



## SELECTION POLICY

### 2019 FISU WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES: 3-14 JULY 2019 – NAPLES ITALY

#### OVERVIEW

Student Sport Ireland (SSI) is the sole sanctioning body responsible for identifying, selecting and organising Irish student athletes to compete at the 30<sup>th</sup> World University Games to be held in Naples, Italy from the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2019. SSI works closely with Athletics Ireland and Sport Ireland to achieve best possible results at the World University Games.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

This policy should be read in conjunction with the [Selection Panels Terms of Reference](#).

Please note, due to restrictions on the overall entry imposed by FISU/LOC for the 2019 World University Games, SSI/Athletics Ireland are limited in the number of athletes that can be selected. Currently, a quota just 5 athletes can be selected for 2019 World University Games.

QUALIFICATION PERIODS		
Date	Event	Notes
1 January 2018 to 21 April 2019	All Events	
IMPORTANT DATES		
28 February 2019	National Team Declaration Form	<a href="#">Online Form</a>
23 April 2019	Final Selection All Events	Names published after selection date

#### 1. SSI/FISU STUDENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In addition to meeting the qualification standards set out below by Athletics Ireland, and ratified by SSI, students must meet the following criteria to be eligible to participate at the Games:

- 1.1 A student must be fully registered and hold a student card for the institution with which they are internally registered;
- 1.2 Students must be a national of the country they represent;
- 1.3 Students must be at least 18 years and no more than 25 years of age on December 31<sup>st</sup> 2019 (i.e. born between 1 January 1994 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2001); (Please see clause 4.4 below for SSI/Athletics Ireland's own age requirements).
- 1.4 Students must be pursuing a course of study that is equivalent to 60 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) credits per annum in Ireland and that leads to an award ranked at a minimum of Level 6 on the NQAI Framework (National Qualification Authority of Ireland), or 120 UK Academic credits per annum in Northern Ireland
- 1.5 The academic year shall be defined as September to August. Students in any institution with an academic calendar not running concurrently with this will be eligible for the academic year during which they enter and any subsequent academic years depending on the E.C.T.S. value of their course;
- 1.6 Students will be eligible for competition under the year of grace rule if they have obtained their academic qualification in the year (calendar year) preceding the event;
- 1.7 Appeals in relation to eligibility will be heard by the Eligibility Committee members. Please follow the following link to view the [Student Sport Ireland Appeals Procedure](#).
- 1.8 Fill out an [Declaration of Interest form](#) on Athletics Ireland website.

#### 2. FISU ENTRY CONDITIONS

2.1 Member federation entries must comply with International University Sports Federation (FISU) Regulations, International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) Technical Regulations and Local Organising Committee (LOC) Entry Requirements.

##### Individual Events

2.2 Member Federations may enter a maximum of five (5) athletes per Individual Event of whom two (2) may participate, other than the following exceptions:

- 2.2.1 For the Men's and Women's Half Marathon and the Men's and Women's 20Km Race Walk up to three (3) athletes can participate.

- 2.3 Performances must be achieved in bona fide competition (either indoors or outdoors) organised in conformity with IAAF Rules;
- 2.4 Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or sanctioned by the IAAF, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations. Thus, results achieved at other competitions must be certified by the National Federation of the country in which the competition was organised;
- 2.5 Performances achieved in mixed events (between male and female participants), in track events shall not be accepted. Performances achieved in mixed events in Race Walks shall be accepted;
- 2.6 Wind assisted performances (over 2m/sec) will not be accepted;
- 2.7 Indoor performances will be accepted;
- 2.8 Hand-timed performances for events up to and including 800m will not be accepted;
- 2.9 For the running events of 200m and over, performances achieved on over-sized tracks will not be accepted.

#### Relays

- 2.10 Member federations may enter one (1) team per Relay Event.
- 2.11 If a country entering a relay team and has already entered athletes in 100m / 200m (in relation to 4x100m relay), 400m (in relation to 4x400m relay), these athletes must be part of the relay team. For example: one team has four (4) members, if two (2) of these athletes participate in 100/200m, only two (2) additional athletes can be accepted for the relay event.

### 3. SELECTION PHILOSOPHY

3.1 Athletics Ireland has identified the 2019 World University Game as an important step on the competition pathway during the 2019 season. Athletics Ireland approaches this event as a dress rehearsal for future world championship events. Athletics Ireland and SSI has established the selection criteria outlined below consistent with its high performance mandate. Athletics Ireland's has identified a successful World University Games as being one where its athletes achieve a top 8 finish and compete successfully with the best in the world at the event.

### 4. SELECTION PROCESS

#### Participation Criteria

4.1 Nothing in this policy obliges SSI/Athletics Ireland to select a full contingent of athletes in any particular event regardless of the FISU Entry Rules or the qualification standards. Athletics Ireland will nominate to SSI its team of athletes according to the criteria set out in this policy as allowed by FISU Entry Rules. Athletics Ireland

#### Performance Standards

4.2 SSI and Athletics Ireland have set their own performance standards for the purposes of this selection policy. The performance standards for each of the events to be conducted at the 2019 World University Games are set out in clause 5 below. Please note, due to restrictions on the overall entry imposed by FISU/LOC for the 2019 World University Games, SSI/Athletics Ireland are limited to the number of athletes that can be selected. Currently, a quota of just 5 athletes can be selected for 2019 World University Games.

#### Qualification Period

4.3 FISU/LOC have imposed an early final entry deadline for the 2019 World University Games, meaning the qualification period will close before the 2019 outdoor season is fully under way. With this in mind, SSI and Athletics Ireland have set the qualification period in which the performance standards must be achieved. Selection will be based on performances during the period from 1 January 2018 to 21 April 2019.

#### Age Requirements

4.4 Regardless of the FISU eligibility rules for World University Games, Athletics Ireland will only nominate athletes aged at least twenty-three (23) and no more than twenty-five (25) as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 (i.e. born 1996, 1995 or 1994), unless in exceptional circumstances. Athletes younger than this are expected to prioritise their preparation for and participation in the European U20 Championships (for athletes aged eighteen (18) or nineteen (19) as at 31 December 2019, i.e. born 2001 or 2000) or the European U23 Championships (for athletes aged twenty (20) to twenty-two (22) as at 31 December 2019, i.e. born 1999, 1998 or 1997). Athletes aged eighteen (18) to twenty-two (22) who wish to prioritise the World University Games over European U20 Championships or European U23 Championships should contact Athletics Ireland Performance Director to discuss.

#### Long List

4.5 Athletics Ireland will contact athletes they deem capable of achieving a top 8 finish, along with athletes who have submitted a declaration of interest, in early 2019 to request submission of the documentation outlined in clause 6 below to SSI to ensure that all

necessary information is in place and in order. Athletes who have submitted all required documentation will comprise the 'long list' for selections.

### General Selection Criteria

**4.6** The Selection Panel may "exercise their sole and overriding discretion" to nominate an athlete(s) or relay team that meets with the eligibility and entry rules of the 2019 World University Games and as stipulated in this Selection Policy.

**4.6.1** The Selection Panel may use their sole and overriding discretion to consider any factor or combination of factors that, in their opinion, are relevant to the selection of an athlete, including, but not necessarily limited to the following general principles:

**A. Consistency and Repeatability** of performances (in all or any events) during the qualification period, achieving the performance standard and showing current form and fitness

**B. Statistical data** (ranking/performance list, performance-time curves, course ratings, altitude/wind adjustments)

**C. Championship performance history**, in particular the history of the athlete's on-demand performances at major championships

**D.** The competitive **head to head record** of each athlete

**E. Injury and illness** history

### Individual Selection Criteria

**4.7** In order to nominate an athlete for selection, the selectors must be satisfied, after considering the matters set out in the criteria, that an athlete is capable of achieving a top 8 finish at the 2019 World University Games;

**4.8** Athletes who have achieved one or more 'A' standards will be considered first by selectors:

**4.8.1** If there are fewer athletes with one or more 'A' standard(s) than the allocated quota of places then an athlete with one or more 'A' standard(s) will be considered as an 'automatic' selection for World University Games, assuming all other aspects of selection criteria have been met.

**4.8.2** If there are more athletes with one or more 'A' standard(s) than the allocated quota of places then athletes will be ranked by selectors and will be selected in order of rank to fill the available allocation of places. Selectors will be guided by criteria set out in 4.6 and 4.7 when ranking athletes, assuming all other aspects of selection criteria have been met.

**4.9** Having considered all athletes for selection who have achieved one or more 'A' standards during the qualifying period, and if, having done so, the allocation of places has not been filled, Selectors will consider athletes who have not achieved an 'A' standard but who have achieved one or more 'B' standards during the qualification period. Athletes will be ranked by selectors and will be selected in order of rank to fill the available allocation of places. Selectors will be guided by criteria set out in 4.6 and 4.7 when ranking athletes, assuming all other aspects of selection criteria have been met.

**4.10** Having considered all athletes for selection who have achieved one or more standards ('A' or 'B') during the qualifying period, and if, having done so, the allocation of selections has not been filled, then Selectors may consider selecting athletes who have not achieved a qualifying standard, but have met all other entry conditions including FISU's minimum entry standards, and are on the 'longlist' (see clause 4.5). If doing so, Selectors will be guided by criteria set out in 4.6 and 4.7 when ranking athletes, assuming all other aspects of selection criteria have been met.

**4.11** Regardless of steps 4.8 to 4.10, SSI and Athletics Ireland reserve the right to select any athlete who has not achieved a standard within the qualification period so long as that athlete meets FISU's minimum entry requirements, if selectors feel that such a selection serves to further the performance objectives of Athletics Ireland's High Performance unit.

**4.12** Where there are more athletes who have bettered the performance standard beyond the entry limit in one event, the selectors will decide which of the athlete(s) is to be nominated for selection;

**4.13** The selectors will consider any established breach of any code of conduct or athlete agreement by an athlete as a member of an Athletics Ireland representative team in deciding whether to select an athlete. Such a breach may result in the selectors not nominating an athlete for selection who would otherwise satisfy these criteria.

### Relay Teams

**4.14** Athletics Ireland may consider selection of Relay Team(s) for the Championships, but given the limited quota of places available (currently set at 5) selection of a relay team is quite unlikely.

**4.14.1** The Selection Panel may use their sole and overriding discretion to consider any factor or combination of factors that, in their opinion, are relevant to the selection of an athlete to the relay panel, including, but not necessarily limited to the following general principles:

**A. Consistency and Repeatability** of performances (in relevant events) during the qualification period, and showing current form and fitness

**B. Statistical data** (ranking/performance list, performance-time curves, altitude/wind adjustments)

- C. **Championship performance history**, particularly the history of the athlete's on-demand performances at major championships
- D. The competitive **head to head record** of each athlete
- E. **Injury and illness** history
- F. **Previous/current relay experience** (proven ability to pass and receive batons, championship experience, head to heads).
- G. Relay splits taken from prior championship or non-championships events may be considered.
- H. **Commitment to relay programme** and relay panel initiatives.

#### 4.15 Final Relay Team Selections

The "Strike Four" athletes for any Relay Team(s) that run at the championships will be **selected by the appointed Relay Coach (who will have sole discretion)** and confirmed by Team Management before relay declaration are entered. For selection purposes there are "No Appeals" against the final running order or to the selection of the "Strike Four" athletes.

#### Selectors Meetings

4.16 The Selection Panel members and the [Selectors Terms of Reference can be found here](#).

4.17 Final selections for all events will be on 23 April 2019.

#### Selection Queries

4.18 Athletes can query (i.e. seek clarification regarding selection and/or requirements regarding what they need to do to meet selection requirements) with the Athletics Ireland Selectors or Performance Director.

#### After Selection

4.19 For the purposes of clarity, it is the intended operation of this Policy that **all selections in the Team remain conditional** up and through the championships given the athlete shows form and fitness.

4.19.1 Form and fitness is proven by the athlete achieving a performance/result prior to the championships that is close/better than the published Performance Standards set in (see clause 5).

4.19.2 Failure by a selected athlete to show form and fitness prior to the championships will, at the discretion of the Selectors, Performance Pathway Manager and/or Team Manager result in an athlete who has been initially selected to the team being withdrawn.

4.20 An athlete who enters the Athletics Ireland Team Camp and/or the 2019 World University Games village will be subject to an injury evaluation/assessment by the championship Team Management staff. The injury evaluation/assessment will be carried out by Athletics Ireland's Physio (or appointed Team Physio).

4.20.1 If as a result of such injury evaluation/assessment the Team Physio, Team Management staff, and Team Leader/Manager considers an athlete does not have the standard of fitness or is otherwise not in condition to compete due to injury at a level appropriate to the event(s) for which they have been selected, the Team Leader/Manager will have the sole discretion to withdraw the athlete from the competition.

4.21 An athlete who is found to have breached any Athletics Ireland, IAAF, EAA, LOC or other relevant code of conduct may be withdrawn from the competition at the sole discretion of the Team Leader/Manager.

#### Non-Selection Appeals Process

4.22 The publishing of selected athletes on Athletics Ireland website after a selection meeting will be **deemed the commencement of the 24 hour period to lodge non-Nomination Appeals** in accordance with this Selection Policy.

4.23 Any athlete who is not nominated in accordance with this Selection Policy may appeal their non-nomination to Athletics Ireland providing they:

4.23.1 Have submitted an ADC form in accordance with timelines contained in this Selection Policy and;

4.23.2 Submit a notice of their intention to appeal their non-selection via online [Notice of Appeals Form](#) within 24 hours of the selection decision published on the Athletics Ireland website (i.e. the Nomination Announcement). The Notice of Appeal Form is submitted to the Chair of the Appeals Panel and the CEO of Athletics Ireland.

4.24 The [Selection Appeals Procedure](#) can be found on the HP section of Athletics Ireland website.

4.25 The Grounds upon which a Nomination decision may be appealed are limited to the following:

4.25.1 There has been an alleged failure by Selection Panel to follow or apply the relevant Selection Procedure and/or criteria set out in the Selection Policy, and/or

4.25.2 The decision for nomination for the championship has been reached based on an error of fact.

**Additional Information**

**4.26** Subject to ratification by SSI the selection criteria may be amended at any time by the Directors of Athletics Ireland, if SSI and Athletics Ireland are of the opinion that such amendment is necessary and in the best interests of SSI and Athletics Ireland or as a result of any change in FISU participation rules and/or guidelines. Any amendment to the criteria will be published on the both SSI's and Athletics Ireland website.

**4.27** Selected athletes' personal coaches/family outside of the selected "Official Irish Team" will be responsible for their own travel, accommodations, tickets, and accreditations for the 2019 World University Games.

**Funding/Costs**

**4.28** Athletes *may* receive funding for the 2019 World University Games under their Athletics Ireland Athlete Agreements. The decision whether to provide funding to an athlete who has been selected and the extent of any funding will be made by the AI's High Performance Director;

**4.29** SSI will not be in a position to provide any funding to support athletes participating at the Games. SSI's advice to all athletes being considered for selection for the Games is that while ultimately the cost of participation is the responsibility of the athlete the athlete's NGB will be expected to provide at least a third of each individual student's costs. In addition the athlete's college may be in a position to also support his/her participation;

**4.30** SSI advise that all athletes under consideration should approach their College Sports Officer at the earliest opportunity to indicate their interest in participating at the Games and to determine if the College may be in a position to support their participation;

**4.31** All student balances must be settled **1 WEEK** before departure for the Games. Failure to pay an outstanding balance before departure **WILL** result in SSI withdrawing a student's entry to participate at the Games;

**4.32** Without exception, SSI will not facilitate payment of any fees and costs due until it first has received into its account all monies due.

## 5. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Men		EVENTS	Women	
A Standard	B Standard		A Standard	B Standard
10.35	10.45	<b>100m</b>	11.50	11.65
20.90	21.00	<b>200m</b>	23.50	23.70
46.70	46.80	<b>400m</b>	53.30	53.40
1:47.60	1:48.25	<b>800m</b>	2:02.50	2:04.80
3:40.00	3:44.50	<b>1500m</b>	4:12.00	4:14.30
13:42.00	14:06.00	<b>5000m</b>	15:40.00	16:15.00
28:55.00	29:45.00	<b>10,000m</b>	33:20.00	34:45.00
1:05:00	1:06:30	<b>½ Marathon</b>	1:15:00	1:17:45
8:40:00	8:45.00	<b>3000m SC</b>	9:55.00	10:05.00
13.85	14.00	<b>110mH/100mH</b>	13.25	13.45
50.60	50.70	<b>400mH</b>	57.35	57.70
2.26m	2.20m	<b>High Jump</b>	1.90m	1.85m
5.55m	5.30m	<b>Pole Vault</b>	4.45m	4.15m
7.95m	7.80m	<b>Long Jump</b>	6.60m	6.30m
16.60m	16.25m	<b>Triple Jump</b>	13.90m	13.35m
19.90m	18.25m	<b>Shot</b>	16.50m	15.90m
63.50m	57.00m	<b>Discus</b>	56.00m	54.00m
74.00m	68.00m	<b>Hammer</b>	69.00m	63.00m
80.00m	73.00m	<b>Javelin</b>	59.00m	53.00m
1:25:00	1:26:00	<b>20km Race Walk</b>	1:37:00	1:39:00
7850	7500	<b>Decathlon/Heptathlon</b>	5900	5600
NES	NES	<b>4x1 Relay</b>	NES	NES
NES	NES	<b>4x4 Relay</b>	NES	NES

## 6. SSI REGISTRATION DOCUMENTATION

To be eligible for consideration for selection athletes are required to submit the original documentation to the SSI office. Failure to submit all documentation requested by the date may prevent the athlete's participation at the WUGs being considered by SSI.

**6.1** A signed and stamped nomination form (completed in a Word doc), signed and stamped by the College Sports Officer.

**6.2** Completed Academic Eligibility form stamped by the College Registrar. (AE forms not stamped by the registrar **will** be returned to the student).

**6.3** Two passport photos.

**6.4** A copy of the athlete's passport page.

## 7. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please note that it is SSI policy that personal information in relation to World University Games and Championships is only stored for the duration of that event and is deleted and shredded following the event.