



NORTH QUEENSLAND TEAM

SELECTION POLICY

Chemist Warehouse Australian All Schools Track and Field Championships Perth, December 4-6th, 2026

1. Introduction

This document sets out the basis on which Athletics North Queensland will select the North Queensland Team for the 2026 Chemist Warehouse Australian All Schools Championships to be held in Perth between 4-6 December 2026.

The Team will include athletes aged 12 – 17 years of age born between 2009 and 2014. Age groups will be U14, U15, U16, U17 and U18. (Able Bodied)

Para athletes between 12 and 19 years of age born between 2007 – 2014 will compete in U15, U17 and U20 age groups.

This Policy can be amended at anytime by Athletics North Queensland if in the opinion of Athletics North Queensland that such an amendment is necessary because of any change in competition, 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 interest of Athletics North Queensland. Athletics North Queensland shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone because of any such amendment.

2. Selection Philosophy

Athletics North Queensland see the 2026 Chemist Warehouse Australian All Schools Track and Field Championships as an opportunity to showcase a North

Queensland Team to the rest of Australia. Athletes attending a school in the region of North Queensland, (Peninsula, Northern, Capricornia or North West) and are aged between 12 (2014) and 17 (2009) (Able Bodied) and 12 (2014) and 19 (2007) (Para Athletes), are eligible to compete. Athletes must also be a registered Athletics North Queensland member. (Only those events listed by Athletics Australia at the Australian All Schools Track and Field Championships will be on offer).

This pathway allows North Queensland athletes to move directly on to the 2026 Australian All Schools Track and Field Championships if they choose to without having to compete at the Queensland All Schools Athletics Championship. For those athletes wishing to compete for Queensland please click on the following link for more information:

<https://qldathletics.org.au/event/queensland-athletics-all-schools/>

3. Eligibility

Only those athletes who qualify according to this clause 3.1 will be eligible for selection in the Team:

- Be a registered member of Athletics North Queensland via an affiliated club or school based membership
- Complete and submit the 2026 North Queensland All Schools Team Levy and Registration online Form by **October 31, 2026**
- Remain in 'good standing' with Athletics North Queensland and at all times comply with the Athletics Australia Code of Conduct and otherwise conduct themselves in a way that does not bring their sport or the North Queensland Team into disrepute

4. Selection Criteria

Up to two (2) athletes can be selected in the priority order of their placing at the North Queensland Championships as of **September 27th, 2026**. Performances and selection for the North Queensland Team will only be considered from these Championships. Athlete slots will be made up of:

1. Athletes who finish first or second in their event at the North Queensland Championships *
2. Those athletes that are registered members of an Athletics North Queensland Club or are an Athletics North Queensland School Based Member for the duration of this Championship
3. Athletes who are a part of the North Queensland school regions. IE. Northern, Capricornia, Peninsula and North West
4. In the instance that an event slot is unfilled after nominations close, selectors may fill these spots from athletes who came third, fourth etc in that order until a slot has been filled.

* The 12yrs Discus will be an ineligible qualification event due to technical specification differences, If you are looking to qualify for the U14 Discus as a 12yr old please contact the ANQ office.

5. Para Athletes

Athletics North Queensland sees the Australian All Schools Track and Field Championships as an opportunity to expose all athletes to a national event where they will compete against the best athletes from around the country. Events available will include 100m, 200m, 800, Shot Put, Discus and Long Jump.

Therefore, para-athletes can apply to be part of the North Queensland Team provided they meet the following requirements:

1. Comply with the requirements set out in sections 3 and 4 of this document and;
2. Meet Australian All Schools Competition requirements:
 - a. Para Athletes will need to hold at least a national classification to be eligible to compete at the Australian All Schools Track and Field Championships.
 - b. Para Athletes will only be able to enter relevant events according to their class
 - c. Athletes will need to be aged between 12 and 19 years (born between 2007 and 2014) be entered in Para events

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.

6.Funding

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

7.Announcement of the Team

The Team will be publicly announced no later than the week beginning **26 October, 2026.**

8.Accommodation

Athletes will be required to find their own accommodation in Perth. It will not be mandatory that all athletes stay together as a team at the same location.

9.Travel

Athletes will need to find their own way to and from Perth and to the venue during the competition. North Queensland Team members will still be required to inform Team Management on their arrival and their departure.

10.Meetings

It is compulsory for all team members to attend team meetings and activities set by the North Queensland Team. The first meeting will be held in November once the team has been announced via online communications. Compulsory meetings will also occur at the track each day