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## All Affiliated Units-AFI & Individual Athletes meeting criteria for selection

**Subject:- Participation of Ultra Runners in 2018 IAU 100K World Championships, 08 September 2018, Sveti Martin na Muri, Croatia**

The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) is associated with International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU) and invites applications for the '2018 IAU 100K World Championships', to be held on 08 September 2018 at Sveti Martin na Muri, Croatia.

Ultra Runners of India who fulfill the criteria laid down by the AFI can represent India after selection by the duly constituted AFI Selection Committee. Up to 06 Men and 06 Women (or as intimated by the IAU), meeting criteria laid down by the AFI could be selected to form the team.

Detailed guidelines/instructions/eligibility criteria for selection and participation of Ultra Runners are also enclosed as **Annexure 'A'** to this letter. The interested ultra runners, meeting selection criteria, may send their application on the prescribed format placed at **Annexure 'B'** of this letter.

**AFI is only facilitating the participation** of Indian Ultra Runners who meet qualification levels, which are comparable with athletes of IAU member countries, participating in the 100 Km World Championships. The participation is **Athlete Funded** and **selected athletes will have to bear all expenses** of training, kitting, air travel, visa, boarding and lodging and any other related expenses. Selected athletes are expected to deposit with AFI the advances required to be paid by AFI to the LOC, Croatia for their participation.

The last date for receipt of entry by email is **08<sup>th</sup> July 2018, 1700 hrs (IST)**. Applications will not be entertained beyond the target date and time. The completed entry forms must be submitted to- [ultramarathon@indianathletics.in](mailto:ultramarathon@indianathletics.in) before the deadline.

Thanking You

Yours Sincerely

(C.K. VALSON)  
Secretary, AFI

## ANNEXURE-A

### 2018 IAU 100K World Championships, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018, Sveti Martin na Muri, Croatia

#### INVITATION OF APPLICATIONS

##### Introduction

1. The 2018 IAU 100 K World Championships is to be held on 08 September 2018, at Croatia. (<http://www.iau-ultramarathon.org/>). This is an International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU) Competition.

##### The Course

2. The course is proposed 7.5 K loop along the local roads, which will be closed to traffic. Details will be available on the IAU website.

##### Selection Criteria-

3. **Race Specific Bench Mark.** Performance of Athletes in the following race categories will be considered for the selection process. Athletes must achieve the following timing / distance in any of the given races:

(i)	100 Km Race:	Men	–	9:30 h
		Women	–	10:30 h
(ii)	12 Hour Race:	Men	–	126 Km
		Women	–	114 Km

##### 4. Selection Process

(a) Only Indian Citizens will be considered and the athlete must be holding a valid Indian passport.

(b) Qualifying period. The athlete should have achieved the **Race Specific Benchmark** in a period 15 months before the date of the Championship and up to the date for submission of the application. As the Championship is to be held on 08 September 2018 and the last date for submission of the application is 08 July 2018, then the qualifying period will be 07 June 2017 to 08 July 2018.

(c) Race Results. The results of the races run by the athlete must be available on the website of the organizer as on the date of submission of the application. Results, which are made available after the last date for submission of the application, will not be considered.

(d) Proof of Fitness. In addition to meeting the Race Specific Bench Mark and Qualifying period, athletes will also have to provide details of ultra-races run in a period up to one year from the date of Championships up to the date of submission of the application, as a proof of fitness. If not available, the athlete may not be considered for the selection process solely on the basis of having met the Race Specific Bench Marks and Qualifying Period. This period is from 07 September 2017 to 06 July 2018.

(e) Team Composition. Up to 06 Men and 06 Women **or** as specified by the IAU, 'meeting the standards set by AFI' could be selected to represent India.

(f) Selection Trails. No selection trials are planned. Athletes will be selected based on the results of races provided by the applicant. The results must be available on the Race Website, for verification.

5. Expenditure for participation. AFI will facilitate the participation of the team at the World / Continental Area Championships. The events are Athlete funded events. **All expenditure towards the participation is to be borne by individual athletes.** Details are as given:

(a) Athletics Federation of India will facilitate the participation of athletes who meet the selection criteria laid down in this document.

(b) The selected Athletes will have to bear all cost of training, nutrition supplements, travel, visa, accommodation, and any other expenses related to these events. Athletes will be responsible for booking their flight tickets and processing their visa applications in time. AFI and the Local Organizing Committee of the event will provide documents required for processing the visa.

(c) Basic kitting requirements will be met by AFI. Any specific gear required for the race would need to be procured by the athletes.

(d) Although the IAU / LOC provides free boarding and lodging for up to 02 Men and 02 Women athletes (or as decided by IAU), **the cost for accommodation will be shared among all athletes selected and all athletes will be required to pay for accommodation equally.** Accommodation payments will be done through AFI.

(e) Selected athletes will be required to make a full payment of approximately EURO 450 in INR with the AFI towards accommodation. The exact amount will be notified to selected athletes once the details are made available by the LOC. Athletes will be required to give their willingness to fund their participation in the event at the time of submission of the application form and make the necessary deposit on time. Failure to make the accommodation deposit on time will result in withdrawal of the athlete's entry.

(f) Refund of accommodation costs. If an athlete withdraws his / her name and is unable to proceed for the event once the final payments have been done by the AFI, the refund of payment made on account of accommodation will be subject to the same being refunded by the LOC and other expenditure incurred in the process.

6. **Selection Panel.** The AFI Ultra Running Selection Panel duly appointed by the President AFI will be responsible for the selection of athletes based on the information provided and verified.

7. **Appeal.** There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the Indian Team made by the Selection Panel. The provision of appeals applicable under AFI rules does not apply to the selection of Indian Team for the IAU organized championships/competitions.

8. **Announcement of Results.** Selected athletes will be intimated by e-mail and result of the selection will be posted on the official website of AFI-[www.indianathletics.in](http://www.indianathletics.in)

**Additional Information.**

(a) The AFI Ultra Running Committee may be contacted at [ultramarathon@indianathletics.in](mailto:ultramarathon@indianathletics.in)

(b) Athletes selected will be responsible for their own training in consultation with the Ultra-Running Sub-committee of the AFI.

(c) If a selected athlete gets injured during the preparation before the event, and his participation in the event is at risk, he / she must inform the Ultra-Running Sub-committee of the AFI by e-mail at the earliest.

(d) Athletes will be responsible for booking their flight tickets to and fro.

(e) Athletes will be responsible to obtain visa directly from the Embassy of Croatia as per the Embassy visa rules. AFI will only provide the necessary documentary proof that an individual is representing AFI at the 2018 IAU 100 K World Championships. If an individual is unable to process his or her visa application or Visa application is rejected, the AFI will not be held responsible. For refund of advance paid by the athlete to AFI for boarding and lodging, please refer to para 5(f).

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>S No.</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>DATE and TIME</b>
1.	Publication of Invitation	22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2018, 0001 h
2.	Cutoff date and time to receive completed Application Forms	06 July 2018 1700 h
3.	Selection Committee Meeting	TBD (between 6 July to 10 July)
4.	Announcement of Selection Results	10 July 2018 or earlier
5.	Payment of Accommodation costs	15 July 2018
6.	Processing of Visa	On receipt of Invitation letter from the LOC
7.	Departure for Croatia	Tentative 05 September 2018
8.	2018 IAU 100 K World Championships	08 September 2018
9.	Departure from Croatia for India	09 / 10 September 2018

**ONLINE APPLICATION FORM : 100 Km WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018**  
**AVAILABLE AT [www.indianathletics.in](http://www.indianathletics.in)**

