



SELECTION POLICY

2018 AUSTRALIAN ALL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

7-9 December 2018

Barlow Park, Cairns QLD

The Australian All Schools Championships, organised by Athletics Australia, is the National Track and Field Championships for school sport. The two and a half day competition has both individual medals and state team trophies. The Queensland team is selected and managed by Queensland Athletics (QA). Athletes selected in the Queensland team will stay together in Cairns as a team, very much like a National team at major games.

The age groups at the Australian All Schools Championships are **Under 14**, **Under 16** and **Under 18**, with age taken as on 31 December 2018 (these are the same as the 13 years, 15 years and 17 years age groups in school sport competition).

Selections for the Queensland team will be made solely from the results at the 2018 Queensland Secondary Schools Track & Field Championships (25-28 October).

WHO SHOULD NOMINATE TO REPRESENT QUEENSLAND?

If you finished (or are likely to finish) within **the top 8 of your event** at the 2018 Queensland Secondary Schools Track & Field Championships (25-28 October) then we strongly encourage you to nominate for the Queensland Team.

There is no cost to nominate and it only takes a few minutes. **Nominations close on 9am Tuesday 30th October.**

WHO'S SELECTED?

QA intends to send a full team to the Australian All Schools Championships. A full team comprises of two (2) athletes per event in the Under 14 age group, and four (4) athletes per event in the Under 16 and Under 18 age groups. As well as two ambulant and two wheelchair athletes in the Under 16 and Under 18 age group. Of the four athletes selected in the U16 and U18 age groups, two must be selected from the Under 15 (14 years) and Under 17 (16 years) age groups respectively.

TEAM SELECTIONS:

- ✓ All athletes that finish **first (1st) or second (2nd) in the 13 years, 14year, 15 years, 16 years and 17 years** events at the 2018 Queensland Secondary Schools Track & Field Championships are eligible for selection in the Queensland Team ***Pending the athlete nominating prior to nomination closure date.**
- ✓ All ambulant and wheelchair athletes that finish first (1st) or second (2nd) in the 13-15 years and 16-17 years according to the MDS results for 100m, 200m, 800m, Long Jump (ambulant only), Discus Throw & Shot Put ***Pending the athlete nominating prior to nomination closure date.**
- ✓ Where an eligible selection declines their place in the team that place will be **offered to the next best placed athlete** in that event and age group. For this reason we encourage all athletes that finish in the top 8 to nominate for selection.

Please refer to the QA website for additional notes on selection – www.qldathletics.org.au

HOW DO I NOMINATE?

All athletes who wish to be considered for the team must **nominate with QA no later than 9am Tuesday 30th October.** This can be done:

- Online at www.qldathletics.org.au
- At the Queensland Secondary Schools Track & Field Championships by visiting the QA team information stall behind Technical Information, facing finish line.



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ADDITIONAL NOTES

AGE GROUP QUALIFICATION

The age groups at the Australian All Schools Championships are **Under 14 (not a para-athlete age group)**, **Under 16** and **Under 18**, with age taken as on 31 December 2018 (these are the same as the 13 years, 15 years and 17 years age groups in school sport competition).

- **Under 14 (not a para-athlete age group)** - athletes must not have their fourteenth birthday on or before 31st December 2018 (i.e. must be born in 2005 or 2006)
- **Under 16** - athletes must not have their sixteenth birthday on or before 31st December 2018 (i.e. must be born in or after 2003)
- **Under 18** - athletes must not have their eighteenth birthday on or before 31st December 2018 (i.e. must be born in or after 2001)

Athletes **MUST** turn 12 (attending either Primary or Secondary School) in the year of competition in order to compete in these Championships.

EVENT SELECTION

Queensland Athletics (QA) intends to send a full team to the Australian All Schools Championships.

For the Under 14 age group a full team comprises of four (4) athletes, two (2) male and two (2) female, in each events. For the Under 16 and Under 18 age groups a full team comprises of eight (8) athletes, four (4) male and three (4) female, in each event.

As per Athletics Australia entry rules, if four athletes are selected in the U16 and U18 age groups, two must be selected from the U15 (14 years) and U17 (16 years) age groups respectively.

Selections for the Queensland team will be made solely from the results at the 2018 Queensland Secondary Schools Track & Field Championships.

- Athletes **must** compete at the Queensland Secondary Schools Track & Field Championships (25-28 October).
- Athletes **must** compete in the age group for which they are eligible to be considered for selection in the Queensland team.
- Athletes **must** compete in the event(s) for which they wish to be considered for selection in the Queensland team.

Athletes may be selected in events across the different age groups; as long as they meet the age qualification and the individual event is offered in their default age group. Example - U14 athletes are not eligible to be selected in the U16 or U18 steeplechase as the event is not offered in the U14 age group.

PARA-ATHLETES

For Para-Athletes (AWD) a full team comprises of two athletes per event (two ambulant and two wheelchair) in both U16 and U18 age groups. For Para-Athletes selections are made based on MDS results at the Queensland Secondary Schools Track & Field Championships.

Para-Athletes are eligible to compete in the 100m, 200m, 800m, Long Jump (ambulant only), Discus Throw & Shot Put. The following events will not be available for para-athletes at the Australian All Schools Championships; 400m, 1500m and Javelin.

All Athletes must hold a current Provisional Classification. Athletes with a Provisional Classification will be required to obtain a National Level Classification prior to the Australian All Schools Championships. A classification opportunity will be provided to all Provisionally Classified athletes immediately prior to the Australian All Schools Championships in Cairns on Friday the 7th of December. Athletes with Provisional Classifications that do not obtain a National Level Classification at this session will still be allowed to compete at the Australian All Schools Championships but will be ineligible for points and medals.

RELAYS

Athletes will **not** be selected to compete at the Australian All Schools Championships as relay athletes only.

It is expected that all athletes competing as part of the Queensland team at the Australian All Schools Championships in the 100m, 200m and Sprint Hurdles will make themselves available for state team relays as part of their representative duties. Provisional squads will be released when the Queensland Team is announced; with the final squad being announced on the day of competition.