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Athletics ACT Selection Policy

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1. Introduction

This document sets out the basis on which Athletics ACT will select its Team for the 2018 Australian Half Marathon Championships, the Sunshine Coast Half Marathon on 19 August 2018.

Further details regarding the Australian Half Marathon Championships can be found on the Sunshine Coast Marathon and Community Running Festival website: <https://www.sunshinecoastmarathon.com.au>

This Policy can be amended at any time by Athletics ACT if Athletics ACT is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary as a result in any change in Athletics Australia's participation rules, 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 Athletics ACT. Athletics ACT shall not be responsible or liable in any way to any one as a result of any such amendment.

2. Selection Philosophy

Athletics ACT is committed to providing its athletes the opportunity to compete at Australian Championships. Athletics ACT recognises the importance of selecting those athletes who will be able to best contribute to the continued success of athletics in the ACT.

Athletics ACT sees the Australian Half Marathon Championships as an important event in the development of athletes and provides 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 a reference in understanding selection decisions.

3. Eligibility

Only those athletes who qualify according to this clause will be eligible for selection in the Team.

a) *Athletics Australia and Athletics ACT Eligibility Requirements*

The athlete must be a current first claim financial member of one of the following Athletics ACT Clubs or an unaffiliated member of Athletics ACT:

- (i) ACT Veterans Athletics Club (ACTVAC)
- (ii) Bega (BEG)
- (iii) Cooma (COO)
- (iv) Goulburn-Mulwaree (GM)
- (v) Para-Athletics Talent Squad (PTS)
- (vi) North Canberra Gungahlin (NCG)
- (vii) Queanbeyan (QBN)
- (viii) South Canberra Tuggeranong (SCT)
- (ix) UC Ginninderra Athletics Club (GINN)
- (x) Weston Creek Athletics (WC)
- (xi) Woden Athletics Club (WOD)

4. Selection

4.1 Any athlete who achieves the entry standard as set out in the Athletics Australia Entry Standards
Male 1:30:00
Female 1:40:00

4.2 Teams of up to 6 athletes may be selected for the following categories for each Championship:

- Open Men
- Open Women

4.3 Any athlete wishing to compete as a member of the Athletics ACT team must nominate and declare their availability to the Selectors by **5 pm 30 June 2018**. Nominations, with details of recent races and performances (in line with section 4.4), as well as date of birth, contact email address and contact phone number, must be emailed to the Athletics ACT Selection Committee via the following email address: eo.act@athletics.org.au.

4.4 Funded Assistance

- a) Of the 6 athletes from each category selected in 4.1, 3 male and 3 female athletes will be selected to receive free entry by the Race Organisers, as per Attachment A. In addition, 3 male and 3 female

athletes will be selected to receive one nights accommodation, as per Attachment A

- b) The selection of the 3 male and 3 female athletes, who will receive funded assistance, will be based on the following:
- (i) Winners of the 2018 YMCA Canberra Runners Club Half Marathon, and
 - (ii) Selector's discretion to be best able to represent the ACT at the highest level.

5. Announcement of the Team

The team will be selected in the week commencing **30 June 2018** and announced as soon as practical thereafter.

All members of the Athletics ACT team are required to compete in the current Athletics ACT uniform. Uniforms are available to purchase by contacting Athletics ACT on (02) 6253 4420.

Attachment A – Athlete Assistance: 2018 Australian Half Marathon Championships

All State and Territory MA's are invited to send up to six (6) male and six (6) female athletes to contest the 2018 Australian Half Marathon Championship. The following assistance packages will be available for a maximum of three (3) male and three (3) female athletes from each State of Territory:

- Free race entry to all nominated MA team members
- Use of the Elite Athlete facilities on race day eg. Dressing room
- An elite start at the front of the field
- One night's twin share accommodation
- Allowance of \$150 dollars per athlete
- Ground transport to the start line (if applicable)
- Facility access into/out of Event venue for the athlete briefing