



## **Regional Australia Team**

### **Selection Policy**

**Oceania Athletics Championships  
Mackay, Australia, 7- 11 June 2022**

## **1. Introduction**

This document sets out the basis on which Athletics North Queensland and Athletics Northern Territory will select the Regional Australia Team for the 2022 Oceania Athletics Championships to be held in Mackay, Australia between the 7-11 June 2022

The Team will include members in Youth (Under 18), Junior (Under 20) and Senior categories. Different selection criteria (set out below) will apply to the selection of the team for athletes competing in different age groups.

The Regional Australia Team is an Invitational team at the 2022 Oceania Athletics Championships. Athletes in the team will be eligible for invitational medals, however, they may only receive result scores for their performance, regardless of their original position indicated in the official results of the competition.

This Policy can be amended at any time by Athletics North Queensland and Athletics Northern Territory if they are in an opinion that such an amendment is necessary because of any change in the Participation Rules, to give effect to the Policy following the discovery of a drafting error or oversight or for any other reason determined to be in the best interests of Athletics North Queensland and Athletics Northern Territory. Athletics North Queensland and Athletics Northern Territory shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone because of any such amendment.

## **2. Selection Philosophy**

Athletics North Queensland and Athletics Northern Territory see the Oceania Athletics Championships as an opportunity to expose athletes to an international event where they will compete against the best athletes from around the Oceania Region and beyond.

For Under 18 athletes the Oceania Athletics Championships provides competition and educational opportunities appropriate for Under 18 athletes who have generally not had the chance to participate in regular and/or international level competition. This is also an opportunity to provide team experience and associated educational opportunities for enthusiastic and committed coaches and other team staff who reside in Australia, especially those in isolated areas.

### 3. Eligibility

1. Only those athletes who qualify according to this clause 3.1 will be eligible for selection in the Team:
  - Be a citizen of Australia (including permanent resident)
  - Be a registered member of Athletics Australia through an affiliated body or club
  - Complete and submit the Application for Consideration for Selection by **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022**
  - Remain in 'good standing' with Athletics North Queensland / Athletics Northern Territory and at all times comply with Athletics Australia Code of Conduct and otherwise conduct themselves in a way that does not bring their sport or the national team into disrepute.
  
2. In addition to meeting all the eligibility requirements set out in 3.1 above, athletes seeking selection in the Under 18 and Under 20 events must comply with the additional requirements set out in this clause 3.2.
  - Under 18 Athletes must be born in 2005, 2006 or 2007
  - Under 20 Athletes must be born in 2003, 2004, 2005 or 2006

### 4. Selection Criteria

Up to three (3) athletes can be selected in the priority order of their ranking as of 4 April 2022, provided they have achieved the entry standard. Performances will only be considered in competitions from 1 July 2021 – 4 April 2022. Athlete slots will be made up of:

1. Athletes who have their normal place of residence in either athletically remote area of Australia or Northern Australia:
  - a. Athletically remote area of Australia or Northern Australia - defined as being a place where an athlete is resident and/or educated) in an "athletically remote area" of Australia (defined as a being a place more than 200km from a capital city or "Northern Australia" (defined as comprising the Northern Territory, parts of Western Australia and North Queensland, north of 26th parallel south latitude).
  - b. Regional Australia Team defines a Capital City as a population greater than 245,000 that has athletics facilities/resources to support strong growth in athletics, that runs regular interclub or greater competitions in the athletics season.

2. In the instance that an event slot is unfilled after nominations close, selectors may fill these spots from athlete nominations submitted before the closing date, regardless of their residential location. This process will depend on:
  - a. The maximum size that the team can send due to championships logistics
3. Athletes should consider the Entry Standards in section 9 as a guideline to the performance level required for selection. **Achievement of the standard does not give an athlete a right to selection in the Team.**

## 5. Para Athletes

Oceania Athletics will run a sanctioned World Athletics Para meet where athletes who meet the criteria nominate directly with Oceania Athletics, without applying through a team. Details of this can be found [here](#)

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Therefore, para-athletes can apply to be part of the Regional Australia Team pending they meet the following requirements

1. Comply with the requirements set out in sections 3 and 4 of this document and.
2. Meet Oceania Competition requirements:
  - a. The para competition will be a Senior Competition ONLY.
  - b. Para Athletes will need to hold at least a national classification to be eligible to compete at the Oceania Athletics Championships.
  - c. Para Athletes will only be able to enter relevant events according to their class,
  - d. Athletes will need to be 16 years (born in 2006 or before) and above to be entered in Para events except for the throwing events, where athletes will need to be 18 years and older (Born in 2004 or before).

Medals will be awarded in all Para Events and will be awarded based on the RAZA system or an approved MDS table, which will be made available prior to the competition. There will be a medal awarded for ambulant athletes, and a medal awarded for secured/wheelchair athletes.

There will be no entry standards for the Para Competition. Athletes will need to have submitted Season Best Performances.

## 6. Funding

This will be a wholly self-funded Team (travel, accommodation, levies, and team uniform together with all other associated expenses).

A team levy is required to be paid within 7 days after athletes get notified of their selection into the team. The team levy will cover accommodation\*, meals, uniforms, competition fees and ground transport in Mackay.

As a guide, in past years the average cost per athlete for team levies is \$1,300 per athlete. More accurate figures will be provided at a later date.

## 7. Announcement of the Team

The Team will be publicly announced no later than the week beginning 4 April 2022

## 8. Accommodation

It is mandatory that all members of the Regional Australia team stay at the team accommodation for the duration that their age group competes. \* I.e., Senior athletes Day 1, 2 and 3.

As a guide see below the proposed general competition program

6th June:	Technical Meeting	Track
7th June:	Competition Day 1	Track Senior, U18, Para, Combined Events
8th June:	Competition Day 2	Track Senior, U18, Para, Combined Events
9th June:	Competition Day 3	Track Senior, U20, U18, U16, Para, Masters
10th June:	Competition Day 4	Track U20, U16, Para, Masters
11th June:	Competition Day 5	Track U20, U16, Para, Masters

\*Those that live within the Mackay region are not required to stay in team accommodation but must attend all meetings during the period of the championships that their age group competes.

## 9. Travel

The team at present will arrive in Mackay no later than one day before their age group competes and can depart one day after their age group finishes. This will be confirmed once nominations close in March 2022 and the draft program is published.

## 10. Entry Standards

	Open Men	Open Women	U20 Men	U20 Women	U18 Men	U18 Women
100m	11.40	13.20	11.80	13.70	11.95	13.90
200m	23.40	27.00	24.00	28.00	24.20	28.40
400m	51.50	59.00	55.00	63.00	58.00	63.00
800m	2.07.00	2.23.00	2.15.00	2.40.00	2.15.00	2.45.00
1500m	4.20.00	5.20.00	4.30.00	5.25.00	4.40.00	5.30.00
2000m					7.44.00	9.00.00
Steeplechase						
3000m	11.00.00	13.00.00	12.00.00	15.40.00		
Steeplechase						
3000m			10.00.00	12.00.00	10.00.00	12.00.00
5000m	17.20.00	22.30.00	17.45.00	24.30.00		
10000m	35.00.00	42.00.00				
100m Hurdles		17.00		18.00		19.00
110m Hurdles	17.00		17.00		17.00	
400m Hurdles	60.00	68.00	63.00	72.00	68.00	76.00
5000m Walk					30.30	35.00
10000m Walk	56.00	62.00	59.30	64.00		
Long Jump	6.00	4.80	5.60	4.40	5.40	4.40
Triple Jump	13.00	11.00	11.60	10.00	11.20	10.00
High Jump	1.75	1.50	1.65	1.35	1.55	1.25
Pole Vault	3.40	3.00	3.00	2.70	2.70	2.40
Discus	36.00	30.00	34.00	28.00	32.00	28.00
Hammer	40.00	32.00	32.00	27.00	30.00	30.00
Javelin	45.00	32.00	40.00	31.00	35.00	30.00
Shot Put	11.50	10.00	11.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Combined Events	5000pts	3300pts	4500pts	3000pts	4000pts	2850pts
4x100m Relays	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
4x400m Relays	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mixed 4x400m Relays	Yes	Yes				

All performances must be achieved during sanctioned competitions organised by the relevant Athletics Australia state athletics body conducted in conformity with World Athletics Rules.