

# **AFN SELECTION POLICY FOR 2015 IAAF World CHAMPIONSHIPS FROM 22-30 AUGUST 2015 IN BEIJING CHINA**

## **OVERVIEW**

The AFN Technical Committee has found it necessary to release this Selection Policy with the strategic aim of making our dear hard working athletes aware of current developments in the IAAF with respect to qualification and participation at the 2015 World Championships scheduled to take place from 22-30 August 2015 in Beijing, China. It is further aimed at making athletes and their coaches aware of the standards they are expected to work towards on the pathway to World Championships and Olympic podium successes.

The policy has therefore been structured to select a team with the following objectives:

- To ensure medal success at the 2015 IAAF World Championships; and
- To give opportunities for developing athletes on the pathway towards individual medal success at future Olympic Games.

### **SECTION 1: SELECTION PROCESS**

#### **Eligibility**

- 1.1. To be considered for selection, athletes must satisfy the following:
  - a. Athletes must compete in the event in which they wish to be selected at the National Trials (as defined in paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2 below);
  - b. Be eligible to compete for Nigeria (i.e. full Nigerian passport holder);

c. Not have accepted selection for any of the 2015 IAAF World Youth Championships (with the exception of those athletes for whom the Technical Committee grants exception to compete in more than one championship).

d. Fulfilled at least one of the following criteria:

i. have achieved at least one qualification standard in accordance with paragraphs 2.3-2.5; or

ii. have received an IAAF World Ranking Invitation (relevant only to consideration for selection in Category 4 (paragraph 1.9)).

1.2. Athletes who do not compete in the relevant Trials under paragraph 1.1a above will only be considered for selection in their chosen event if:

a. they are the reigning World Champion in that event; or

b. The AFN Medical Committee confirms prior to or at the Trials that, in their opinion, the athlete was prevented by injury from competing at the relevant Trials; or

c. In the opinion of the Technical Committee, exercising their absolute discretion, there are exceptional circumstances that justify the athlete's failure to compete at the Trials.

### **Selection meetings and process**

1.3. The team will be selected at a selection meeting that would be arranged immediately after the Trial:

1.4. The team will be announced between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of August 2015.

1.5. At the selection meeting, the Selection Panel (“the Panel”) will select athletes based on the following selection category considerations:

## **1.6 Category 1 – Automatic Selections**

- a. Reigning World Champions will be automatically selected for the same event in which they won gold at the previous World Championships.
- b. The first two placed eligible athletes in each individual Trials event will be automatically selected for the same event, provided the athlete:
  - i. is the reigning African Champion in that event; OR
  - ii. by the end of the relevant qualification period set out in paragraph 2.4, has achieved at least two qualification standards in accordance with paragraphs 2.3 to 2.5 below.
- c. Should either or both of the first two placed athletes at the Trials be entitled to automatic selection because they are reigning World Champions; and/or be unable or unwilling to take up their place(s) their place(s) will not be offered by default to the next best placed eligible athlete(s) in the Trials.

## **1.7. Category 2 – Other Eligible Individual Athletes**

- a. Athletes will only be selected under this category if they have achieved at least one qualification standard in accordance with paragraphs 2.3 to 2.5 below and the Panel in its absolute discretion believes they have realistic potential to finish in the top 8 in their event in Beijing; or are among developing athletes that are considered to be on the pathway towards individual medal success at future Olympic Games.
- b. Athletes will be selected based on the Panel's consideration of a combination of the following criteria, as well as any other factors that may be deemed relevant:

- i. Current form;
- ii. Future individual medal potential at indoor or outdoor major events;
- iii. Head-to-heads;
- iv. Previous major competition history;
- v. Injury status; and
- vi. Position at the relevant Trials.

### **1.8. Category 3 – Relays**

a. A team of up to 6 athletes will be selected for the men's and women's 4x100m and 4x400m relays (which must include athletes selected for individual 100m and 400m events respectively). Athletes will be selected based on the Panel's consideration of a combination of the following criteria, as well as any other factors that may be deemed relevant:

- i. Current form;
- ii. Head-to-heads;
- iii. Previous major competition history;
- iv. Injury status;
- v. Position in individual events at the relevant Trials;
- vi. Previous engagement with the Nigerian Athletics relay programme(s).

b. Athletes selected only for the relay do not need to have achieved an individual AFN qualification standard but consideration would be given as much as possible to those that have achieved the

standards.

### **1.9. Category 4 – IAAF World Ranking Invites**

a. On or around Monday 10 August 2015, for all events except the 5,000m, 10,000m, Marathon and 20km/50km Race Walk, in order to fill any remaining quota places in each event the IAAF may (based on IAAF World Rankings) issue invitations to additional athletes who have not qualified (ie achieved a qualification standard for the relevant event in accordance with paragraphs 2.3-2.5). .

b. Invitations from the IAAF may only be extended to Nigerian athletes competing in events where less than three Nigerian athletes have already qualified (see paragraphs 2.3 to 2.5 below) and only if placed high enough according to the IAAF's criteria on the IAAF World Rankings.

c. In the selection meeting, the Panel, in its absolute discretion, may choose to select athletes who have not already qualified, subject to the likelihood of their subsequently receiving an IAAF World Ranking Invitation, provided they meet the following:

i. They satisfy all other eligibility requirements at paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2 above; and

ii. The Panel believes they are potentially capable of winning an individual medal in Beijing or the Rio Olympic Games.

The Panel may select reserves for any event, provided any such reserve athletes have achieved one qualification standard (see paragraph 2.5 below) within the qualification periods set out in paragraph 2.4 (except in respect of relay events where no such qualification standard is required).

The Panel reserves the right to make value judgments on situations that they consider to be exceptional circumstances within the reference framework and the spirit of the general selection policy.

## SECTION 2: PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

### Trials

2.1. For the purposes of all events other than those specified in paragraph 2.2 below, the use of the words "Trial" or "Trials" in this Selection Policy shall mean the AFN/CRS All Nigeria Athletics Championships, 30<sup>th</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015.

2.2. For the purposes of the events listed below, the word "Trial" or "Trials" in this Selection Policy shall have the meaning set out in these paragraphs 2.2 (a) to (c), in so far as they apply to the event in question:

### Qualification Standards

2.3. Athletes who are reigning IAAF World Champions or reigning African Champions in individual events will be deemed to have achieved the relevant qualification standard for that event.

2.4. All other athletes must achieve qualification standard(s) for the event for which they seek selection within the periods between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015. **Note that:** If it necessary for any reason, a demonstration of form (to the reasonable satisfaction of the Technical Committee) or fitness (to the reasonable satisfaction of the AFN Medical Committee) for qualification performances achieved prior to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 will be required.

2.5. The AFN qualification standards for selection to the World Championships are as follows:

Men	Event	Women
10.16	100m	11.33

20.50	200m	23.20
45.50	400m	52.00
1:46.00	800m	2:01.00
3:36.20 / 3:53.30	1500m/ Mile	4:06.50 / 4:25.20
13:23.00	5000m	15:20.00
27:45.00	10,000m	32:00.00
8:28.00	3,000m SC	9:44.00
13:47	110/100m H	13:00
49.50	400mH	56.20
2:28	HJ	1.94
5.65	PV	4.50
8.10	LJ	6.70
16.90	TJ	14.20
20.45	SP	17.75
65.00	DT	61.00
76.00	HT	70.00
82.00	JT	61.00
8075	CE	6075
1:25:00	20km RW	1:36:00

2:18:00	Marathon	2:44:00

### **Performance Conditions Relating to Qualification Standards**

2.6. 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 organised.

2.7. Nigerian based competition performances will only be recognized if they are achieved in an AFN approved competition.

2.11. Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female participants shall not be accepted.

2.12. Wind-assisted performances (or performances achieved at events where wind measurement was not available) will not be accepted. For combined events the conditions set in IAAF rule 260.27 (version 2014-15) will be applied for qualification purposes, so 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.

2.13. Hand-timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 110/100m hurdles, 400m hurdles and 4x100m relay will not be accepted.

2.14. Indoor performances for all field events and all track events of 200m and longer will be accepted.

2.15. For track events, performances achieved on oversized tracks will not be accepted.

## **SECTION 3: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **Qualification for Participation at the Trials**

3.1. The following standards must be achieved at any competition approved by the IAAF/CAA/AFN between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015 to qualify for participation at the trials:

### **ALL NIGERIA 2015 ENTRY STANDARD**

<b>Men</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Women</b>
10.70	100m	11.80
21.50	200m	24.50
48.50	400m	55.00
1:55.00	800m	2:10.00
3:55.00	1500m	4:35.00
No Standard	5000m	No Standard
No Standard	10,000m	No Standard
No Standard	Marathon	No Standard
No Standard	3000m SC	-
14.36	110m/100m H	14.30
52.50	400m H	1:00.00
2.00m	HJ	1.70m
4.50m	PV	3.00m
7.35m	LJ	5.65m
15.30m	TJ	12.10m
15.00m	SP	14.00m
50.00m	DT	45.00m
50.00m	HT	45.00m
55.00m	JT	45.00m
No Standard	Combined Event	No Standard
No Standard	20 Km RW	No Standard
No Standard	4x100m Relay	No Standard
No Standard	4x400m Relay	No Standard

## **Appeals**

3.2. Athletes may appeal their non-selection under this Selection Policy, but only after the announcement of the relevant team in accordance with paragraph 1.4 above and only according to established legal arbitration procedure.

## **Flight Ticket Issue/Reimbursements**

3.3. The Federation shall be responsible for the flight tickets in economy class for all athletes that have met the IAAF qualification standards for their individual event as stated in paragraph 2.5 above. In the event that athletes wish to purchase their own tickets, the request for approval has to be made early enough in writing to the Federation with the fare clearly stated. It is only after approval is granted that such tickets purchased can be reimbursed.

## **Amendment**

3.4. AFN reserves the right to amend this Selection Policy at its sole discretion and will make any amended version publicly available (including the date on which any amendment was made) at the AFN website and relevant accredited media outlets.

**SIGNED**

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