

Modern Pentathlon Australia
SELECTION CRITERIA 2019



This document deals with selection to all UIPM senior, junior and youth international events, including World Cups, World Championships, World University Championships and any other International competitions.

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This document contains five sections:

1. The High-Performance Committee
2. Selection criteria
3. National Ranking system
4. Fitness trials
5. International Competition entry

It is the responsibility of every individual athlete and their coach/es to familiarise themselves with the contents of this document.

MPA President and Chair of High-Performance Committee Kitty Chiller is responsible for updating this document every year and any queries should be directed to Kitty.

The High-Performance Committee doubles as the Selection Committee with its primary mandate being to select athletes to represent Australia in international events and to also endorse and issue Riding Permissions.

International competitions, 2019

For international events - athletes should refer to the calendar of events on the UIPM website (www.uipmworld.org)

For domestic events – athletes should refer to the calendar of events on the MPA website (and issued by email to State Associations at the start of each season).

Section 1: THE HIGH-PERFORMANCE / SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee comprises 3 members, (4 members for Olympic selection years). The Selectors nominated for 2019 are as follows:

Kitty Chiller

Peter Ridgway

Melanie Zimmermann

John Boulton (an additional and independent Olympic Selection Panel member appointed the year prior to each Summer Olympic Games)

Notes re Committee:

- At least one Committee member should attend every official national selection event
- Parents, immediate family members or coaches of current athletes in consideration for selection cannot be a member of the High-Performance Committee
- Athletes have one right of appeal to the High-Performance Committee

Section 2: SELECTION CRITERIA

EVENT CATEGORY	MALE			RIDE	FEMALE		
	SWIM	LASER RUN	TOTAL POINTS		SWIM	LASER RUN	TOTAL POINTS
2020 Olympic Squad Continental Qualifier	2:14:00	12:45	1,350 points	Must have completed at least 3 courses at Full Height (* see Note below)	2:21:00	13:00	1,275 points
Senior	2:20:00	14:15	1180 points		2:28:00	14:30	1150 points
Junior	2:23:00	15:00	1100 points			2:30:00	15:30
Under 19 (Youth A)	2:28:00	15:45	810 points		2:33:00	16:30	760 points

** Please read this table in conjunction with the Notes on the following page

** Note that the selection standards to qualify for the 2020 Olympic squad must have been achieved in an MPA and/or UIPM ratified event or time trial during the 2017, 2018 or 2019 seasons in order to be selected to attend the Oceania Olympic Qualifying event in 2019. See also Note 1 on the following page.

** If 3 riding courses at full height have not been achieved, athletes may still be selected at the discretion of the Selection Panel member Peter Ridgway

** All other standards can also be achieved in either an international or domestic event or time trial (provided there is evidence that the LR course was accurately measured)

** The Total Points standard must have been achieved in the respective category eg earning XXX points in an Under 19 only event will not be counted toward achieving the Junior or Senior Total Points standard

Note 1 – Olympic selection:

There will be a separate Olympic Nomination Criteria document that is approved by the Australian Olympic Committee. This will be reviewed and issued by the AOC prior to each Olympic Games, after the publication of the UIPM Olympic Qualification criteria document. Only those athletes who have achieved the Olympic Squad selection standards stipulated on the previous page, or who successfully apply to the Selection Panel for discretion, will be eligible to be named in the 'Olympic Squad' and be eligible to be selected to compete in the Olympic Continental qualifying event.

Note 2 – World Championships selection (Senior and Junior):

In order to be considered for selection to compete in the UIPM Senior or Junior World Championships, in addition to achieving the standards set out on the previous page and holding a UIPM Riding Permission, an athlete must achieve at least one of the following standards:

1. (Senior) In the season of the World Championships, make the final of a UIPM World Cup event – where there are semi-finals in that World Cup
2. (Senior) In the season of the World Championships, place in the top 50% of the field in the final of a UIPM World Cup – where the World Cup is a straight final
3. (Senior or Junior) In the season of the World Championships, place in the top 40% of the field in a UIPM sanctioned Level 3 Ranking Senior Event or in the top 25% of a UIPM sanctioned Level 4 Ranking Senior Event – (see Section 3 of this document or UIPM Rules for details on what constitutes a Level 3 and 4 UIPM event)
4. The Selection Panel has the discretion to approve other athletes to attend World Senior and Junior Championships based on demonstrated potential or other extenuating circumstances.

Note 3 – World Cup selection:

In order to be considered for selection to compete in a UIPM Senior World Cup event, in addition to achieving the standards set out on the previous page and holding a UIPM Riding Permission, an athlete must achieve at least one of the following standards:

1. In the 12 months prior to the World Cup, have competed in at least two UIPM Level 3 and/or Level 4 category events and finished in the top 60% of the Level 3 event field and/or in the top 25% of the Level 4 event (in the final)
2. The Selection Panel has the discretion to approve other athletes to attend World Cups based on demonstrated potential or other extenuating circumstances.

Note 4 – Swimming:

The Swim standard may be achieved at an approved club, state or national swimming event. Official signed results of the meet must be submitted to the Selection Committee.

Note 5 – Riding:

In order to compete in any international event that includes Riding, athletes must have riding permission granted by MPA on their UIPM Athlete License.

Note 6 – Fencing:

In addition to the points standards detailed above, in order to compete in any international event that includes fencing, athletes must have demonstrated an appropriate level of skill and proficiency in fencing. This must have been observed by a member of the MPA High Performance Committee or an accredited fencing coach with whom the MPA Selection Panel shall communicate for ratification.

Section 3: NATIONAL RANKING SYSTEM

The National Ranking system for 2019 remains as it was introduced by MPA in 2011, which is in line with the UIPM World Ranking system. This will ensure there is no confusion over the points and category status applied to international competitions – MPA will simply follow the UIPM event classification and points allocation. This system ensures fairness, openness and accuracy.

The National Ranking system is a rolling 12 month acquisition of points in domestic and international competitions

- The list will be updated by Chair of the High-Performance Committee Kitty Chiller immediately after every competition (domestic or international) where an Australian is competing and will be posted on the MPA website and distributed to all member State Associations at the end of each month. Ranking points allocated for International events will be taken straight from the UIPM Pentathlon World Ranking list
- The best **4** results (domestic and/or international) will count in any 12 month rolling period for the overall ranking
- If 2 or more athletes are tied on ranking points, the athlete with the highest single individual international ranking score in the previous 12 months will be ranked highest. If there are no international ranking points, or if the 2 athletes have scored the same internationally, the highest domestic individual ranking score will be taken into account. If these are also equal, ranking will be given as equal place
- There will be separate ranking lists for Senior; Junior and Under 19 (Youth A).

The 4 official UIPM Competition levels are as follows;

Level 1: Olympic Games, World Championships, World Cup Final

Level 2: Continental Championships/Games, World Cup Competitions, CISM World Championships that meet the criteria for level 2 (see table below)

Level 3: Regional Championships/Games and International World Ranking Competitions that meet the criteria for level 3; Continental Championships, World Cup Competitions, CISM World Championships that do not meet the criteria for level 2

Level 4: Continental Championships, World Cup Competitions, CISM World Championships, Regional Championships and International World Ranking Competitions that do not meet the criteria for level 3.

UIPM Criteria:

	Level 2						Level 3						Level 4					
	Europe			Other continent			Europe			Other continent			Europe			Other continent		
	N	A	%	N	A	%	N	A	%	N	A	%	N	A	%	N	A	%
M	10	32	30%	8	26	15%	8	24	20%	6	20	10%	6	18	5%	4	16	0%
F	8	30	30%	6	20	15%	6	20	20%	4	16	10%	4	16	5%	3	12	0%

N = number of nations participating (with at least one rep completing all five events)

A = number of athletes participating in all 5 events and scoring minimum of 875 points (M); 800 points (F); 700 points (Junior M) and 575 points (Junior F). Or number of athletes participating in 4 events and scoring minimum of 750 points (M); 625 points (F); 675 points (Junior & Youth M) and 550 points (Junior & Youth F).

% = percentage of athletes in the top 100 of the current UIPM PWR list

Note: As it is unlikely that Australian domestic events will meet the Level 4 criteria, **a new Level 5 has been introduced for MPA ranking purposes.** The points allocated to Level 5 are based on a continuance of the formula applied to the UIPM Levels 1-4 points allocation, (see points table below)

International and Domestic Ranking points

PLACE	UIPM COMPETITION LEVEL				AUST. DOMESTIC EVENT
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
1	80	60	40	20	10
2	75	55	36	17	7
3	70	51	33	15	5
4	66	48	31	13	3
5	63	46	29	11	2
6	60	44	27	10	1
7	58	42	25	9	0
8	56	40	23	8	
9	54	39	22	7	
10	52	38	21	6	
11	50	37	20	5	
12	48	36	19	4	
13	46	35	18	3	
14	44	34	17	2	
15	42	33	16	1	
16	40	32	15	1	
17	39	31	14	1	
18	38	30	13	1	
19	37	29	12	1	
20	36	28	11	1	
21	35	27	10	1	
22 etc. ↓	34/33 etc. ↓	26/25 etc. ↓	9/8 etc. ↓	1 ↓	

Notes re Level 5:

- Only MPA endorsed domestic competitions will attract ranking points
- All domestic events (State, National and Oceania) attract the same points (unless they happen to qualify for a higher UIPM event categorisation)
- Points will only be awarded to the top 4 places in each category in a Level 5 event
- There is no minimum number of competitors required in any Category for points to be awarded (eg if there is only one competitor and they complete all 5 events, they will earn points for 1st place)
- UIPM points will transfer directly to Australian ranking system in each respective category
- Senior and Junior points will only be allocated if an athlete starts all 5 events. An overall place with no Ride start will not earn any ranking points. If an athlete completes the Ride but at a lower than full height course, they will have 50 points deducted from their Riding score
- Youth points will only be allocated for 4 events (Ride not included even if Ride is contested)

Section 4: FITNESS TRIALS

- Athletes who have qualified for an International competition may be asked to undergo a fitness trial if deemed necessary by the Selection Committee for any of the following reasons:
 - The athlete has missed a competition due to illness or injury after selection
 - The athlete has not competed for a period of 3 months in the lead up to the international event
 - Any other justifiable reason that gives the Selection Committee cause for concern about the athlete's fitness or training level
- The High Performance Committee must notify the athlete in writing that a fitness trial is required, detailing the reasons why. The notification must be at least 2 weeks prior to the trial date
- The fitness trial must be conducted between 2-4 weeks prior to the international competition, at a mutually agreed date by the athlete concerned and the High Performance Committee
- The fitness trial will consist of a 200 metre swim in a long course pool and a Laser Run on the same day
- At least one member of the MPA High Performance Committee must be present at both trials
- The athlete must organise (and pay if required) for the venues for the trials
- No other competitors may pace the athlete undergoing the trial. Both trials will be organised as solo time trials
- To 'pass' the fitness trial the athlete must record a time in both the swim and the Laser Run which equals or betters the relevant standard required for the event (as per criteria in Section 2 of this document)
- If an athlete fails to satisfy the criteria for either or both events (swim and Laser Run), the High-Performance Committee may choose any of the following options:
 - Withdraw the athlete's entry to the international event/s
 - Allow the athlete to undergo a second fitness trial
 - Allow the athlete to compete in the international event but withdraw any funding which may have been forthcoming
 - Make any other determination subject to exercising reasonable discretion

Section 5: INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION ENTRY

- The MPA Secretary Melanie Zimmermann is solely responsible for entering athletes into international events (following UIPM process)
- **Unless prior approval has been given by MPA President, no athlete, coach, state association or parent may contact an international event organiser themselves or enter an international event directly themselves. If this happens, that athlete will be banned from all international competitions for the remainder of that season**
- Prior to advising the Secretary of a request to enter a competition, athletes should ensure they have met all selection criteria as detailed in this document, and only then can they request approval to enter
- Only the 2019 Selection Request form – completed and returned in WORD format will be accepted. Strictly NO PDFs, or Pictures of the form will be accepted
- An athlete should not assume that their entry request will be automatically accepted
- If an athlete's request for entry to an international event is not approved, the High Performance Committee shall write to that athlete detailing the reasons
- Immediately after being notified that their Request for Selection has been approved, athletes should then complete the International Competition Entry Form. Melanie will send the athlete this form only when the Request for Selection has been approved

- **It is the athlete's responsibility to ensure all details are filled in accurately on these forms. MPA takes no responsibility for incorrect information eg travel dates, pistol licence no.**
- **It is an athlete's responsibility to ensure the International Competition Entry form is completed and sent to Melanie Zimmermann within the time frames requested and in the correct format. This is to ensure MPA can adhere to Organising Committee time frames. If the athlete does not submit the forms in time, MPA cannot guarantee entry to the competition**
- **All pre payments must also be made within the time frames requested. If payment in full prior is not received, MPA will not proceed with entering an athlete into the competition**
- **If any athlete owes MPA money, they will not be entered into any future events until the debt is fully cleared**