



2018 Australian All Schools Track and Field Championships 7th to 9th December 2018 in Cairns Selection Guidelines for Athletes for the ACT Team

AGE QUALIFICATIONS

- Under 14 - athletes must not have their fourteenth birthday on or before 31st December 2018 (i.e. must be born in 2005 or 2006)
- Under 16 - athletes must not have their sixteenth birthday on or before 31st December 2018 (i.e. must be born in 2003 or later)
- Under 18 - athletes must not have their eighteenth birthday on or before 31st December 2018 (i.e. must be born in 2001 or later).

Para-Athletes

- Under 16 - athletes must not have their sixteenth birthday on or before 31st December 2018 (i.e. must be born in 2003 or later)
- Under 18 - athletes must not have their eighteenth birthday on or before 31st December 2018 (i.e. must be born in 2001 or later).

AACT will select a maximum two athletes per event in the U14 age group, and a maximum of three athletes per event in the U16 & U18 age groups. If selecting 3 athletes in the U16 & U18 age groups, one must be U15 or U17 respectively.

SELECTION PROCESS

In addition to the above criteria, the Athletics ACT Selection Committee also issues the following information to achieve selection for the Australian All Schools Track and Field Championships:

To be selected in events held during the ACT Secondary Schools Championships on Tuesday 25th September 2018, athletes must compete in these events to be considered. For athletes that are unable to compete at these championships, and intend to be considered for selection, written notification along with evidence of the exceptional circumstance needs to be provided to info.act@athletics.org.au by no later than COB 27th September 2018. Selectors will give priority to athletes who compete in the ACT Secondary Schools Championships on Tuesday 25th September 2018. Exceptional cases will be considered only when the spots in the team for an event are not filled by athletes who have competed in the championships.

To be selected in events NOT HELD or contested at the ACT Secondary Schools Championships – e.g. hurdles races, steeplechase, walks, hammer throw, pole vault, 3000 meters. Selection events will be held at the AACT High Noon Series as follows¹:

¹ AACT offers school students who are **not** members of AACT the 'opportunity' to participate free of costs in the following specified 'High Noon' track and field meets on **2nd September and 16th September 2018**, so that they can post performances which selectors can use as part of the selection of the ACT Schools Team.

Sunday 2nd September – Sprint Hurdles, Walks, 3000m.

Sunday 16th September – Steeplechase, Pole Vault, Hammer Throw, Long Hurdles.

For athletes that are unable to compete at these events, and intend to be considered for selection, written notification along with evidence of the exceptional circumstance and 'Non Held Events Nomination Form' with their best performance since 1st January 2018 need to be provided to info.act@athletics.org.au by no later than COB 27th September 2018.

In the event that the ACT Secondary Schools Championships or a High Noon Selection Event are cancelled (i.e. due to weather conditions) – athletes must submit the 'Non Held Events Nomination Form' with their best performance since 1st January 2018 to info.act@athletics.org.au by 5.00 pm Thursday 27th September 2018. This applies to both Athletics ACT (AACT) members and school students who are not members of AACT. These performances must be able to be found in published on-line results from known and properly conducted meets. Results from Little Athletics competition or from training sessions will not be considered.

STARTING HEIGHTS

Regardless of the above, no athlete will be selected if they can't clearly make the starting height (vertical jumps) or the pit from the required take off board (horizontal jumps).

		U18	U16	U14
High Jump	Men	170cm	160cm	140cm
	Women	145cm	140cm	135cm
Triple Jump	Men	11/13m	9/11m	9/11m
	Women	9/11m	9/11m	9/11m
Pole Vault	Men	280cm	200cm	160cm
	Women	230cm	190cm	160cm

Para-athlete starting height and take off board requirements is dependant on their classification. The chair of the selection committee will discuss requirements will individual athletes if required.

Note: Simply placing in the top 2 or 3 at the ACT Secondary Schools Championships or nominating with the top 2 or 3 performances does not guarantee selection for the 2018 Australian All Schools Athletics Championships. This is because selections will occur across the double age groups and we are restricted to 3 athletes per event in U18s and U16s and 2 athletes per event for U14's.

After all ACT school-based selections have been made, vacant spots available on the Athletics ACT team may be filled by Athletics ACT members who attend a school in the surrounding NSW region.

Athletes who wish to be considered for selection to compete at the 2018 Australian All Schools Championship must complete and submit the appropriate nomination form. Nominations close at 5.00 pm on Thursday 27th September 2018.

RELAY TEAMS

Athletes who wish to be considered for selection to relay teams must indicate this with their Nomination Form. Relay teams will be chosen and announced (including reserves) following the team selection meeting, once it is known which athletes are accepting their position on the team. Athletes will not be selected for relay teams only i.e. they must have also been selected for at least one individual event.

a) Athletes will be selected to relay teams based strictly on their performances at the time of selection, with the four fastest athletes being selected to the team, and any other athletes as reserves in order of performance or availability.

For the avoidance of doubt, the composition of the relay teams will not change based on performances achieved at the Australian All Schools Championships, unless injury or illness prevents a selected team member from competing.

In the event a relay team is not complete in an age group, selected athletes for individual events will need to make themselves available for the team as long as there is no clash of events for that athlete. An athlete is not allowed to withdraw from the relay team if he/she has previously nominated and been selected without a medical form that states that the athlete is unable to compete. Team management is responsible for any changes made to a relay team at the Competition.

TEAM SELECTION

It is important to note that through this policy AACT aims to have the largest team possible competing at the Australian All Schools Championships. The ACT team will be selected in the week following the close of nominations and announced on the AACT website as soon as possible hereafter. Individual contact may not be able to be made, so it is the athlete's responsibility to check the website for the selection listing.

Athletes will have 72 hours to accept a position on the team and confirm which events they will compete in. Team vacancies may be filled by athletes that meet the appropriate requirements should an event spot open up due to other athletes declining.

COMPULSORY TEAM MEETING

A team meeting for selected team members is scheduled for Tuesday 9th October at 6.00pm at the AIS track. Attendance at this meeting is required as it will serve as a team information session and allow athletes and their parents to ask any questions they may have.

Travel and Accommodation

It is a requirement that all athletes travel to and from the Championships with the team. Athletes may choose to accommodate with the team or at alternative accommodation with their parent(s)/guardian.

Team Uniform

Compulsory uniform items will be: Competition Top, Competition Bottom, Tracksuit Top, Tracksuit Pants, T-Shirt and Shorts. These items can be purchased online. Details will be provided upon selection. All other items available on the website in the Athletics ACT store are optional.

Indicative Cost

Athletes and parents are advised that participation in the ACT Team to compete at the 2018 Australian All Schools Championships will cost approximately \$1,350.00 per athlete (excluding uniform). This cost will be approximately \$200 lower if the athlete is staying with family whilst in Cairns and not the team.

Additional Information

- The Athletics ACT Office is located at the top back of the grandstand at the finish line end of the track.
- If the ACT Champs are cancelled for any reason both zone results and best performances from events sanctioned by Athletics ACT, Athletics Australia, or other state member permit meets since 1 January 2018 will be used to determine the team.
- The Draft Timetable of Events for the Australian All Schools Championships will be available on the Athletics Australia Websites. Once AA announces the draft Timetable, Athletics ACT will make it available throughout our media as well.
- Those athletes selected for the team, who are not already members of Athletics ACT, will be required to become members as part of accepting their spot on the team.
- This competition is a team's based point scoring event.
- Competition is contested over 1 evening and 2 days only. Please check the schedule for when your events are programmed and any event clashes, including heats and finals, before accepting.
- As we are restricted in the number of competitors we can take to this competition, please consider all options carefully. It is highly unjust to your fellow athletes looking to nominate to the team to deny them the opportunity to start if you intend to drop out of events during the competition due to clashing events or suddenly making a final. If you accept a spot to compete in a particular event, you will be expected to follow through with that unless injury prevents you from competing on the day.
- Notwithstanding anything set out in this Policy document, the Selectors have an overriding discretion to name any athlete in the Team if they believe it is in the best interests of Athletics ACT to do so. Please note that this overriding discretion can only be applied if there is a vacancy in the team that needs to be filled (which would only occur if an athlete selected from the ACT All Schools Championships (in line with the policy) does not accept their selection on the team). Additionally, any athlete that competed at the championships or did not compete at the championships due to exceptional circumstances can be considered under this discretionary clause.