



1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 **Aims:** NZWP’s aims in selecting Athletes to compete in the 2024 U18 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 clause 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 U18 Men’s World Championship:

(a) **Specified Events**

Event	Maximum number of athletes per event
U18 Men’s World Championship	Up to 15 athletes, including 2 goal keepers.

1.5 Athletes from the U18 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:

Squad Camps	19-26 January; 10-11 February, 2-3 March; 28 March – 11 April, Barcelona.
Team Selection Date	22 April 2024.
Uniform Portal Open	23-25 April 2024.
Team Camps	National League, May; 22-26 June; 27 June – 1 July.
U18 Men’s World Championship	2-8 July 2024.

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

U18 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 U18 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 **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 U18 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.