 to 9 August 2015 for all other events

General Selection Criteria
4.5 The Selection Panel may “exercise their sole discretion” to select an athlete(s) or relay team that meets with the eligibility and entry rules of the 2015 IAAF World Championships and as stipulated in this Selection Policy.
4.6 Where there are more athletes that have achieved the selection criteria in this policy beyond the maximum entry limit in any one event, the Selectors will have sole discretion to decide which of the athlete(s) is to be selected.
Individual Selection Criteria

4.5 For an athlete to be considered for selection to the 2015 IAAF World Championships an athlete must achieve a Performance Standard (see clause 6) within the Qualification Period for the particular event (clause 4.4) on, at least, one occasion and;

4.6 If confirmed by the IAAF, an athlete may be considered for selection as a result of being one of the best ranked athletes at the end of the qualification period to fill the remaining quota places by event. This does not apply to the 5000m, 10,000m, Marathon and Race Walks.

Relay Teams

4.7 Relay team(s) will be automatically considered for selection as being one of the first eight placed teams at the 2014 IAAF World Relays in The Bahamas and automatically considered as a result of being one of the best ranked teams at the end of the qualification period to fill the remaining IAAF quota places.

4.8 Relay Eligibility Pool

4.8.1 All athletes who have been named to the Athletics Ireland National Relay Teams panel will be eligible for selection.

4.8.2 Only athletes in the relay eligibility panel who have signed the Relay Team Athlete Agreement may be selected to a relay team. Being named to the relay eligibility panel does not guarantee selection to a relay team.

4.9 Final Relay Team Selection

4.9.1 Final athlete selections for any Relay Team will be made/announced by the relay coach and confirmed with the championship team management staff as outlined in the guidelines of the Relay Team Athlete Agreement.

4.9.2 Notwithstanding these criteria or the provisions of the Relay Team Athlete Agreement, If there are insufficient numbers of athletes to form a relay team that will be competitive as per team objectives at the 2015 IAAF World Championships, or if none of the relay team athletes are individually qualified in the specific event (100m for 4x100m, 400m for 4x400m), the Selectors reserve the right not to select a given relay team.

4.10 Athletes seeking selection in either individual or relay event for the 2015 IAAF World Championships MUST compete in their event at the Athletics Ireland Outdoor National Championships (AINC) on 8-9 August, 2015. Dispensation request from not competing will ONLY be granted for medical reasons and/or exceptional circumstances.

4.10.1 Dispensations request must be received in writing (letter, fax, preferably by email) to the Selectors (teams@athleticsireland.ie) no later than 3 August 2015, in the case of genuine illness or injury; all medical claims will be verified by AAI’s medical team.

4.10.2 Dispensation approval will be at the sole discretion of the Selectors and will only be granted to athletes in exceptional circumstances.

4.11 An athlete who wins the AINC (in their selected event) and has achieved a 2015 IAAF World Championships Performance Standard within the Qualification Period will be automatically selected for the championships (given the athlete meets with the overall conditions and criteria of this policy).

4.11.1 All athletes must compete in their selected event(s) at the AINC with the exception of those in the:

A. 10,000m: can compete in the 5,000m.
B. 20km/50km RW: can compete the 10km.
C. Combined Events: Heptathlon (1 event) / Decathlon (2 events).

After Selection

4.12 For the purposes of clarity, it is the intended operation of this Policy that all selections in the Team remain conditional up and through the championships given the athlete shows form and fitness and meets with the conditions in this policy.

4.12.1 Form and fitness is proven by the athlete achieving a performance/result prior to the championships that is close/better than the published Performance Standards set in (clause 6).

4.12.2 Failure by a selected athlete to show form and fitness prior to the Championships will, at the discretion of the Selectors, High Performance Director and/or Team Manager result in an athlete who has been initially selected to the team being withdrawn.
4.13 An athlete who enters the Athletics Ireland Team Camp and/or the 2015 IAAF 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 Athletics Ireland’s Physio (or appointed Team Physio).

4.13.1 If as a result of such injury evaluation/assessment the Team Physio, Team Management staff, and Team Leader/Manager considers 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 Team Leader/Manager will have the sole discretion to withdraw the athlete from the competition.

4.13.2 An athlete who is found to have breached any Athletics Ireland, IAAF, LOC or other relevant code of conduct may be withdrawn from the competition at the sole discretion of the Team Leader/Manager.

Selectors Meetings
4.14 Selectors meetings will be held to select athletes as follows:

4.14.1 Final selections for the Marathon and 50km Race Walks will be on 25 May 2015.
4.14.2 Pre-selections for all events will be on 3 August 2015.
4.14.3 Final selections for all other events will be on 9 August 2015.

Selection Queries
4.15 Athletes can query (i.e. seek clarification regarding selection and/or requirements regarding what they need to do to meet selection requirements) with the Athletics Ireland Selectors or High Performance Director.

Non-Selection Appeals Process
4.16 The publishing of the selected athletes (Selection Announcement) or when an athlete is informed of the selection decision (whichever is first) will be deemed the commencement of the 24 hour period to lodge non-Selection Appeals in accord with this Selection Policy.
4.17 Any athlete who is not selected in accordance with this Selection Policy may appeal their non-selection to Athletics Ireland providing they:

A. Have submitted an NTDF in accordance with timelines contained in this Selection Policy and;
B. Submit a notice of their intention to appeal their non-selection in writing to the CEO of Athletics Ireland or the Athletics Ireland High Performance Director within 24 hours of the selection decision published on the Athletics Ireland website (i.e. the Selection Announcement).

4.18 The sole ground of appeal against the decision of any selection panel will be that there has been a failure to follow the applicable selection criteria. The non-selection appeal should target aspects of the Selection Policy that have not been adhered to and therefore have culminated in their non-selection.

4.19 The Selection Appeals Procedure can be found on the calendar pages of Athletics Ireland HP website.

5. GENERAL INFORMATION:

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

Meet Information

5.2 5.3 The number of accreditations authorised per team is limited overall to the number of participating athletes. Team Support Staff will be accredited on this basis and informed after the team selections. 

5.3 Selected athletes’ personal coaches/family outside of the selected “Official Irish Team” will be responsible for their own travel, accommodations, tickets, and accreditations for the 2015 IAAF World Championships.
6. **ATHLETICS IRELAND - PERFORMANCE STANDARDS:**

Performance Standards Rationale

6.1 Based on the selection philosophy and to achieve our High Performance vision of “more athletes winning on the world stage” the Athletics Ireland Performance Standards were set by using:

   A. IAAF published 2015 “Entry Standards” to create a set number of specific rounds/groups for each event discipline.

   B. Some standards are viewed as “Performance Standards” and were set by looking at the previous performances from the IAAF Athletics Championships.

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1. For the 10,000m, the top 15 athletes finishing in the senior Men's and Women's races at the IAAF World Cross Country Championships Guiyang 2015 shall be considered as having achieved the Entry Standard.