



**Australian Cross Country Championships, Integral Energy Recreation Park, West
Dapto, NSW
Saturday 26th of August, 2017**

Entry Eligibility & Selection Process

A. Introduction

This document sets out the basis on which Athletics NSW will select its team for the 2017 Australian Cross Country Championship, West Dapto, NSW.

This document should be read in conjunction with the *General Selection Policy of Athletics NSW*. Where there is a discrepancy between the information contained between this document and the General Policy, the provisions within this document shall prevail.

This policy can be amended at any time by Athletics NSW if Athletics NSW is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary as a result in any change in Athletics Australia's participation rules, to give effect to the policy following discovery of a drafting error or oversight or for any other reason determined to be in the best interests of Athletics NSW. Athletics NSW shall not be responsible or liable in any way to any one as a result of any such amendment.

There will be a panel that will be in charge of the selection process of the team.

B. Selection Philosophy

Athletics NSW is committed to providing its athletes the opportunity to compete at Australian Championships. As one of the strongest athletics states in Australia, Athletics NSW recognises the importance of selecting those athletes who will be able to contribute best to the continued success of athletics in the state whilst acknowledging the support that its athletes give to the association and the sport as a whole.

Athletics NSW sees the Australian Cross Country Championships as both an important event in the development of young distance runners as well as an elite event in the U20 and Open age groups providing athletes a pathway to international selection.

For the avoidance of doubt this philosophy statement is not to be regarded as part of the selection criteria. It is included in this document as a guide to those aspiring to the Team and also as reference in understanding selection decisions.

In order to be eligible for entry to the 2017 Australian Cross Country Championships the following criteria must be adhered to:

1. Attendance at Competitions required in accordance with age category below
2. Application of the Selection & Eligibility Policy relevant to the athlete's age

Note: Age is determined as at 31st December 2017

C. Selection and Eligibility (U14, U16 and U18)

- 1) **Automatic Selection** - The top EIGHT eligible performances at the NSW Cross Country Championships (XCC Challenge) at Nowra on Saturday 17th June 2017 will be selected automatically.
- 2) **Additional Selection** - The next best EIGHT eligible performances at the NSW Short Course Championships (XCC Short Course) to be held at Rydalmere on Sunday 2nd of July 2017 will be added to the team.
- 3) Be a registered member of Athletics NSW
- 4) **Compulsory Attendance** at the following competitions
 - NSW Cross Country Championships, Nowra – 17 June 2017
 - NSW Short Course Championships, Rydalmere – 2 July 2017

AND

- 5) **At least one** of the following events must also be attended:
 - Sydney 10, Homebush – 6 May 2017
 - XCC Relays, Sylvania – 27 May 2017
 - XCC Festival, Horsley Park – 3 June 2017
 - XCC Street Relays, Ourimbah, Central Coast – 15 July 2017
- 6) Complete an online nomination form - <http://nswathletics.org.au/Competitions/Online-Entry>

School Sport Clarification

The School Sport National Cross Country Championships will be held separately from the Australian Cross Country Championships in 2017. If a selected athlete withdraws from the team because he/she has qualified for the NSW School Sport team, **the next best eligible athlete at the event at which the declining athlete qualified** will be offered a spot.

D. Selection and Eligibility (U20 and OPEN)

Automatic Selection - The top THREE eligible performances at the NSW Cross Country Championships at Nowra on Saturday 17 June 2017 will be selected automatically.

Additional Selection - The remaining three spots in the team will be chosen from eligible athletes based upon selector's discretion. The selectors will make their determination based upon results at Athletics NSW events over the 2017 season.

Eligibility - To be eligible for a position in the team in the U20 and OPEN categories, an athlete must fulfil the following criteria:

- 1) Be a registered member of Athletics NSW
- 2) Complete an online nomination form - <http://nswathletics.org.au/Competitions/Online-Entry>

Additional Places - Additional competitors will be permitted in the U20 and OPEN categories as long as they meet the eligibility requirements above.

E. Overriding Discretion of the Selectors

Notwithstanding anything set out in this Policy document, the Selectors have an overriding discretion to name any athlete to the Team if they believe it is in the best interests of Athletics NSW to do so.

F. Announcement of the Team

The team will be selected after the close of entries and announced as soon as practical thereafter.

G. Further obligations after Selection

All members of the NSW team (including reserves / emergency athletes) are required to compete in the current NSW uniform at the Championships. These are available to purchase from Athletics NSW imogen.kemp@nswathletics.org.au or by contacting Imogen Kemp at Athletics NSW on (02) 9746 1122.

Athletes selected as Additional Competitors in the Under 20 and Open age groups are able to compete in their club uniform.

For all general enquiries please contact the Athletics NSW office (02) 97466 1122 or info@nswathletics.org.au.