



## New South Wales Selection Policy

2018 Australian Marathon Championships

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Sydney, New South Wales

### GENERAL INFORMATION

All state and territory member associations are invited by Athletics Australia to send up to six (6) male and six (6) female athletes to contest the 2018 Australian Marathon Championship.

<b>Event Date</b>	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
<b>Location</b>	Sydney, New South Wales
<b>Host Event</b>	Blackmores Sydney Running Festival
<b>Distance</b>	42.195km
<b>Individual Championship</b>	Yes
<b>Teams Championship</b>	Yes
<b>Qualification Men</b>	3:30.00
<b>Qualification Women</b>	3:40.00

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

All athletes wishing to be selected to compete for New South Wales at this event must meet the following criteria:

- Be a minimum of 18 years of age as at 31 December 2018
- Be a registered member of Athletics New South Wales
- Have achieved the relevant entry standard between 01 January 2017 and 01 August 2018

### NOMINATIONS

Athletics New South Wales will accept nominations via the online portal for athletes wishing to represent the state at the 2018 Australian Marathon Championships.

Nominations are due by 9:00am, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018.

Following the close of nominations, Athletics NSW will select the top six (6) male and six (6) female applicants and submit these to Athletics Australia.

## **ASSISTANCE PACKAGES**

The following assistance packages will be available for a maximum of three (3) male and three (3) female athletes from each state and territory:

- Free race entry
- Use of the elite athlete facilities on race day (e.g. Dressing room)
- An elite start at the front of the field
- One night's twin share accommodation
- Allowance of \$150.00 per athlete
- Ground transport to the start line (if applicable)
- Facility access into/out of the event venue for the athlete briefing

The top six (6) male and six (6) female nominations will be submitted to Athletics Australia who will determine the application of assistance packages.

## **INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**

All athletes will have the opportunity to contest for the Australian Marathon Championship title. The first three (3) male and three (3) female finishers from each member association will accumulate points towards a team score and will be eligible for the respective team medals.

## **TEAM SELECTION**

All selections will be determined by the Athletics NSW Selection Panel, who will have overriding discretion. Selectors will consider the following factors whilst exercising their discretion:

- An athlete's previous success over the half marathon distance in conjunction with their current form
- Performances in an Athletics Australia certified Marathon event since 01 January 2017

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TEAM**

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