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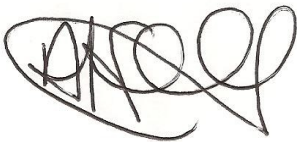
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General points concerning National, International Team Selection Policy

Rationale

Athletics PNG (APNG) is committed to providing equal and fair opportunities to prospective athletes in national & International Competitions. Due to the culture of Athletics in our country, along with coaching practices and ethical accountability displayed in the new code of ethics, the general points that apply to the selection of athletes for any international event including this document should be read in conjunction with any specific policy in a particular year for major Games such as the Pacific Mini/ Pacific Games, Commonwealth or the Olympic Games.

Intent

The intention of this policy is to ensure that coaches and prospective team members understand the reasoning behind Athletics PNG selection decisions

Scope

The Selection Policy in general is applicable to all potential athletes who meet some or all of the selection criteria identified in this policy document and inclusive of International Events and Major Games Specific policies of a particular year.

Selection Considerations

The selection process for PNG travelling teams will take into account some of these considerations:

- i. Regional Championship Placement
- ii. National Championship Placement
- iii. PNG Games Placement
- iv. Pacific Games Placement
- v. International Competition Performance
- vi. International Competition Performance Vs. Domestic Performance or that of lower levels
- vii. Performance Consistency
- viii. Media Behaviour
- ix. Athletic Potential
- x. Athlete Code of Conduct
- xi. Athlete Compliance of APNG Policies

i. Regional Championship Placement

The regional championship is an annual event that is expected to provide an opportunity & exposure for athletes who come from provinces within the same region to compete at a regional level. Athletes competing at this level may be the best selected from inter- school carnivals or other Provincial competitions. This is also a talent identification opportunity since many athletes may perform better in early than later rounds due to fitness levels. Athletes who physically prepare for the championship and had the means of attending can display mastery of event at this level.

ii. National Championship Placement

The National Championship is traditionally the primary means of selecting national teams because it is the only time when all the best athletes countrywide come together to compete head to head. Discovered athletes who display mastery of event against present crop of athletes had the means of attending, or physically prepared for the championship. Overseas based athletes may be included if possible or exempted from attending this competition for obvious practical reasons.

iii. PNG Games Placement

Athletes that may not train consistently at other times from the Games may perform better at the PNG Games because of Regional or Provincial coach support and assistance provided by their home province. The high quality and competitiveness of the 2012 , 2014 and 2017 PNG Games showed that this event did have the potential to take over from the National Championship as the premier domestic track and field competition for selections. However the PNG Games is only held every second or third year and the postponement of the 2016 edition to 2017 and continuing uncertainties surrounding the next edition has damaged its brand.

iv. International Competition Performance

Inexperienced athletes sometimes respond differently to competition outside of PNG compared to that at home. Overseas based athletes usually have more frequent and higher levels of competition than those based in PNG and this factor will be taken into consideration in assessing performance.

v. International Competition Performance Vs. Domestic Performance or that of lower levels

Athlete responsiveness to different external competitions will display athlete temperament and high performance outlook in these conditions. Athlete performance data from International and Domestic competitions can be compiled and compared to determine the athlete’s potential for high level team selection.

vi. Performance Consistency

Performance consistency is an indication of fitness levels and this can be used to determine which of two or more athletes is a better choice.

vii. Media Behaviour

Athletes represent our country domestically and internationally and good behaviour and conduct are important to uphold the integrity of the sports. Media behaviour will be evaluated to ensure reckless athletes are not selected due to the risk of bringing the sport into disrepute.

viii.Athletic Potential

Athlete potential will consider physical attributes together with the other stated considerations. The PNG team selection should indicate the potential for each athlete to represent PNG in a manner consistent with the code of ethics and athlete responsibility to be displayed on the global stage.

ix. Performance Trajectory

Athletes who demonstrate consistent improvement from year to year will be considered by Athletics PNG over those who stagnate.

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