



## **2018 Australian Junior Athletics Championships** **Sydney NSW**

Wednesday 14 March - Sunday 18 March 2018

### **Athletics ACT Selection Policy**

#### **1. Introduction**

This document sets out the basis on which Athletics ACT will select its Team for the Australian Junior Championships, to be held between 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

This Policy can be amended at any time by Athletics ACT if it is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary resulting from any change to 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 and recognises the importance of selecting those athletes who will be able to best contribute to the continued success of athletics in the ACT and who will be of sufficient standard to represent the Territory.

Athletics ACT also sees the Australian Junior Championships as an important development opportunity for our junior athletes, and in line with the general Athletics Australia direction, would like to encourage as many eligible athletes as possible to participate. Athletics ACT believes that providing junior athletes opportunities to compete at a national championship alongside other ACT team members is an excellent way to encourage further participation in our sport and build a vibrant and cohesive athletics community in Canberra.

This selection policy seeks to find the appropriate balance between encouraging increasing participation at the national championships and selecting athletes of an appropriate standard for a national championship.

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**

a) Only those athletes who are current first claim financial member of one of the following Athletics ACT Clubs shall be selected to the team:

- (i) Bega Valley Athletics Club (BEG)
- (ii) Cooma Athletics Club (COO)
- (iii) Goulburn-Mulwaree Athletics Club (GM)

- (iv) Ginninderra Athletics Club
- (v) North Canberra - Gungahlin Athletics Club (NCG)
- (vi) Para-Athlete Talent Squad (PTS)
- (vii) Queanbeyan Athletics Club (QBN)
- (viii) South Canberra – Tuggeranong Athletics Club (SCT)
- (ix) Weston Creek Athletics (WC)
- (x) Woden Athletics Club (WOD)

b) Only those athletes who have submitted a nomination form by the due date will be considered for selection

c) Only those athletes who participated in the AACT Junior championships (26-28<sup>th</sup> January 2018), or who can prove that extenuating circumstances prevented their participation, will be considered for selection

d) Be a minimum age of 12 years old and a maximum age of 19 years old as at 31 December 2018

#### 4. Selection

The following criteria will be applied by the selectors when selecting eligible athletes to the team;

- a) Any athlete who achieves the entry standard (s) as set out in the Athletics Australia Entry Standards within the qualifying period **1 January 2017 to 28 January 2018** is automatically qualified for the Championships.
- b) Any athlete who has not already achieved the qualifying standard, and who places in the first three (per event, per age group) at either the ACT Track and Field Championships or the 2017 ACT 13 and Over Championships, and who has achieved a standard within the qualifying period 1 January 2017 to 28 January 2018 which is **equal to or greater than 90% of the Athletics Australia entry standards**, will be eligible for selection to the team. *For example, the first three places in the U14 (13 years) shot put at the 2017 ACT 13 and Over Championships will qualify for the U15 shot put at the Australian Junior Athletics Championships.*
- c) Any athlete who is prevented from attending the 2018 ACT Track and Field Championships due to extenuating circumstances and has submitted an **Exceptional Circumstances Nomination Form** will be selected based on criteria (a) at the discretion of the selection committee in consultation with the Athletics ACT Executive Officer and Athletics ACT Board of Directors.
- d) Non Para Athletes will compete in the ACT Track and Field Championships in the U14, U16, U18, U20 and Open age groups but will be selected for the U14, U15, U16, U17, U18, U20 and Open age groups.
- e) Para athletes will be selected for the U16 and U20 age groups only.
- f) Top 3 selections from the ACT Championships will be selected via split age groups. For example, if an athlete of the younger age places outside of the top 3 in the older age group but would be top 3 in their respective age group, they would be eligible for top 3 selections. Athletes would still be required to achieve at least 90% of the qualification standard.

- g) Athletes may enter events in older age groups if the athlete has bettered the relevant entry standard for that event/age group. However, an athlete cannot enter the same, or similar event \*\*, in two (2) age groups. In addition, where the event has technical specifications attached to it (e.g. throwing implement weights, hurdle heights/spacing), the athlete can only compete up one specification level. *For example, a male whose default Shot Put weight is 3kg can compete up an age group to throw a 4kg Shot but not to an age group that uses the 5kg Shot Put.*

*Note on Selection:*

- *Regardless of clause b above, no athlete will be selected if they can't clear the starting height (vertical jumps) or can't make the pit from the required take off board in the horizontal jumps.*
- *No athlete may enter the same or similar events within the Under 15 and Under 16 age groups nor within the Under 17 and Under 18 age groups.*

*\*\* Same or Similar event means 80/90/100/110m hurdles; 200/400m hurdles; 3000/5000 metres and 1500/3000/5000m walk and each of the throwing events (regardless of change in weight of implements).*

*Note on performances:*

- *Performances can be achieved at events sanctioned by Athletics ACT, Athletics Australia, School State Championships or other state member permit meets.*
- *Performances from Little Athletics can only be used by the AA U14 age group and only from ACT State Championships or Australian Nationals where event specifications match. (No Saturday morning LA's).*
- *Primary School State Championships or Australian Primary Nationals performances can also be used by the U14 age group.*
- *Walkers need to submit a track walking performance please – no road walks.*
- *3000/5000m runners also need to submit a track performance please – no cross country results.*

*Relay teams*

Athletes who wish to be considered for selection to relay teams must indicate this with their nomination for selection. Relay teams will be chosen and announced (including reserves) at the same time as the whole team, however athletes will not be selected for relay teams only (*i.e. they must have also been selected for at least one individual event*).

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. **Athletes who do not nominate for a 100m, 200m and/or 400m individual position and wish to nominate for a relay must provide a 100m and/or 400m performance from during the qualifying period.**

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

- In the eventual case that a relay team is not complete in a particular 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.

## **5. Overriding Discretion of the Selectors**

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.

## **6. Announcement of the Team**

The team will be selected in the week commencing **29<sup>th</sup> January 2018** and announced as soon as practical thereafter.

## **7. Appeals**

A two-step process for appeals will be available for athletes or their representatives who disagree with the original selection decision.

- a) In the first instance, an athlete, or their representative, shall be entitled to seek reconsideration of the original decision of the selection committee if they believe the committee has not considered all of the facts or have not correctly applied the selection criteria. An appeal should be addressed in writing to the selection committee and can be sent via the Athletics ACT Executive Officer.
- b) If the athletes, or their representative, are still not satisfied with the decision of the selection committee, then they may seek consideration of the second decision by the Board of Athletics ACT. An appeal should be addressed in writing to the Athletics ACT President and can be sent via the Athletics ACT Executive Officer.

## **8. Further Obligations after Selection**

All junior athletes selected in the ACT Team will be required to pay the team levy. This levy provides access to Team Management and Team Physio. Junior athletes are also required to wear the Athletics ACT uniform. In addition, an event entry fee, set by Athletics Australia, will need to be paid.

All levies will be determined once final team numbers have been confirmed.

Uniforms are available to purchase through the Project Clothing website [www.projectclothing.com.au](http://www.projectclothing.com.au)

Thank you!  
The Selection Committee, AACT 2018.