

2019 Athletics NSW Target Talent Program



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Athletics NSW Target Talent Program Purpose, Vision and Culture

PURPOSE – *“To develop and foster the coach and athlete partnership and sustain growth through education and best practice sharing”*

VISION – *“That ANSW is a market leading provider of a development pathway which maximises ultimate elite performance”*

CULTURE – *“We engage professionally transparently and collaboratively in order to build relationships and a sense of belonging”*

POSITION – *“We support NSW athletes and coaches as part of the NSWIS/AA performance pathway through the provision of trusted services and education”*

PERFORMANCE STRATEGY – *Develop and improve on previous ANSW TTP structure, “Direct Athlete Support” & “Direct Coach Support”*

- *Education for Athletes and Personal Coaches*
- *Quality & relevant of content*
- *Structure & Timing*
- *Content areas – “On Track” & “Off Track”*
- *Program Engagement – Consistency/Sustainability*

Coaching – Create a meaningful contact between the ANSW TTP Event Group Coaches and NSW’ best young athletes and their personal coaches

Athletics NSW Target Talent Program Overview

The Athletics New South Wales Target Talent Program (ANSW TTP) is a high-performance pathway program funded and regulated in partnership with Athletics Australia. It is strongly aligned with activities of the Athletics Australia High Performance Department and has been established to:

- Act as the early identification component of Athletics Australia's AIS Winning Edge Strategy
- Encourage the best young athletes in the State by inviting them to be a part of a state level squad and participate in development opportunities
- Encourage and develop the best local coaches through recognising them as TTP Event Coaches
- Create meaningful contact in the off-season between TTP Event Coaches and the best young athletes in the State and their personal coaches
- By identifying and engaging New South Wales's best junior athletes and coaches through development opportunities, the ANSW TTP aims to encourage them to achieve their potential and go on to represent Australia at junior and senior levels.

Selected athletes who meet the inclusion criteria and their personal coaches will be invited to attend ANSW TTP Squad Days which will incorporate a combination of relevant event group training clinics and education-based information sessions.

Athlete Inclusion Criteria

Squad Training Sessions

The 2019 TTP Squad training sessions will be held between June & November 2019.

Eligibility

To be eligible for inclusion athletes must be a current registered member of Athletics NSW and be born in 2001, 2002, 2003 or 2004.

Criteria

All Athletics NSW athletes that have achieved the ANSW TTP Performance Matrix (see link below) between the qualifying period of September 27, 2018 to April 7, 2019, will be invited to be a part of the ANSW TTP Squad and TTP Training Days.

Notes

ANSW may also invite additional eligible athletes and their personal coaches based on competition results for their age group and advice from Athletics Australia National Youth Event Coaches and/or AA High Performance Management.

Age is calculated as at 31 December 2019. Age groups are outlined below accordingly.

- Under 18 – Athletes must NOT have their eighteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2019 and must be born in **2001**
- Under 17 – Athletes must NOT have their seventeenth birthday on or before 31 December 2019 and must be born in **2002**
- Under 16 – Athletes must NOT have their sixteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2018 and must be born in **2003 or 2004**

[ANSW Target Talent Program Performance Matrix/Selection Criteria](#)

Athletics NSW Target Talent Program Event Coaches

Athletics NSW will look to appoint at least one State Coach for each of the following event groups (pending athlete numbers):

1. Sprints
2. Middle Distance
3. Jumps – Horizontal, Pole Vault & High Jump
4. Throws
5. Walks
6. Hurdles
7. Para
8. 400/400m Hurdles – Fast Track Program

Role of ANSW TTP Coaches

Event Coach responsibilities include:

- Contribute ideas to planning for ANSW TTP Squad Days
- Provide coaching input at ANSW TTP Squad Days
- Attend one relevant National Championship Event
- Attend State Championship events
- Regular communication within their event within their event group athletes (and their personal coaches) apart of the ANSW TTP Squad
- Provide quarterly updates to Athletics NSW and the Athletics Australia High Performance Department regarding ANSW TTP Squad athletes, in their event group after each squad day

Incentives for ANSW TTP Event Coaches

ANSW will subsidise the cost of travel for attending the National All Schools and/or National Junior Championship event for each officially appointed ANSW TTP Coach

Eligibility

To be eligible for an ANSW Event Coach position, coaches must:

- Be a currently registered Athletics Australia Accredited Athletics Coach
- Hold a minimum of Level 3 Event Group Coach accreditation
- Possess a current First Aid Certificate (including CPR)
- Possess a current 'Working with Children Check'

Selection Criteria

A call for applications for ANSW TTP Event Coach positions will be made via the Athletics NSW website and will include application instructions when any position/s come available.