



Selection Policy
2017 Australian Marathon Championships
Sydney, NSW
Sunday 17th September 2017

1. Introduction

This document sets out the basis on which Athletics NSW will select its Team for the 2017 Australian Marathon Championships in Sydney.

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.

2. 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 which will be able to best contribute to the continued success of athletics in the state.

Athletics NSW sees the Australian Marathon Championships as an important event in its own right which incorporates a team component.

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.

3. Eligibility

The rules outlined in the NSW Eligibility Policy shall apply. This document can be found at www.nswathletics.org.au. Athletes should also note the provision within the *General Selection Criteria* which states that athletes must be 18 years or older to represent NSW at distances of half marathon length or longer.

4. Selection

4.1 The championships are open to all registered athletes.

The championship also incorporates a team component, with teams of three runners from each state to score towards the team results. Athletics NSW will nominate a team of up to six athletes in each of the male and female events who are eligible to be amongst the scoring three.

4.2 All athletes wishing to be a member of the NSW team must nominate and declare their availability to the Selectors by 5pm, Wednesday 16th August 2017. This can be completed by emailing brent.hayward@nswathletics.org.au, along with details of recent performances in the events detailed in 5 (a).

4.3 Selector's Discretion

Selections will be at the sole discretion of the selectors, which is absolute and need not be exercised.

5. Team Selection

In exercising their discretion, the selectors will consider the following factors:

(i) An athlete's previous success over the half marathon or marathon distance, in conjunction with their current form, as demonstrated by:

(I) Performance in an Athletics Australia certified Marathon event since 1st May 2016.

(II) Performance in an Athletics Australia certified Half Marathon event since 1st May 2016.

(III) Performance over an Athletics Australia certified road race of 10km or more since 1st May 2016.

(III) Performance at the 2017 City to Surf.

(IV) Performance at the 2017 NSW Road Championships at Sydney Olympic Park on 6th May.

(V) Performance at races during the 2017 Athletics NSW Winter Series, namely:

- NSW Cross Country Championships
- NSW Short Course Cross Country Championships

(ii) Where an athlete has not previously contested a marathon event, they will not be selected into the team ahead of another athlete unless they have shown superiority over the athlete in the events listed in 5 (i) (I-V).

6. 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.

7. Announcement of the Team

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

8. Assistance Packages

Athletics NSW will send up to six (6) male and six (6) female athletes to contest the 2017 Australian Marathon Championship. The following assistance packages will be available:

- Free race entry to all nominated MA team members
- Use of the Elite Athlete facilities on race day eg. Dressing room
- An elite start at the front of the field
- One night's twin share accommodation
- Allowance of \$150 dollars per athlete
- Ground transport to the start line
- Facility access into/out of Event venue for the athlete briefing