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1. Overview

These Selection Criteria set out Athletics South Africa's selection processes for the 2023 World Athletics Championships team along with the eligibility and qualification requirements that an athlete must satisfy in order to be considered for selection.

2. Key Dates

Qualifying Periods		
Date	Events	Notes
December 1, 2021 – May 30, 2023	Marathon and 35km Race Walk	See Appendix A for Qualifying Standards
January 31, 2022 – July 30, 2023	10,000m, 20km Race Walk, Combined Events	
July 31, 2022 – July 30, 2023	All Other Events	
Important Dates		
12 March 2023	ASA Marathon Championships	
30 March – 01st April 2023	ASA Senior Track and Field Championships	
10 March 2023	Preliminary/Squad Announcement	
21 April 2023	To submit your Preliminary Entries through EES, http://evententry.worldathletics.org , including the price of your Quota and Area Champion Athletes' airline ticket	
25-27 April 2023	Relay Squad Camp – Botswana Race	
01 May 2023	Team Announcement – Auto Qualification	
30 May 2023	Declaration Deadline – Final – Marathon and 35km Race Walk	
31 May 2023	World Athletics to publish Tracking List for Marathon and 35km Race Walk	
01 June 2023	Marathon Team Announcement	
01 June	To enter all your Team Members' visa information in EES	
8 July 2023	To apply for your Team Members' visa	
30 July 2023	Declaration Deadline – All Other Events	
02 August 2023	World Athletics to publish final Tracking List	
03 August 2023	Team Announcement (Including Provisional Selections of Additional athletes pending final WA Qualified List)	
04 August 2023 (24 hours after Team Announcement)	Deadline to Submit Appeals	
05 August 2023 (midnight, Monaco time)	World Athletics to confirm list of athletes qualified as "Next best by World Rankings"	
07 August 2023 (midnight,	World Athletics Final Entries Deadline	

Monaco time)		
08 August 2023	To verify that all your legal aged Athletes have signed electronically their Athlete Agreement and you have emailed those concerning under 18s Athletes.	
15 August 2023	Team Departure	
16 August 2023	Arrival at the Budapest	
19-27 August 2023	Competition	
28 August 2023	Team return	

3. Selection Process

The “WA Tracking List” refers to the “Road to Budapest 23” list maintained by World Athletics, which includes the World Rankings List and current qualification status of all athletes. The WA Tracking List can be found at: <https://www.worldathletics.org/statszone/road-to/7138987>

1.1 The “Final WA Tracking List” refers to the final WA Tracking List published on May 31, 2023 for the Marathon and 35k Walks and the final WA Tracking List published on August 2, 2023 for all other events.

1.1.1 Athletes are included on the WA Tracking List by virtue of:

1.1.2 Achieving an Entry Standard (see Appendix A);

1.1.3 Achieving Wild Card status by being:

1.1.4 Defending World Champion from 2022, or;

Winner of the 2022:

1.1.5 Diamond League

1.1.6 World Race Walking Tour (to participate in the 20km OR 35km)

1.1.7 World Combined Events Tour

1.1.8 Leading hammer performers on the Continental Tour

1.1.9 Achieving one of following at a Designated Competition:

- A top five (5) finish at a Platinum Label Marathon held during the qualification period.
- Winner of a Gold Label Marathon held in 2023.
- For the 10,000m, a quota of 8 athletes will be assigned to the top positioned athletes, not otherwise qualified through entry standards or other way, in the senior Men’s and Women’s World Ranking for Cross Country at the end of the qualification period.
- Winner of an Area Championships: (e.g. CAA Senior Championships).
- Their WA World Ranking score.

A Qualified Athlete is an Eligible Athlete who has achieved one or more of the following criteria:

An Eligible Performances listed on the WA Tracking List as:

- “Qualified By Entry Standard”
- “Qualified by Wild Card”
- “Qualified by Designated Competition”
- “Next best by World Rankings”, under the circumstances outlined in 3.5

3.2 Additional Places

- WA may offer ASA Additional Places at the World Championships, typically when one or more athletes or relay teams decline their place at the Championships. In these cases, WA offers the place to the next eligible athlete or relay team on the WA Final Tracking List shown as “Next best by World Rankings”.
- ASA will accept Additional Places offered within the timelines published by WA (ASA will decline any Additional Places offered after the published WA timeline.)

3.3 Individual Event Selection Process

Automatic Selections

- Athletes will be automatically selected under the following two scenarios, provided they achieve the necessary Qualifying Standard (see Appendix A) within the Qualifying Period (see section 2) and meet the eligibility requirements outlined in section 4:

- **National Champions:** The top 2 at the National championships will automatically be selected.

NOTE: For the purposes of selection, ties at the Nationals will be broken in the following priority order:

- Best performance within the Qualifying Period
- Head-to-head results within the Qualifying Period
- Most recently achieved standard

Wild Cards: athletes who achieve any of the following will be automatically selected: by “Wild Card” as:

- Defending World Champion from 2022, or;
- Winner of the 2022:
- Diamond League
- World Race Walking Tour (to participate in the 20km OR 35km)

- World Combined Events Tour
- Leading hammer performers on the Continental Tour

3.4 Relay Event Selection Process

Team Qualification

*Relay teams can qualify in one of two ways:

- First eight (8) placed teams at the 2022 World Athletics Championships.
- Be one of the best ranked teams at the end of the qualification period to fill the eight remaining places. For the purpose of being ranked, the results of relay races will be valid only on the condition that they are part of a competition staged in compliance with World Athletics Rules and that at least two different international teams, representing at least two countries, compete in the race.

3.5 Selections of Squad Members

Automatic Selections

- All athletes selected to the World Athletics Championships Team for the individual 100m (4x100m) or individual 400m (4x400m) will be automatically nominated for the relevant relay squad [World Athletics rule].

2. Eligible Athletes

2.1 Eligibility to Represent South Africa:

- Athletes must hold South African Citizenship.
- Athletes must hold a South African passport valid until at least 6-months after the end of 2023 World Athletics Championships.

2.2 Membership Requirements:

- Athletes must be a registered ASA member at the time of qualification and through the 2023 World Athletics Championships.

2.3 Age Restrictions

- Under 20 Athletes – Athletes aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December 2023 (born in 2004 or 2005) may compete in any event except the Marathon and 35km Race Walk.
- Under 18 Athletes – Athletes aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December 2023 (born in 2006 or 2007), may compete in any event except the throwing events, the Combined Events, 10,000m, Marathon and the Race Walks.
- Athletes younger than 16 – No athlete younger than 16 years of age on 31 December 2023 (born in 2008 or later) may be entered.

2.4 Anti-doping Compliance

- Athletes must comply with the anti-doping rules of WA, ASA, SAIDS, WADA and any other anti-doping organization with authority over the athlete.
- Athletes must complete any anti-doping eLearning courses as required.

2.5 Good Standing

- Athletes must be in good standing with National federation

2.6 Relays

- To be nominated for a Relay Team, athletes must sign the National Relay Team Athlete Agreement by the Final Declaration Deadline (Section 2). Note that if circumstances dictate that an athletics team member who is not part of a nominated Relay Team is selected to run a relay at the 2023 World Athletics Championships (if allowed by competition rules) then the athlete must sign the National Relay Team Athlete Agreement before competing. In these circumstances, the Head Coach can waive the deadline above.

2.7 Forms and Agreements

Athletes must sign, submit and comply with all required forms and agreements, including:

- Health Questionnaire (Electronic Pre-Participation Questionnaire)
- Athlete Agreement
- Relay Agreement
- International Travel Waiver

2.8 Eligible Performances

An Eligible Performance will be a competition result that:

- Was achieved within the Qualification Period (Section 2); and
- Was achieved by an Eligible Athlete (Section 4); and
- Was achieved at an Eligible Competition (Section 5); and
- Is listed on an Official Ranking List (Section 5.) prior to the relevant Selection Meeting
- Otherwise met all of the Performance Conditions

3. Eligible Competitions

- Performance results must be achieved at competitions organized or authorized by the WA, their Area Associations or National Member Federations, and must be conducted under WA rules.
- Performance results must have been achieved at competitions listed on a WA National Member Federation fixture list.
- Official Ranking Lists: The WA World Rankings Points Lists are published on the WA website.

4. Team Travel Obligations

- Athletes who wish to participate on a National Team are required to comply with ASA travel plans (including participation in pre-competition and pre-target-event training camps and competitions) as they pertain to training schedules, travel and accommodation schedules.
- By declaring interest for consideration for this team, athletes agree to fully participate in both the final preparation camp and the full duration of the event specified in Section 2 of this Criteria.
- By accepting a position on this team, athletes also agree to travel on the official traveling dates.
- In extraordinary circumstances, exceptions to these Team Travel Obligations may be granted at ASA's sole discretion. The request for an exemption must be made in writing to the ASA attention Hezekiel@athleticsa.co.za in advance of travel dates,
- In case of breakaway group athletes will be responsible for their travel to the World Athletics Championships and ASA will reimburse the athletes amount equivalent flight from South Africa.

Deadline (Section 2)

Failure to comply with these Team Travel Obligations may result in de-selection from this team and any additional costs incurred as a result of failure to comply with these Team Travel Obligations will be the sole responsibility of the athlete.

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Appendix A: World Athletics Championships Entry Standards

Men	Event	Women
10.00	100m	11.08
20.16	200m	22.60
45.00	400m	51.00
1:44.70	800m	1:59.80
3:34.20 (3:51.00/3:51)	1500m (mile standard)	4:03.50 (4:22.00/4:22)
13:07.00 /13:07	5000m / 5km road	14:57.00 /14:57
27:10.00 /27:10	10,000m / 10 km road	30:40.00 /30:40
2:09:40	Marathon	2:28:00
8:15.00	3000m SC	9:23.00
13.28	110m H / 100m H	12.78
48.70	400m H	54.90
2.32	High Jump	1.97
5.81	Pole Vault	4.71
8.25	Long Jump	6.85
17.20	Triple Jump	14.52
21.40	Shot Put	18.80
67.00	Discus Throw	64.20
78.00	Hammer Throw	73.60
85.20	Javelin Throw	63.80
NA	Heptathlon	6,480
8,460	Decathlon	NA
1:20:10	20km Race Walk	1:29:20
2:29:40	35km Race Walk	2:51:30
Top 12 at WRE + 4 from Top Lists	4x100m	Top 12 at WRE + 4 from Top Lists
Top 12 at WRE + 4 from Top Lists	4x400m	Top 12 at WRE + 4 from Top Lists
Top 12 at WRE + 4 from Top Lists	4x400m Mixed	Top 12 at WRE + 4 from Top Lists