



Selection Policy

2017 Australian Half Marathon Championships

Sunshine Coast, QLD

Sunday 20th August 2017

1 Introduction

This document sets out the basis on which Athletics NSW will select its Team for the 2017 Australian Half Marathon Championships on Sunday 20th August 2017.

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.

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

Athletics NSW sees the Australian Half Marathon Championships as an important event in its own right incorporating 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 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 Selection in the NSW team is open to all full and winter only members currently registered with Athletics NSW. The championship also incorporates a team component, with teams of three runners from each state to score towards the team results. In each of the male and female events, Athletics NSW will nominate a team of up to six athletes who are eligible to be amongst the scoring three.

4.2 All athletes wishing to compete (either as members of the NSW team or as additional competitors) must nominate and declare their availability to the Selectors by 5pm Wednesday 19th July 2017. This can be completed by emailing brent.hayward@nswathletics.org.au along with details of recent performances in the events detailed in 5(i).

4.3 Selectors' Discretion

Selections, both for the NSW team 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 distance in conjunction with their current form, as demonstrated by:
 - (a) Performance at the 2016 Sydney Half.
 - (b) Performance in an Athletics Australia certified Half Marathon event since 1st July 2016.
 - (c) Performance over an Athletics Australia certified road race of 10km or more since 1st July 2016.
 - (d) Performance at the 2016 City to Surf.
 - (e) Performances in Athletics NSW and Athletics Australia events since 1st July 2016.
- (ii) An athlete who has not previously contested a half marathon event, will not be selected in the team ahead of another athlete without showing superiority over the other athlete in the events listed in 5(i)

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 Package

Athletics NSW will send up to six (6) male and six (6) female athletes to contest the 2017 Australian Half 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