



WPA 50km & Interprovincial Race Walking Team Qualifying Criteria and Guidelines

Event: SA 50km & Interprovincial Race Walking Championships – 08 October 2016

Selection Philosophy:

WPA is committed to providing its athletes the opportunity to compete at Athletics South Africa Championships. WPA recognises the importance of selecting those athletes who will be able to contribute best to the continued success of athletics in the Province whilst acknowledging the support that its athletes give to the association and the sport as a whole. WPA sees the SA 50km & Interprovincial Race Walking Championships as both an important event in the development of young walkers as well as an elite event in the Open age groups providing athletes a pathway to international selection.

For the avoidance of doubt this philosophy statement is not to be regarded as part of the selection criteria. It is included in this document as a guide to those aspiring to the Team and also as reference in understanding selection decisions.

WPA Race Walking Commission Selection Objective:

WPA's selection philosophy is to select athletes in WPA teams whose current results indicate that the athlete is capable of being competitive at the national level and will be a worthy representative of WP Athletics. Given WPA's commitment to developing sustainable talent it is the express intention to weight the team in favor of this objective.

Selection Criteria and Guidelines:

1. The following criteria must all be met to ensure an athlete is eligible for selection.
 - Belong to WPA club and have a valid 2016 ASA License.
 - Participation at both the August and September WPA Grand Prix 2016 Events.
 - Finishing times are in the region of the WPA and WP Masters qualifying times used for WPA/ WPM Team selection during the 2016 season. This can be found on www.wpa.org.za.
 - To be eligible for any WPM or SAMA record, SAMA memberships is a requirement.
 - No recommendation shall be considered unless the candidate has already displayed a positive attitude and behaviour towards WP Athletics
 - **The criteria above do not guarantee selection.**

2. Apart from the criteria set out in point 1, the following will qualify an athlete for automatic selection.

- Participation in a Race Walking event, for WPA or WP Masters at an ASA or SAMA National Championship in 2016.
- To clarify. An athlete who competed for WPA or WPM during 2016 and have met the criteria listed in point 1 will be selected to the WPA Race Walking Team 2016.

Selection:

The team will be selected by the members of the WPARWC.

A provisional team will be selected in the week of 05 September 2016.

The final team will be announced in the week of 12 September 2016.

Athletes will be contacted to establish availability. If the WPARWC feel that an athlete will be more competitive in a longer or shorter distance, the athlete will be notified of the options first before finalising the athletes' event entry.

The proposed team will be sent for WPA Board approval. After approval, notifications will be sent out to all the selected athletes and WPA Clubs.

Athletes who may be eligible but not able to participate in either the August or September Grand Prix will need to send the WPARWC a note with a reason (health, travel, business, etc.) to wpracewalking@gmail.com.

Appeals:

An athlete not in the team announced, have the right to appeal in writing for reconsideration of the decision. The appeal must be made to the WPA office at office@wpathletics.co.za within 48 hours after the announcement of the team. The appeal should include all information the athlete considers relevant to the selection panel's reconsideration of its decision.

Conclusion:

WPA reserves the right to amend this Selection Criteria in circumstances where the rules governing the event are amended by the event organisers (ASA) or further information comes to hand, to give effect to the policy following discovery of a drafting error or oversight or for any other reason determined to be in the best interests of WPA. Any such amendments or further information will be communicated as soon as it becomes available. WPA shall not be responsible or liable in any way to any one as a result of any such amendment.