



NSW SELECTION CRITERIA – AUSTRALIAN ALL SCHOOLS

ELIGIBILITY TO REPRESENT NSW IN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Athletics NSW is committed to providing its athletes the opportunity to represent NSW in Australian Championships. As one of the strongest athletics states in Australia, Athletics NSW recognises the importance of selecting those athletes who will best be able to contribute to the further success of athletics within the state.

Athletics NSW also acknowledges the importance of providing appropriate competitive opportunities to athletes of all abilities. In this respect, Athletics NSW recognises the importance of giving young athletes the opportunity to represent their state as part of their development as athletes. Athletics NSW will endeavour, within the rules of the event, to select as many eligible athletes as possible to a team.

SELECTION CRITERIA SPECIFIC TO THE AUSTRALIAN ALL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. All athletes wishing to gain selection to the NSW team to compete at the Australian All Schools Championships must compete at the NSW All Schools Championships in the same competition year.
2. The NSW Team selected to compete at the Australian All Schools Championships will consist of the following per event:
 - Under 18: 3x male, 3x female
 - Under 16: 3x male, 3x female
 - Under 14: 2x male, 2x female
 - Under 16 Para: 2x male, 2x female
 - Under 18 Para: 2x male, 2x female
3. Athletes who place FIRST or SECOND in the final of their respective event in the following age categories will gain automatic selection to the NSW team:
 - 13yrs (to compete in U14)
 - 15yrs (to compete in U16)
 - 17yrs (to compete in U18)
 - U16 and U18 Para (ambulant long jump)
4. Athletes who place FIRST in the final of their respective event in the following age categories will gain automatic selection to the NSW team to compete "up" an age level:
 - 14yrs (to compete in U16)
 - 16yrs (to compete in U18)
 - U16 Para (ambulant and non-ambulant)
 - U18 Para (ambulant and non-ambulant)

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5. In the event that an athlete who has gained automatic selection does not wish to accept their position on the team, the next best performing athlete will be selected. Where there will be two age groups from the NSW Championships competing in the same age group at the Australian Championships, the next best performance from the two age groups will be selected to qualify.

For example:

- 3 Athletes will be selected for the Under 18 100m at the Australian All Schools. This will consist of 1st and 2nd place in the 17yrs final and 1st in the 16yrs final at the NSW All Schools Championships.
- If the 2nd place athlete from the 17yrs age category is unable to accept their position on the team, the better performance between the 3rd place athlete in the 17yrs and the 2nd place athlete in the 16yrs will be determined. The superior performance will be offered the position on the NSW team to compete at the Australian All Schools Championships.
- Athletics Australia requires that there is **at least one** athlete from the younger age group. Therefore, if the athlete selected from the 16yrs withdraws, they must be replaced by another athlete in that age group.
- If an automatic athlete from the 13yrs withdraws, the next best performing athlete from the 12yrs and 13yrs will be selected.

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