

## **Australian Teams to contest the Commonwealth 24hr Race for 2011**

### **Qualification Guidelines**

Applications are sought from athletes to represent Australia at the forthcoming Commonwealth 24 hr race to be held in North Wales on September 23-25 2011. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> commonwealth Championships. Australia will be represented in this event by a team of up to five men and up to five women ultra runners. The team will be selected by the AURA International Team Selection Committee, which is made up of past and present Australian ultra marathon running representatives.

### **Standards for Consideration for 2011 Commonwealth 24 Hr Teams**

To be considered, you must be an Australian citizen, who is a current AURA member and you need to have met or meet the following qualification standards. Such performances must have been achieved in the period from June 2009 to the date of team selection, 26 June 2011.

### **Team Selection**

#### ***Primary:***

In a 24 hr road or track event:

Males: exceed 210 km (this is expected to be raised to 220km from and including 2012).

Females: exceed 190 km (this is expected to be raised to 200 km from and including 2012).

#### ***Secondary:***

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 miles or more.

### **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 Primary events as these are closest to the actual Commonwealth race format. If fewer than 5 athletes achieve the primary qualifying standards for consideration, no fewer than 4 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 another foreign country for at least 12 months prior to the date of competition. **Applications close 26 June 2011. Selected athletes will be notified on or before 1 July, 2011, with an official team announcement to follow.**

### **Team funding**

Team members are responsible for paying for their own airfares and for organizing accommodation outside of the official nominated competition team grant dates.

The Commonwealth Committee normally organizes 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.

Team accommodation funding has not been announced other than by way of preliminary indication that half board will be offered. More will be known on this subject in due course.

### **Team member responsibilities**

AURA expects that selected team members will give priority to preparing for the Commonwealths. No major ultra marathon events should be considered within a 5 week period prior to the World Challenge without the Selection Committee's approval.

Any injuries or ailments that may affect your running performance must be reported to one of the selection committee as soon as such injury or ailment arises. Failure to follow this rule may lead to the team member forfeiting any financial assistance from AURA and may jeopardize their future selection in the Australian team.

### **Team Crew members**

Due to new IAU restrictions the size of the official Team crew will be limited by the size of the team sent. It is likely that the maximum number of crew allowed for a team of ten runners will be six or seven. Therefore, any runner wishing to have crew member(s) look after them will need to nominate them in their application form and provide evidence of their previous crewing experience at formal or informal 24 hour events. While the Selection Committee will try to match each runner with their preferred crew, if the number of nominated crew members exceeds the allowable IAU total then the Team crew will be selected on a merit basis. In any case, the Selection Committee will be looking at both the experience of the crew member as well as their attitude and willingness to serve the Australian Team as a whole rather than just any individual. This restriction is necessary because of a restriction imposed by race organisers as to the number of people who will be allowed in each tent provided to each respective country.

Should you have any queries, please contact me.

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