



Selection Policy
2017 Australian Road Running Championships
Adelaide, South Australia
Sunday 17th September 2017

1 Introduction

This document sets out the basis on which Athletics NSW will select its Team for the 2017 Australian Road Running Championships on Sunday 17th September 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 Road Running 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.

4 Selection

4.1 Selection in the NSW team is open to all full and winter only members currently registered with Athletics NSW.

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 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(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 in races 10km in distance and over in conjunction with their current form, as demonstrated by:
 - (a) Performance at the 2017 Sydney:10
 - (b) Performance over an Athletics Australia certified road race of 10km or more since 1st July 2016.
 - (c) Performance at the 2017 City to Surf.
 - (d) Performances in Athletics NSW and Athletics Australia events since 1st July 2016.
- (ii) An athlete who has not contested the 2017 Sydney10, 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

The Adelaide City to Bay has a long history of providing significant assistance to Australia's elite distance runners. Suitably qualified athletes will be provided with a range of assistance packages that may include travel, accommodation, transfers and race entry. Enquiries regarding potential assistance should be directed to Joe Stevens by email - racedirector@city-bay.org.au