



World University Games 2007 - Athletics

This letter is to provide information to NZ Track & Field competitors about the Athletics competition at the 2007 World University Games (also known as the Summer Universiade).

General: The World University Games are the 2nd largest global multi-sports event after the Olympics. They give athletes the opportunity to compete against world class competition and experience a world class multi-sports event.

Date: 8-18 August 2007

Location: Bangkok, Thailand

NZ Organisers: University Sport New Zealand (USNZ) is responsible for the final selection and the administration of the New Zealand delegation (including Athletics) that will compete at these Games. USNZ works closely with Athletics NZ at all stages regarding the Athletics team.

NZ Delegation: It is expected that the NZ delegation for the 2007 Games will be the largest ever with around 150 competitors and officials from 10-11 sports including Athletics.

Athletics: Athletics is one of 17 sports that will be part of the Games. The Athletics competition will take place from 9-14 August which will allow athletes also to compete at the IAAF World Championships in Osaka on 25 Aug – 2 Sept.

Eligibility: Athletes wishing to represent New Zealand at the 2007 World University Games must adhere to the following eligibility criteria:

- a) You must be a New Zealand citizen and hold a current, full NZ passport;
- b) You must be at least 17 and less than 28 years of age as at 1st January 2007 (i.e. be born between 2nd January 1979 and 1st January 1990);
- c) If studying in NZ, you must be attending a NZ University as recognised by the Ministry of Education;
- d) If studying overseas you must be studying at a University or similar institution recognised as holding University status by the appropriate academic authority of that country;
- e) You must be studying "towards a full time course"; OR
- f) You must have finished your course (successfully) and graduated less than 12 months before the start of the Games, i.e. finished your course and graduated after 8 August 2006;
- g) You must be an athlete in good standing with Athletics NZ.

Selection:

Athletes selected to represent New Zealand at the 2007 World University Games will have met the following standards:

- a) Selection will be merit based on the athlete's ability to perform with credit at these Games and attainment of the relevant standard;
- b) Standards have been determined by Athletics NZ and endorsed by University Sport NZ. ANZ and USNZ have determined standards to achieve their joint goal of athletes finishing in the top 16 of their event.
- c) Athletes must indicate to the High Performance Director their intention to qualify for this team and athletes must compete in the NZ Track & Field Championships (unless dispensation has been asked for and granted by the High Performance Director) and / or a major university meeting.
- d) Athletes will be required to have good competitive records in their events in other major domestic competitions.
- e) All athletes selected for individual events must make themselves available for relay events as required.
- f) Performances must be achieved during the period 1 July 2006 to 30 May 2007 with two exceptions – 1) the Half Marathon which must be between 1 July 2006 and 22 May 2007; 2) athletes competing in the NCAA Division 1 Finals in California on 6-9 June will be considered.
- g) All performances must have been achieved during official competition organised in conformity with IAAF rules.
- h) All performances must be achieved during competitions organised and or authorised by the IAAF, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations. Thus results achieved at University or School competitions must be certified by the National Athletics Federation of the country in which the competition was organised.
- i) Wind assisted performances (IAAF Rules) will not be accepted.
- j) Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 400m and longer, will be accepted (unless achieved on oversized tracks).
- k) Hand-timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 110mH/100mH, 400mH and 4x100m Relay will not be accepted.
- l) Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female athletes, held completely in the stadium, will not be accepted (see IAAF Rule 147).
- m) Selection standards are as follows:

Event:	MEN	WOMEN
100m	10.50	11.64
200m	21.00	23.54
400m	46.44	53.34
800m	1:47.50	2:04.00
1500m	3:42.00	4:16.00
5000m	13:50.00	16:00.00
10,000m	28:40.00	33:30.00
Half Marathon	1:05.30	1:16.30
110m H	14.14	13.54
400m H	50.84	57.14
3000m St	8:40.00	10:21.00
High Jump	2.20m	1.86m
Pole Vault	5.30m	4.20m
Long Jump	7.70m	6.35m
Triple Jump	16.30m	13.60m
Shot Put	18.00m	16.00m
Discus	58.00m	55.00m
Hammer Throw	70.00m	63.50m
Javelin Throw	74.00m	56.00m
Decathlon	7600pts	n/a
Heptathlon	n/a	5650pts
20km W	1:28:00	1:38.00

- n) These standards may be amended or supplemented by Athletics NZ and/or University Sport NZ and specifically where matters arise which have not been provided for herein.
- o) Only 2 athletes may be selected to represent NZ in each event. In the event of more than two athletes satisfying all the selection criteria in any one event, the results of the NZ Track & Field Championships will be a consideration in determining the final selection.
- p) There are no minimum standards required by FISU, the organisers of the Games.
- q) Indicative selection date – 1 June 2007; ANZ and USNZ reserve the right to confirm the selection of athletes who have passed the above standards prior to this date.
- r) These criteria may be amended at any time by the directors of Athletics New Zealand, if Athletics New Zealand is of the opinion that such amendment is necessary:
 - As a result of any change in IAAF or FISU participation rules and/or guidelines, or
 - To give affect to the criteria following discovery of a drafting error or oversight; or
 - For any other reason determined by Athletics New Zealand to be in its best interests.

Cost: Athletics NZ will fully fund the cost of all Athletics competitors selected to compete at the Games.

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Agreement: All Athletics competitors selected to represent NZ at the Games are required to sign an agreement with University Sport NZ which covers areas of commitment to the athletics team, to the overall NZ delegation and to USNZ. It covers areas such as the athlete's responsibilities regarding performance focus, doping control and behaviour.

Who to contact: Contact any of these people for further information:

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Websites: For further information on the World University Games click on the following links:

- a) University Sport New Zealand's website pages on the Games: www.universitiesport.org.nz/events/international/world-university-games/
- b) Organising Committee's website: www.universiade2007.org/en/main/index.html
- c) International University Sports Federation website: www.fisu.net