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

Subject:- Participation of Ultra Runners in the 13th IAU 24 Hour World Championships, 26th - 27th October 2019, in Albi, France

The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) is associated with International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU) and invites applications for the '13th IAU 24 Hour World Championships' to be held on 26th - 27th October 2019 at Albi, France.

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, **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 placed as **Annexure 'A'** to this letter. Interested ultra runners, meeting selection criteria, may apply online through the **link which will available on the AFI website from 01 July 2019 to 31 July 2019 (1700 h IST)**. No request to accept applications will be entertained beyond the stipulated date and time. The details required to be filled in the online form is placed as **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 event. 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, for their participation.

Thanking You
Yours Sincerely

(C.K. VALSON)
Secretary General
Athletics Federation of India

13th IAU 24 Hour World Championships,
26th – 27th October 2019, Albi, France

INVITATION OF APPLICATIONS

Introduction

1. '13th IAU 24 Hour World Championships', is to be held on 26th – 27th October 2019 at Albi, France. This is an International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU) Competition.

The Course

2. The course 1500 m of which 1050 m is bitumen and 450 m is track. Details are available in the GIS (General Information Sheet) which is available on the IAU website.

Selection Criteria

3. **Race Specific Bench Mark.** The selection Guidelines was published on 19 February 2019 on the AFI website. The athlete's performance in the following races will be considered:

	Race	Gender	Specific Benchmark	Qualifying Period
(a)	24 Hour Race	M	205 Km	26 April 2018 – 31 July 2019
(b)	24 Hour Race	F	165 Km	26 April 2018 – 31 July 2019

4. **Selection Process**

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

(b) Qualifying period. As specified in the table above.

(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 nine months 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 26 January 2019 to 31 July 2019.**

(e) Team Composition. Up to 06 Men and 06 Women 'meeting the standards set by AFI' could be selected to represent India. Athletes not meeting the set criteria will not be considered.

(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. **Participation in Races / Sporting Events after selection.**

Participation in races longer than 120 Km / 12 Hours for Men and 100 Km / 12 Hours for Women or any other competitive sporting event, after 01 August 2019, could be detrimental to the overall performance of the Team at the Championship. Further, the participation in races longer than 21 Km up to one-month before the Championship could also affect performances. Hence, once selected, athletes are not permitted to participate in any other race / sporting event without permission from the selection committee, whose decision would be final. Participation in any such event could lead to the individual athlete being dropped from the team.

6. **Expenditure for participation.** AFI will facilitate the participation of the team at the Championships. The event is an Athlete funded event. **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, 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) Payment for Accommodation. Selected athletes will be required to make a full payment of approximately INR 30000/- 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.

7. **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

8. **Additional Information.**

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

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

(c) Injuries sustained prior to the Championships. 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 Committee of the AFI by e-mail at the earliest.

(d) Travel Arrangements. Athletes will be responsible for booking their flight tickets to and fro, processing the visa application and necessary insurance. AFI will only provide the necessary documentary proof that an individual is representing AFI at the said 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 6(f).

(e) Sponsorship. If the AFI secures sponsorship for the team, to avail the facilities being provided, the selected athletes would be required to agree to the given terms and conditions, which will be intimated later.

IMPORTANT DATES

S No.	ACTIVITY	DATE and TIME
1.	Cut off date and time to receive completed online Application Forms	31 July 2019 1700 h
2.	Announcement of Selection Results	05 August 2019 or earlier
3.	Payment of Accommodation costs	15 August 2019
4.	Processing of Visa	On receipt of Invitation letter form the LOC
5.	Departure for Albi	22/23 October,2019
6.	13 th IAU 24 Hour World Championships	26/27 October,2019
7.	Departure for India	29/30 October,2019

**DETAILS REQUIRED FOR THE ONLINE FORM WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE ON AFI WEBSITE FROM
01 JULY 2019 TO 31 JUL 2019 (1700 H)**

1.	Full Name of the Applicant (as per passport)	
2.	Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)	
3.	Gender	
4.	Age (In years and month)	
5.	Nationality	
6.	Do you hold an Indian Passport (Please upload the first and last page of the passport scanned / jpeg file)	

	Passport Number	
	Date of Expiry	
7.	Address (As per Passport)	
8.	Current Address	
9.	Cell Phone Number	
10.	E - Mail Id	

11.		Name of Race	Specific Bench Mark Achieved by the Athlete (Refer to para 3 in Annexure A)	Web Link to the official race result
	Qualifying Period 26 April 2018 – 31 July 2019	24 Hour Race		
12.	Proof of Fitness. Detail of Ultra Races Run during the Period 26 January 2019 to 31 July 2019			

13.	UNDERTAKING ATHLETE	BY <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If selected, I undertake to bear all expenses towards my participation in the event. 2. If I am unable to bear my expenses, I will not claim as my right nor will I insist that AFI should bear my expenses. 3. I undertake to pay the required amount of INR 30,000/- and as mentioned at para 6 (e) of Annexure A. 4. I undertake to make necessary arrangements to obtain my air ticket and visa required for travel for the event. 5. In case I am unable to obtain my air tickets and visa in time, I am aware that I stand to forfeit the advances paid by me and will not claim a refund from the AFI or the Organisers of the event. 6. If I am injured prior to the event I shall inform the AFI Ultra Running Committee immediately. 7. Once selected, I undertake not to participate in races / sporting competitions longer than 120 Km / 12 Hours (Men) and 100 Km / 12 Hours (Women) up to 03 months before the World Championships; and also races longer than 21 Km up to 01 month before the World Championships, without the permission of the Selection Committee, whose decision will be final. I also understand by doing so, I could be dropped from the team. 8. I will abide with the directions of the AFI Ultra Running Committee with regards to all activities involving my participation in the event.
	Please type Agree or Disagree.	

