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Athletics Norfolk Island Selection Policy

Objective:

To establish clear guidelines for the selection of athletes to represent Norfolk Island at Area Championships, Pacific Games, Commonwealth Games, and World Championships. This policy ensures consistency, fairness, and excellence in athlete representation.

Selection Criteria:

1. **Eligibility:** Athletes must meet the eligibility rules set by World Athletics.
2. **Membership:** Athletes must be financial members of Athletics Norfolk Island.
3. **Consistency:** Athletes must demonstrate consistent dedication to training and competing.
4. **Attitude and Potential:** Athletes should exhibit a positive attitude and show potential for future growth and development.
5. **Appropriate Level of Competition:** Selections will consider the athlete's level of experience and competence, ensuring they are appropriately entered into events suitable for their ability.
6. **Entry Standards:** Athletes must achieve the entry standard required for the competition. Preference will be given to those who qualify through world rankings or meet the standards set by the competition's organizing committee.
7. **Gender Equality:** Selections should aim for gender equality, striving for a balanced representation of male and female athletes, ideally at 50%.

Athletes Agreement:

- All athletes, or their parent/guardian if under 18 years, must sign an agreement with Athletics Norfolk Island. This agreement will outline the code of conduct, travel expectations, training requirements, uniform regulations, competition guidelines, and expected behaviour.

Medical Requirements:

- Athletes are required to disclose any medications or health issues before departure.
- Any injuries must be reported to their coach or Athletics Norfolk Island.
- Compulsory drug testing will be conducted at competitions.

Standards for Oceania Championships:

- Utilizing the World Athletics points system may be inconsistent, especially when comparing male and female performances.
- Selection criteria for Oceania Championships will be guided by a combination of Oceania standards, Athletics Norfolk Island records, and Oceania Athletics Association recommendations.
- Selection standards will vary depending on the athlete's category (junior or senior), with higher expectations for senior athletes focusing on achieving higher levels of performance.

Conclusion: The Athletics Norfolk Island Selection Policy ensures that athletes are selected based on merit, dedication, and potential. It promotes fairness, transparency, and gender equality while maintaining high standards of performance and conduct.