



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 trail national championships (subject to the winning time) will be selected for the World championships teams,

- 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

A current financial AURA Member

In addition, results from WC events held in the preceding calendar years will be considered as primary qualifiers, even if they fall outside the 12 month periods.

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:

Applications will open at least 5 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 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:

- 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 is 3 nights;
 - 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 expects that 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). Athletes are to arrive to the event in enough time to acclimatize to the conditions; if holidays / sightseeing is planned by the athlete as part of their trip, these are to be undertaken after the event.

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

Selection Committee:

The Selection Committee will be made up of a Chairperson of selection* (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 will engage a team manager for each Championship. The team manager is required to attend the Championships, and have the experience and time to fulfill the role.