



AURA Policy: Team Selection- Asian 24 hr Championships

The Australian Ultra Runners' Association (AURA) is officially endorsed by the International Association of Ultra marathons (IAU) to select male and female teams to represent Australia at Asian ultra-distance events.

Selection Process:

The selection process is, as follows:

- 1 The three highest achieving male and female applicants (subject to meeting qualifying standards of "A","B" or "C" see detailed below) will gain automatic selection to the teams,
- 2 Fourth to sixth places will be selected, provided that the applicants have achieved a minimum "B" qualifying standard.
- 3 If any further team positions are available, these will be offered to applicants with "A," B" or "C" Qualifier.
 - a. AURA may make additional team selections
 - b. The time between events (World Championships and/or Asian Championships) may limit an athlete's opportunity for selection, over all other criteria.



Primary Qualifying Criteria:

- 1 Achievement of National “A” qualifier time or distance,
- 2 Achievement of National “B” qualifier time or distance,
- 3 Achievement of National “C” qualifier time or distance.

The timeframe for qualifying is 24 months for 24 hour events; this is fixed to the date of the event in question.

In some cases a fitness test and/or supplementary “qualifying” race may need to be completed by prospective team members, where no recent evidence of fitness.

Benchmarks:

	24 Hour Men	24 Hour Women
National “A”	240km	220km
National “B”	230km	210km
National “C”	220km	200km

Citizenship:

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, and a current AURA member.

Application Process:

Applications will open at least 3 months prior to the scheduled the event date where possible. Applications will remain open for a minimum 2 week period but will always close with sufficient time for the selection process to be undertaken and a team announcement to be made a minimum of 2 months prior to the scheduled event date.

Athletes who are selected subject to undertaking a fitness test or similar will be named in the initial team announcement as “pending” with their event and performance requirements noted.

AURA will attempt to contact all unsuccessful applicants within 24 hours of the initial team announcement being made.



Team Funding:

Team members are responsible for all costs associated with their representation at the event, with some notable exceptions:

- 1 The IAU accommodation provisions as stated in the General Information Sheet (GIS) relating to the event.
- 2 The IAU funding provisions for individuals and teams as stated in the GIS relating to the event.
 - All IAU provisions at 1 & 2 above whether individual or team will be pooled to cover the cost of team members.
 - AURA will make up any shortfall of IAU funding to fully pay for up to 6 male and female members and manager.
 - The duration of AURA funding support will vary dependent on the particular event. For the Asian Championships this is expected to be as follows: 24 Hour: 2 nights' accommodation for each team member.
- 3 AURA will make a payment of \$100 to each selected athlete who starts the event, to assist with the costs associated with the event. This payment will be made after the event and in conjunction with any bonus placing or performance payments earned by the athlete.



- 4 AURA will also make a payment of \$100 to individuals who are selected to serve as dedicated crew for the team for the whole race.
- a. An application process will be available for individuals to nominate as crew.
 - b. Crew are expected to assist a minimum of two and maximum of three athletes in any given event and remain available for the duration of the event.
 - c. Crew may also be required to assist in a 6 hour period prior to and immediately after the actual event. This will be subject to discussion and reasonable needs.
 - d. Where possible, crew members may also be utilized in support roles such as a ferry between accommodation/event, provision of meals for crew, photography/video, etc.
 - For 24 hour events, a maximum of six crew may be selected. However, the total crew requirements will normally be less than this.

- 5 A uniform will be provided at no cost to the athlete.
- a. Where uniforms are in good condition they are expected to be utilized for future international representation.
 - b. Some basic team gear will be supplied to crew for use during the event.

- 6 Performance bonus payments will be made after the event should significant distances or times be achieved, per the following table:

	\$150	\$300	\$500	\$750
24hr event				
Men	>220km	>235km	>250km	>265km
Women	>200km	>215km	>230km	>245km



- 7 AURA reserves the right to invite additional Athletes to attend the Championships in addition to the selected team. These additional athletes will not share in the upfront funding and accommodation assistance from AURA and the Organizing Committee, but will be eligible for performance bonus's as high performance is encouraged.
8. Athletes choosing not to utilize IAU / AURA provided accommodation options may not be eligible for any individual or team grant funding or subsequent performance bonuses where their performance may have otherwise achieved this.

Team Member Responsibilities

AURA expects selected team members will give priority to preparing for the representative event. No major ultra-marathon events should be considered within a 6-week period prior to the event without the team manager's approval. Furthermore, any injuries or illnesses that occur in the 6 weeks prior to departure must be reported to the team manager (however the decision to continue with representation rests solely with the athlete). AURA understands that athletes may wish to incorporate a holiday as part of their trip, however such holidays should be taken after the event, not before. Prior to the event athletes should arrive early enough to acclimatize, the duration of such an acclimatization period will be advised by AURA.

Failure to adhere to these rules may jeopardize future selection to the national team.

Selection Committee:

The Selection Committee will be made up of (1) the national team manager* (appointed by the Executive Committee) and (2) four other current AURA members.

- Applications for the committee will be sought annually and the Executive Committee will make appointments after the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- Selection Committee appointments will be for a two-year period. Thus, only some appointments will expire each year (appointment years being in line with the AGM), such that appointments are staggered.

*The team manager role requires significant time and other resource inputs. To help ensure a suitably skilled person is charged with this role, the Executive Committee makes this appointment directly and at its discretion. Duties for various appointments / positions within AURA may be found in other policies / documentation.