

# 2011 Commonwealth 55km Trail Championship

## Australian Team Qualification Guidelines

Applications are sought from athletes to represent Australia at the forthcoming Commonwealth 55km Trail Championships to be held in North Wales on September 25, 2011. This is the second Commonwealth Championships and the first time featuring an ultra trail run.

Australia will be represented in this event by a team of up to five male and up to five female runners. The team will be selected by the AURA International Team Selection Committee, which comprises past and present Australian ultra marathon running representatives.

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

To be considered, athletes must hold Australian citizenship, must have not represented a foreign country for at least 12 months prior to the date of competition, and be current financial members of AURA.

Runners will be selected on merit, based on performances in the following events from June 2010 to June 2011:

#### ***Primary selection events:***

Bogong to Hotham  
Maroondah Dam  
Six Foot track  
Nerang State Forest

#### ***Secondary selection events:***

All trail races that exceed 45 km up to 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 Primary selection events as these are closest to the actual Commonwealth race format. However, additional trail race performances around 55km 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.

**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. This applies to team members only. The cost of accommodation for family and friends is not covered. Team members are expected to stay with the team in the accommodation dedicated for the respective countries.

### **Team member responsibilities**

AURA expects that selected team members will give priority to preparing for the Commonwealth Championships.

No major ultra marathon events should be considered within a five week period prior to the Commonwealth championships without the Selection Committee's approval.

Any injuries or ailments that may affect your running performance must be reported to the selection committee as soon as such injury or ailment arises.

Failure to abide by the above conditions may lead to the team member forfeiting any financial assistance from AURA and may jeopardise their future selection in the Australian team.

Should you have any queries, please contact me.

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