

NSW SELECTION CRITERIA – 2019 AUSTRALIAN ALL SCHOOLS

Athletics NSW has set out the below selection policy in accordance with the event rules implemented by Athletics Australia for the Australian All Schools Championships, to be held 6th – 8th December 2019, Perth, Western Australia.

SELECTION CRITERIA SPECIFIC TO THE AUSTRALIAN ALL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 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.
- All athletes selected in the NSW team must be a minimum of 12 years of age as at 31 December 2019 and must be currently enrolled in a secondary school.
- The NSW Team selected to compete at the Australian All Schools Championships will consist of up to the following number of athletes per event, per age group:
 - Under 14: 2 x male 2 x female
 - Under 16: 4 x male 4 x female
 - Under 18: 4 x male 4 x female
 - Under 16 Para Ambulant: 2 x male 2 x female
 - Under 16 Para Wheelchair: 2 x male 2 x female
 - Under 18 Para Ambulant: 2 x male 2 x female
 - Under 18 Para Wheelchair: 2 x male 2 x female
- Athletes will gain selection by placing FIRST or SECOND in their respective event and age group as follows:

Age Group at NSW All Schools	Automatic Selection	Age group at Australian All Schools	Total Number of athletes selected
12 years	No automatic selection	N/A	N/A
13 years	FIRST and SECOND place	Under 14	2
14 years	FIRST and SECOND place	Under 16	4
15 years	FIRST and SECOND place		
16 years	FIRST and SECOND place	Under 18	4
17 years	FIRST and SECOND place		
12 – 15 years para ambulant	FIRST and SECOND place	Under 16	2
16 – 19 years para wheelchair	FIRST and SECOND place	Under 18	2

- Due to the limited number of places available within this team, only athletes who meet the eligibility criteria and achieve qualification as per the above will be selected. There will be no exemptions granted regardless of injury, illness or misadventure.



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6. 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 for that age group 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.

***Athletics Australia requires that there are **at least two** athletes from the younger age group (14yrs and 16yrs). Therefore, if an athlete selected from the 14yrs or 16yrs withdraws, they must be replaced by another athlete in that age group.*

7. Athletics NSW will endeavour to fill all positions by means of replacing athletes who may withdraw from the team. However, Athletics NSW reserves the right to use discretion in replacing an athlete who may withdraw within close proximity of the event.
8. There is no automatic selection pathway for athletes competing in the 12yrs age group at the NSW All Schools Championships. If a 12yrs athlete wishes to gain selection in the NSW team for the Australian All Schools championship, they may opt to compete 'up' an age group in the 13 years at the NSW All Schools Championships. A 12 years athlete **may** be selected as follows:
 - If an automatically selected athlete from the 13yrs withdraws or declines their position, the next best performance between 3rd place in the 13yrs and 1st place in the 12 years will be determined, and the superior performance will be offered the position.

CLARIFICATION ON AGE GROUPS

Age for all event groups is calculated as at **31 December 2019**. Age groups are outlined as follows:

- Under 14: Born 01 January 2006 – 31 December 2007
- Under 16: Born 01 January 2004 – 31 December 2005
- Under 18: Born 01 January 2002 – 31 December 2003

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