

IMPORTANT NOTES ON SELECTION

2017 Australian Athletics Championships

Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre, Sydney
26 March - 2 April 2017



In addition to the information on the previous page, please take note of the important notes below regarding selection into the Queensland Heat Team.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Membership

To be considered a member of Queensland Athletics for the purposes of this team, athletes must be registered as a full member for the 2016-17 track and field season through a Queensland Athletics or Athletics North Queensland club.

In South Queensland, full membership refers to a Platinum, Traditional or Dual. Base members will be required to upgrade to one of these memberships.

2. Age

Athletes must be a minimum of 12 years and a maximum of 19 years of age as at the 31 December 2017. Please refer to point 2 in the 'Additional Notes' section below for clarification on age groups.

3. Competing in QA competitions

Athletes are required to compete in the Queensland Junior Athletics Championships (23-26 February 2017), and at least one other QA competition during the 2016-17 QA Summer Series. The competitions included in the 2016-17 QA Summer Series are available on the Queensland Athletics website.

Athletes that live further than 200 km from the Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre, or who have extenuating circumstances, may apply to the Queensland Athletics CEO for an exception. **Athletes registered with ANQ** are not required to compete in the Queensland Junior Athletics Championships or take part in any further QA competitions during the season.

QUALIFYING

1. Place at Championships

Athletes that finish in the first three places at the 2016 Queensland Secondary School Track and Field Championships and in the first two places in the 2016 Athletics North Queensland Track & Field 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 U15 (aka 14 years) 100 metres at the 2016 Secondary School Championships will qualify for the U16 100 metres at the 2017 Australian Junior Championships.*

In 2017 the Queensland 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 that finish in the first three places in each age group at the Queensland Junior Athletics Championships will be eligible to nominate for the team for that event.

This clause should be read in conjunction with point 2 in the 'Additional Notes' section below.

*ANQ registered athletes only

2. Achieve Entry Standard

Athletes who achieve the qualifying standard for their nominated event during the period 1st January 2016 to 26th February 2017 is eligible for selection for the Australian Junior Athletics Championships in that event (see attached qualifying standards). Athletes must achieve the standard for their age group in 2017, 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 'TEAMS' page of the Queensland Athletics website - www.qldathletics.org.au

Performances can be achieved at any of the following meets:

- (a) Any meet conducted by the IAAF (eg. World Juniors) or Athletics Australia;
- (b) Any meet conducted by Queensland Athletics (Queensland Championships, Schools Knockout, QA All Comers, QA Shield competitions, Regional Cups, QA Permit Meets, Athletics North Queensland events etc.) and similar standard meets conducted interstate.
- (c) The 2016 Queensland Secondary Schools Track and Field Championships
- (d) The following school championships:
 - GPS, AIC, CSGSSA, TAS, QGSSSA.

Athletes in the Under 14 age group may use performances from Little Athletics or Primary School Sport competition at regional or state championships level.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

1. Queensland Athletics 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 such amendments or further information will be added to the Queensland Athletics website (www.qldathletics.org.au) as soon as it becomes available.

2. Age is calculated as at 31 December 2017. **Age groups** are outlined below accordingly.

Under 14 - athletes must not have their fourteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2017
(must be born in 2004 or 2005)

Under 15 - athletes must not have their fifteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2017
(must be born in or after 2003)

Under 16 - athletes must not have their sixteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2017
(must be born in or after 2002)

Under 17 - athletes must not have their seventeenth birthday on or before 31 December 2017
(must be born in or after 2001)

Under 18 - athletes must not have their eighteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2017
(must be born in or after 2000)

Under 20 - athletes must not have their twentieth birthday on or before 31st December 2017
(must be born in or after 1998)

NOTE: Athletes must turn 12 (attending either Primary or Secondary School) during 2017 in order to compete in these Championships.

3. Athletes may enter in multiple event age groups if an 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 or similar events within the U15 and U16 age groups.
- No athlete may enter the same or similar events within the U17 and U18 age groups.
- Para-athletes may enter the same or similar events in U16 and U20 age groups.

**** Same or Similar event** means 80/90/100/110m hurdles; 200/400m hurdles; 3000/5000 metres and 1500/3000/5000m walk and each of the throwing events (regardless of change in weight of implements).

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

Athletes may enter events across the different age groups.

Athletes 12 or 13 years of age are not permitted to enter the Steeplechase event.