



AURA Policy – Trail Team Selection World Championships

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

Selection Process:

The selection process for Trail WC events, as follows:

1 “The winners of the male and female AURA long or short trail national championships will be selected for the long or short Trail World Championships, **on the next occasion which it is held**. Please note that short course winners will only be selected for the next occurrence of a short course World Championships, long course winners will only be selected for the next occurrence of a long course World Championship. If two Australian Championships of either length are held prior to the next World Championship event of the same particular length, then both **Champions (if different)** will be offered Automatic selection.”

2 Any remaining places will then be considered by the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee will take in to account all races that applicants have submitted, overseas and Australia, recent and past performances in its assessment. In some cases, a fitness test and/or supplementary “qualifying” race may need to be completed by prospective team members.

- a. The time between events (World Championships and/or Asian Championships) may limit an athlete’s opportunity for selection, over all other criteria
- b. Team size is at AURA’s sole discretion

Primary Qualifying Criteria:

Winning National Championships long or short

A current financial AURA Member

In addition, results from WC event held in the preceding calendar year will be considered as primary qualifiers

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.



Application Process:

Where possible applications will open at least 3 months prior to the scheduled WC 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.

Non-automatic qualifying athletes who agree to undertake 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 applicants prior to 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:

- a. All IAU funding for individual or team will be pooled to cover cost all team members.
 - b. AURA will then supplement from the IAU funding to ensure that a minimum of 4 four team members and the team manager receive full board provisions.
 - c. The duration of AURA funding support for trail championships will align with the General Information Sheet (GIS) for the championships.
 - e. If the AURA budget has been fully allotted, additional team members that meet the criteria can be selected on the basis they meet any short fall in board provisions.
- 3 AURA will make a payment of \$200 to each selected athlete who starts the event, to assist with the costs associated with participating. This payment will be made after the event and in conjunction with any bonus placing or performance payments earned by the athlete.

- 4 A uniform will be provided at no cost to the athlete.

Where uniforms are in good condition they are expected to be utilized for future international representation.

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

	\$150	\$300	\$500	\$750
Trail event				
Men	Top 30 (WC)	Top 8 (WC)	Top 4 (WC)	Top 2 (WC)
Women	Top 24 (WC)	Top 6 (WC)	Top 3 (WC)	Top 2 (WC)



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 has developed an Athlete's Agreement document selected team members are required to sign at the time of selection. Please ensure you have read and understood this document before applying for team selection.

Selection Committee:

The Selection Committee will be made up of a Chairperson of Selectors* (appointed by the Executive Committee) and 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 Chairperson of selection 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.

Team manager:

The selection committee may appoint a team manager for the Championship.