



Selection Policy - Athletics NSW Relay Squads

2018 Australian Junior Championships

Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre

14th – 18th March 2018

Athletes who are selected in the New South Wales team for the Australian Junior Championships for relevant events will be selected in *initial* relay squads.

It is the responsibility of the athlete to be aware of the National competition timetable where individual events may impact their availability to compete in a relay, or where competition in an individual event may inhibit adequate recovery time prior to a relay.

Relay squad members will be selected based on legal performances (not wind assisted) recorded during the 2018 NSW Junior Championships, as well as performances in individual events recorded at the 2018 Australian Junior Championships, at least three hours prior to commencement of the relay. No other performances will be considered outside of these two events. Team selection will be completed by NSW State Team Management Staff. Personal coaches, parents and athletes will have no input in the selection process.

- Under 16 Relays – Will be selected from performances in both the U15 and U16 age groups
- Under 18 Relays – Will be selected from performances in both the U17 and U18 age groups

Athletics NSW reserves the right to name athletes in the initial squad based on recent performance (from 01 Jan 2018), if they did not record a time at the NSW State Championships in the relevant event and have already qualified for the national championships. Athletes must have competed at the state championships in at least one (1) event and have earned qualification to the national championships in their own right.

A minimum of six (6), and up to eight (8) athletes will be named in the initial team announcement prior to the National Championships. Athletes who are named are required to advise NSW State Team Management whether they wish to accept this initial position and advise of any circumstances that may affect their participation.

Following the initial squad announcement, selected athletes will be requested to attend a squad training session to be held at Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre prior to the national championships. Training sessions will be run solely by Athletics NSW Team Staff. Personal coaches will not be permitted to have input into the training session. The same applies for competition warm up at the National Championships, Athletics NSW State Team Management will have sole responsibility for the warm up and preparation of relay squads prior to the relay event.

Athletes who fail to attend the pre-departure training session without adequate reasoning, or fail to present for relay warm-up at competition may be excluded from final selection into the competing team. Selectors will name the final composition of each relay team by selecting four athletes from the relay squad. Selectors reserve the right to name the final team two hours prior to the event start time.

Selectors reserve the right to name an athlete in the final team who was not named in the initial selection if extenuating circumstances prevent one of the initial athletes from fulfilling their position in the team.