



1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 **Aims:** NZWP’s aims in selecting Athletes to compete in the 2024 U16 Men’s World Championships are as follows:

- (a) to provide development opportunities for Athletes; and
- (b) to achieve credible results for New Zealand.

1.2 **NZWP Selection Regulations:** You should read this Policy in conjunction with the NZWP Selection Regulations (“**Regulations**”). In particular, you should be aware of:

- (a) the process you need to follow if you feel you have been affected by Exceptional Circumstances (see Part 7 of the Regulations); and
- (b) the process you must follow if you wish to make an Appeal in respect of any aspect of the Selection process (see Part 8 of the Regulations).

1.3 **Definitions:** Where a word is capitalised it will have a definition. Definitions can be found in Appendix 1 of the Regulations.

1.4 **Event:** This document sets what you need to do to be selected to compete in the U16 Men’s World Championship:

(a) **Specified Events**

Event	Maximum number of athletes per event
U16 Men’s World Championship	Up to 15 athletes, including 2 goal keepers.

1.5 Athletes from the U16 Squad must advise if they are **not** available for selection consideration to travel with the team.

1.6 **Important Dates:** The following are the key dates for this Policy:

Team Selection Camps	3-4 February and 9-10 March (for those 15 years old as at 1 Jan 2024, see 1.10 Eligibility clause);
Squad Camps	22-28 April;
Team Selection Date	18 March 2024.
Uniform Portal Open	19 – 21 March 2024.
Team Camps	29 March – 1 April (Easter); Tier 2 National League; 11-17 June.
U16 Men’s World Championship	18 - 24 June 2024.

1.7 **Funding and Support:** If you are selected, you will be eligible for the following funding and support from NZWP:

U16 Team	Training Camps, Coaching and logistics
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1.8 **Cost:** If you are selected, it will cost approximately NZD \$10,000.00 - \$12,000.00 per athlete to attend the U16 Men's World Championship.

1.9 **Outline:** In order to be selected, you need to:

- (a) meet all of the Eligibility Criteria – see Part 4 of the Regulations; and
- (b) earn Selection – see clause 2 below and Part 5 of the Regulations
- (c) satisfy clause 3 of this Policy – see Part 5 of the Regulations (subject to any Exceptional Circumstances).

1.10 **Eligibility:**

- (a) An Athlete shall be eligible for either the 2024 U16 World Championships or the 2024 U15 / U17 National State Championships, not both.
- (b) An Athlete must be at least 15 years of age as at 1 January 2024.

1.11 **Covid-19 and Travel Restrictions:** This Policy is subject to any Covid-19 restrictions that may be in place from time to time in New Zealand and abroad.

2. SELECTION

2.1 **Pre-Conditions:** Squad athletes who have made themselves available for the tour must fulfil the following pre-conditions:

- (a) attend the NZWP camps and compete in national events
- (b) attend the NZWP observation events unless agreed with coaches

2.2 **Team Selection Factors:** The relevant NZWP Head Coach, in consultation with the Selectors, will consider the following Factors:

- (a) Performances and data from the NZWP observation events;
- (b) any one or more of the Team Selection Factors set out in Part 5 of the Regulations.

3. PERFORMANCE CRITERIA AND SELECTION

3.1 **Performance Criteria:** Selectors must be satisfied that the Team has the potential to perform credibly at the 2024 U16 Men's World Championship.

3.2 **Selection:** If Selected, you must:

- (a) indicate to NZWP within 10 working days of the Selection Date that you are willing to pay any cost associated with attending the event(s) for which you have been Selected.
- (b) Be registered with NZWP as an athlete

4. QUERIES AND COMPLAINTS

4.1 **Queries:** You can address any queries regarding this Policy to the NZWP High Performance Manager in the first instance.

4.2 **Complaints:** You can address any complaints regarding the implementation of this Policy to the CEO in the first instance.