



26th IAU 100km World and European Championships Seregno/Brianza, Italy Invitation to Apply for Australian National 100k Team: 2012

Applications are sought from athletes to represent Australia at the forthcoming 100 km World Championships to be held in Seregno, Italy on 22nd April 2012.

The annual 100 km World Championships race is the one international race at which AURA has fielded ultra distance teams for the last eight years. Australia will be represented in the 100 km event by a team of up to six male and up to six female ultra runners. The team will be selected by the AURA National Team Selection Committee, which is made up of past and present Australian ultramarathon running representatives and headed by Robert Boyce.

To be considered for the Australian 100 km team, Australian runners must be current financial AURA members *at the time of qualification* and Australian citizens. They must meet the qualification standards detailed below. These performances must have been achieved during or since 2010.

In a 100 km road or track event:

Males: covered the 100 km in less than 8 hrs.

Females: covered the 100 km in less than 9 hrs.

Athletes who have not met the primary qualification standards may still be considered for the selection pool based on performances at established track, road or trail races of 100 km.

Team Selection Process: Athletes will be named to the team based on the order of the criteria above until all the team spots are filled. Priority will be assigned to 100km road and track performances, as these are closest to the actual World Championship race format. However, trail race performances of 100km distance will be considered. If fewer than six athletes achieve the primary qualifying standards for consideration, no fewer than four athletes (three scoring and one additional) will be named based on performance. In this situation, the selection committee will have the discretionary right to consider secondary and other qualifying criteria. In addition to the qualification criteria, applicants must be citizens of Australia and must have not represented a foreign country for at least 12 months prior to the date of competition.

Applications close 15 January 2012. Selected athletes will be notified on or before 22 January 2012, with an official team announcement to follow.

Team funding: Team members are responsible for paying for their own airfares and for organising accommodation outside of the official IAU nominated competition team grant dates. The IAU Local Organizing Committee (LOC) normally organises transfers for team members from the closest airport/train station just prior to and after the event. In the past, these transfers have been inconsistent and have only been offered on limited dates meaning that team members may have to consider making their own arrangements.

The first three male and female team members will be funded by the LOC for accommodation. AURA will try to cover any shortfall for accommodation costs for remaining team members after the IAU team grant has been distributed. It is expected that all team members will stay in the LOC-provided accommodation; exceptions may be considered with Selection Committee approval.

Team members may receive a stipend from the IAU (amount varies each year but ranges from about \$A100 to \$A500) according to their qualifying distances in a standard format 100 km event: Category A (<7hr M <8.5 hr F), Category B (<7.5 hr M <9 hr F), Category C (<8 hr M <9.5 hr F). This stipend is normally paid to the Team Captain for distribution to the team immediately following completion of the World event.

Team members will also be eligible for grants from AURA according to their performance at the World Championship – grant information is available online at <http://aura.asn.au/100kmWorlds.html> under “National Team Funding Scheme.” The grant will be credited to the team member’s nominated account some time after the event.

Team member responsibilities: AURA expects that selected team members will give priority to preparing for the 100km World Championship. No major ultramarathon events should be considered within a 5-week period prior to the World Championship without the Selection Committee’s approval. Furthermore, any injuries or illnesses that occur in the 5 weeks before departure must be reported to the Chair of the selection committee. Failure to follow these rules could lead to a team member forfeiting any financial assistance from AURA and may jeopardize their future selection to an Australian team.

Team members are reminded that leading up to the race, appropriate taper and rest is essential. Any activities that jeopardise this must be discussed with the selection committee.

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Chair of National Team Selection Committee