



## **Regional Australia Team**

### **Selection Policy**

**Oceania Athletics Championships  
SUVA, FIJI 4 - 8 June 2024**

## **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 2024 Oceania Athletics Championships to be held in Suva, Fiji between the 4-8 June 2024.

The Team will include members in Youth (Under 18) 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 2024 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 **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**
- 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.
- Have a current Passport – valid for a least of 7months from the time athletes arrive back in to Australia from Fiji.

2. In addition to meeting all the eligibility requirements set out in 3.1 above, athletes seeking selection in the Under 18 must comply with the additional requirements set out in this clause 3.2.

- Under 18 Athletes must be born in 2007, 2008 or 2009.

### 4. Selection Criteria

Up to three (3) athletes can be selected in the priority order of their ranking as of 10 March 2024, provided they have achieved the entry standard. Performances will only be considered in competitions from 1 of January 2023 – 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2024. 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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 2008 or before) and above to be entered in Para events.

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 Fiji. The levy will also cover international flights (refer to travel section in this document).

As a guide, the average cost per athlete for team levies and international travel is estimated \$3,000 per athlete.

## **7. Announcement of the Team**

The Team will be publicly announced no later than the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> of April 2024.

## **8. Accommodation**

It is mandatory that all members of the Regional Australia team stay at the team accommodation for the duration of the Championships.

## **9. Travel**

The team at present will arrive into Fiji on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> of June and Depart on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> of June. This will be confirmed once nominations close in March 2024.

Athlete airfares, covered in the team levies, will be organised from selected departing International Airports by the Athletics North Queensland office. International airports that MAY be used include:

- Brisbane – Fiji Return
- Sydney – Fiji Return
- Melbourne – Fiji Return

Athletes will be notified which airport they will be departing from in March 2024.

It is the athletes' responsibility to organise and pay for domestic travel within Australia to one of the above international airports. Athletes are also responsible for their own travel insurance.

Travel within Fiji is organised by the team and is included in the team levies.

## 10. Entry Standards

	Open Men	Open Women	U18 Men	U18 Women
100m	11.40	13.20	11.95	13.90
200m	23.40	27.00	24.20	28.40
400m	51.50	59.00	58.00	63.00
800m	2.07.00	2.23.00	2.15.00	2.45.00
1500m	4.20.00	5.20.00	4.40.00	5.30.00
2000m Steeplechase			7.44.00	9.00.00
3000m Steeplechase	11.00.00	13.00.00		
3000m			10.00.00	12.00.00
5000m	17.20.00	22.30.00		
10000m	35.00.00	42.00.00		
100m Hurdles		17.00		19.00
110m Hurdles	17.00		17.00	
400m Hurdles	60.00	68.00	68.00	76.00
5000m Walk	30.00	34.00	30.30	35.00
10000m Walk	56.00	62.00		
Long Jump	6.00	4.80	5.40	4.40
Triple Jump	13.00	11.00	11.20	10.00
High Jump	1.75	1.50	1.55	1.25
Pole Vault	3.40	3.00	2.70	2.40
Discus	36.00	30.00	32.00	28.00
Hammer	40.00	32.00	30.00	30.00
Javelin	45.00	32.00	35.00	30.00
Shot Put	11.50	10.00	10.00	10.00
Heptathlon		Yes		Yes
Decathlon	Yes		Yes	
4x100m Relays	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
4x400m Relays	Yes	Yes		
Mixed 4x400m Relays	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

All performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by World Athletics, its Area Association or its Member Federations and conducted in conformity with World Athletics Rules. Performances achieved in mixed competitions in track events will not be accepted. Exceptionally, in accordance with Rule 9 of the World Athletics Technical Rules, performances achieved in events of 5000m and 10,000m may be accepted in circumstances where there were insufficient athletes of one or both genders to justify the conduct of separate races and there was no pacing or assistance given by an athlete/(s) of one gender to an athlete(s) of the other gender. Oceania Athletics and the Technical Delegate have the right to reject a qualifying performance. If an athlete achieves a qualifying performance in one event, they will be able to enter a similar event without having to achieve the qualifying performance. For Heptathlon and Decathlon, an athlete will need to have demonstrated an ability to complete the event to be considered. Oceania Athletics and the Technical Delegate will have the right to reject an entry in the Heptathlon or Decathlon.