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AFI ULTRA RUNNING SELECTION POLICY FOR WORLD / CONTINENTAL AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

1. **Introduction:** The International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU) operates under the patronage of the IAAF and holds major competitions at the World and Continental level. The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) in its endeavor to promote the sport of ultra-running in India aims to send teams for ultra running events. It is the objective of the AFI to enhance competitiveness in the sport and send a 'strong' team to represent India. The Selection Policy and Race Specific Benchmark has been decided by AFI for the period 2019 and is given herein.
2. **IAU Championships:**
 - (a) Trail World Championships – 08 June 2019 – Portugal (Annexure-A)
 - (b) 24 Hour World Championship – 26-27 Oct. 2019 – France (Annexure-B)
 - (c) 2019 IAU 100 Km Asia & Oceania Championships – Date and Place is yet to be decided. (Annexure C)
3. **Invitation of Applications:** The endeavor of the AFI Ultra Running Committee would be to announce the invitation of applications at the earliest. The application process will be open at least three months before the date of Championships for minimum period of three weeks for athletes to fill in and submit the same.
4. **Selection Process and Expenditure for Participation:** Please refer Annexure D and E.
5. **Selection Committee:** The members of the selection committee are: Gp Capt P D'Souza, Mr Sunil Chainani, Mr Ashok Azhagarasan and Mr. Divesh Bhal (AFI Rep). Mr. Adille J Sumariwalla, AFI President, Appellate Authority.
6. **Additional Information and queries:** The AFI Ultra Running Committee may be contacted at: ultramarathon@indianathletics.in


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Annexure 'A'

TRAIL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

08 June 2019 - Mirandha do Corvo, Portugal

1. The 2019 Trail World Championships is to be held at Mirandha do Corvo, Portugal on 08 June 2018. The online application is open till 28 February 2019.
2. Details of the Trail Race 2019 are available on the AFI website <http://indianathletics.in/federationolds/athlete/login.php>



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Annexure 'B'

24-HOUR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

26th and 27th October 2019, Albi, France

1. The 2019 IAU 24 Hour World Championships is to be held on 26th and 27th October 2019, Albi, France.

2. Online applications will be open at least four months before the date of Championships.

3. **Race Specific Benchmark (24 Hour World Championships)** Athletes should have the following standards within the qualifying period (please refer Annexure D for the qualifying period):

Men : 205 Km

Women : 165 Km

Note 1: Result of races up to 31 July 2019 will be considered for this championship.

Note 2: In case of a tie between the applicants meeting the set criteria, the selection of the athletes would be solely at the discretion of the selection committee.



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Annexure 'C'

100 Km ASIA & OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

(Date and Place is still to be decided)

1. The IAU 100 Km Asia & Oceania Championships is expected to be held in 2019. The place and date of the Championships is yet to be finalized. The online application process will commence when details of the event are received.

2. **Race Specific Benchmark (100 Km Asia & Oceania Championships)** Athletes should have the following standards within the qualifying period (please refer Annexure D for the qualifying period):

Criteria	12 Hour	100 Km	50 Miles	Comrades
Men	120 Km	9 h 30 min	7 h 30 min	8 h 30 min (Down) 8 h 45 min (Up)
Women	110 Km	10 h 30 min	8 h 30 min	9 h 30 min (Down) 9 h 45 min (Up)

Note 1: In case of a tie between the applicants meeting the 12 H, 100 Km, Comrades and 50 mile timings / distances, the final selection of the athletes would be solely at the discretion of the selection committee.

Note 2: The 2020 IAU 100 Km World Championships are to be held on 12th September 2020, at Winschoten, The Netherlands. The Race specific benchmark for the Championships will be intimated later



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Annexure 'D'

SELECTION PROCESS

1. **Only Indian Citizens will be considered.**

2. **Qualifying period.** The athlete should have achieved the Race Specific Benchmark in a period 18 months before the date of the Championship and up to the date for submission of the application. {Example: If the Championship is to be held on 05 June 2019 and the date for submission of the application is 25 March 2019, then the qualifying period will be 06 December 2017 to 25 March 2019.}

3. **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. Results of Races, which have a minimum of 05 participants in the applicable race category, would be considered.

4. **Proof of Fitness.** In addition to meeting the Race Specific Benchmark and Qualifying period, athletes will also have to provide details of ultra races run in a period up to six months from the date of Championships 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 Benchmarks and Qualifying Period. The selection committee may also specify the type of race / performance timing, required to be run as proof of fitness.

5. **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.

6. **Selection Trails.** No selection trails is envisaged for the Championships to be held in 2019. However, if there is a tie between athletes meeting the criteria, the selection of the athlete would be solely at the discretion of the selection committee.



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Annexure 'E'

EXPENDITURE FOR PARTICIPATION

All the mentioned Championships 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 (men and women) 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 deposit in INR with the AFI towards accommodation. This amount will be decided on the basis of accommodation costs as specified by the LOC. The amount will be specified for each event separately. 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.

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