



**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.

C. Selection and Eligibility PARA U14, U16 and U20

- 1) All athletes must have a provisional classification
- 2) Be a registered member of Athletics NSW
- 3) Complete an online nomination form by Friday 28th July 2017
<http://nswathletics.org.au/Competitions/Online-Entry>
- 4) Athletes must obtain the standards indicated below to qualify

Cross Country - PARA QUALIFYING STANDARDS

BOYS CLASS	BOYS			GIRLS		
	13 YEARS	14-15 YEARS	16-19 YEARS	13 YEARS	14-15 YEARS	16-19 YEARS
T01	18:00.3	17:31.1	17:01.9	17:58.8	17:27.0	16:55.3
T11	21:27.7	20:52.9	20:18.1	24:38.7	23:55.2	23:11.7
T12	16:47.0	16:19.8	15:52.6	21:09.9	20:32.5	19:55.2
T13	17:03.1	16:35.4	16:07.8	19:02.1	18:28.5	17:54.9
T20	16:35.3	16:08.4	15:41.5	18:25.8	17:53.3	17:20.8
T35 - 36	21:50.8	21:15.4	20:39.9	24:48.7	24:04.9	23:21.1
T37	17:47.3	17:18.4	16:49.6	22:20.2	21:40.8	21:01.4
T38	17:12.2	16:44.3	16:16.4	21:49.1	21:10.6	20:32.1
T44	25:39.3	24:57.7	24:16.1	25:18.5	24:33.8	23:49.2
T45 - 46	15:50.8	15:25.1	14:59.4	21:11.2	20:33.8	19:56.4
T40 - T41	40:29.8	39:24.2	38:18.5	39:40.0	38:30.0	37:20.0

School Sport Clarification

The School Sport National Cross Country Championships will be held separately from the Australian Cross Country Championships in 2017.

D. 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.

E. Announcement of the Team

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

F. 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.

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