



Selection Information & Additional Notes

Australian Junior Athletics Championships

Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre

14 – 18 March 2018

Eligibility

1. Membership

To be considered a member of New South Wales Athletics for the purpose of gaining selection to this team, athletes must be registered as a full member for the 2017/18 track and field season through a New South Wales Athletics Club. Full membership refers to a Junior, Youth or Dual membership.

2. Age

Athletes must be a minimum of 12 years and a maximum of 19 years of age as at 31 December 2018. Please refer to the 'Additional Notes' for age group clarification.

3. Competing in Athletics NSW Events

Athlete are required to compete in the New South Wales Junior Athletics Championships (9-11 February 2018).

Athletes who live greater than 200km from the Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre, or who have extenuating circumstances affecting their attendance at the NSW Junior Championships, may apply in writing to Athletics NSW for an exemption.

Qualifying

1. Place at Championships

Athletes that finish **first, second and third at the 2017 New South Wales All Schools Championships** will automatically qualify 'up' an age group, regardless of any changes in implement weights or hurdle heights. *For Example: The first three places in the U17 (16 years) 400 metres at the 2017 NSW All Schools will qualify for the U18 100 metres at the 2018 Australian Junior Championships.*

In 2018 the New South Wales Junior Athletics Championships, and Australian Junior Athletics Championships will be conducted in the following age groups:

- U14, U15, U16, U17, U18 and U20 (the same age groups as the Australian Junior Championships)

Athletes who finish **first, second or third** in each age group at the **New South Wales Junior Athletics Championships** will be eligible to nominate for the team for that event. *This clause should be read in conjunction with the 'Additional Notes' section below.*

Athletes who finish **first** in the twelve years age group at the 2017 New South Wales Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA) Athletics Championships will be eligible to nominate for the Australian Junior Athletics Championships. Athletes must be aged a minimum of 12 years, and will qualify 'up' to compete in the under 14 age group at the Australian Junior Athletics Championships.

2. Achieve Entry Standard

Athletes who achieve the qualifying standard for their nominated event during the period **1st January 2017 to 11th February 2018** is eligible for selection for the Australian Junior Athletics Championships in that event (refer to Entry Standards on Athletics NSW website). **Athletes must achieve the entry standard for their age group in 2018**, and must ensure they achieve it with the correct implement or hurdle height where relevant. Hand times, with appropriate correction (as detailed in entry standards), are accepted. Wind readings may be up to 4.0m/s.

Entry standards are available on the Athletics NSW website on the 'Teams' page.

Performances can be achieved at any of the following meets:

- a. Any meet conducted by the IAAF (i.e. World Juniors) or Athletics Australia
- b. Any meet conducted by NSW Athletics:
 - NSW Championships
 - Schools Knockout
 - NSW All Comers
 - Treloar Shield Competitions
 - And similar standard meets (AA permit) conducted interstate
- c. The 2017 New South Wales All Schools Championships

No schools championship events in 2017 held an Athletics Australia permit and therefore entry standards achieved at these events will not be considered for selection to the NSW team.

Additional Notes

1. Amendment of Selection Criteria

Athletics NSW reserves the right to amend this selection criteria in circumstances where the rules governing the event are amended by the event organisers (Athletics Australia), or further information comes to hand. Any changes or additional information will be added to the Athletics NSW website as soon as it becomes available.

2. Age Calculations

Age is calculated as at 31 December 2018. Age groups are outlined below:

- Under 14** - athletes must not have their fourteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2018 (must be born in 2005 or 2006)
- Under 15** - athletes must not have their fifteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2018 (must be born in or after 2004)
- Under 16** - athletes must not have their sixteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2018 (must be born in or after 2003)
- Under 17** - Athletes must not have their seventeenth birthday on or before 31 December 2018 (must be born in or after 2002)
- Under 18** - Athletes must not have their eighteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2018

(must be born in or after 2001)

Under 20 - Athletes must not have their twentieth birthday on or before 31 December 2018
(must be born in or after 1999)

NOTE: Athletes must turn 12 during 2018 in order to compete in these championships.

3. Competing in Multiple Age Groups

Athletes may enter in multiple event age groups if the athlete has bettered the relevant entry standard. ***This rule is subject to the following criteria as set out under the following rules:*** Provided an athlete has bettered the relevant entry standard for a higher age group than their own, the athlete may be entered in an individual event for such age group, subject to the following:

- Athletes may only enter events in a maximum of two age groups
- No athlete may enter the same of similar event in multiple age groups**

** Same or Similar event means 80/90/100/110 Hurdles, 200/400 Hurdles, 3000/5000m Walk, 1500/3000/5000m and each of the throwing events (regardless of change in implement weight).

The list of events to be contested in each age group and the relevant specifications are shown on the entry standards attachments.

Athletes 12 years of age are not permitted to enter the Steeplechase, 3000m, 200m Hurdles or the 5000m Walk.