

SELECTION POLICY



2017 Australian Cross Country Championships

26 August 2017

Kembla Joggers Cross Country Park, Wollongong, NSW

The 2017 Australian Cross Country Championships will be held in Kembla Joggers Cross Country Park, Wollongong, NSW on the 26th of August 2017.

Queensland Athletics will be selecting athletes to represent the state in the Queensland Team in the **Under 14, Under 16, Under 18, Under 20** and **Open** age groups.

Multi Class athletes (athletes with a disability) will also be selected in the Under 14, Under 16 and Under 20 age groups.

SELECTION EVENTS

In 2017, the selections for the Queensland Athletics Cross Country Team, will come from performances at the following Championships:

- ✓ **35TH QA ALL SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS:** U14, U16, U18 & Multi Class only
Saturday 6 May, Kedron State High School
- ✓ **QUEENSLAND 8KM CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS:** U20 & Open only
Saturday 17 June, CJ Greenfield Complex, Richlands
- ✓ **QUEENSLAND CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS:** All Age Groups U14-Open & Multi Class
Saturday 29 July, Maleny Golf Club, Maleny

Athletes seeking selection in the team must compete at a minimum of one of these Championships and meet the following eligibility criteria.

SELECTION

As per Athletics Australia competition guidelines, Queensland Athletics will select 16 male and 16 female athletes in each of the following age groups: Under 14, Under 16 and Under 18.

There is no restriction on total numbers selected in the U20 and Open age groups.

Multi Class athletes (athletes with a disability) will also be selected in the Under 14, Under 16 and Under 20 age groups.

1. Athletes who meet all eligibility criteria and who **place 1st, 2nd or 3rd** at the **QA ALL SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS (6th May, Kedron)** in the 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs, 15yrs, 16yrs and 17yrs age groups will be **automatic selections** in the Queensland Team.
2. Athletes who meet all eligibility criteria and who **place 1st, 2nd or 3rd** at the **QUEENSLAND CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS (29th July, Maleny)** in the U13, U14, U15, U16, U17 and U18 age groups will be **automatic selections** in the Queensland Team. *See note 1

3. **Non-automatic selections** in the U14, U16 and U18 age groups will be based on performances from the QA All Schools Cross Country Championships and/or the Queensland Cross Country Championships to fill the team to a total of 16 male and 16 female athletes in each age group.
4. Official Representative athletes in the **Open and Under 20** age group will be selected by the Queensland Athletics Selection Panel considering results from Queensland 8km (17th June) and the Queensland Cross Country Championships (29th July). *See note 2
5. **Multi Class Athletes (U14, U16, U20)** who meet all eligibility criteria will be selected from performances from the QA All Schools Cross Country Championships (6th May, Kedron) and the Queensland Cross Country Championships (29th July, Maleny). **Multi Class must also achieve the qualifying standard for their classification.** * See page 3.
 - **Automatic Selections:**
 - 1st place and 2nd place** at the **QA All Schools Cross Country Championships** in the 12-13yrs, 14-15yrs and 16-19yrs age groups 3000m multi class race (2 male and 2 female in each combined age group).
 - 1st place and 2nd place** at the **Queensland Cross Country Championships** in the U14, U16 and U20 age groups 3000m multi class race (2 male and 2 female in each combined age group).
 - **Non-automatic selections** in the U14, U16 and U20 age groups will be based on performances from the QA All Schools Cross Country Championships and/or the Queensland Cross Country Championships to fill the team to a total of 6 male and 6 female athletes in each age group.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for selection athletes must:

1. Be a current member of Queensland Athletics (QA) or Athletics North Queensland (ANQ) through one of their respective clubs. Note – Unregistered athletes, or athletes not registered with a club may be selected in the team but must register as a club member before their selection is confirmed.
2. Be a minimum age of 12 years old as at 31 December 2017.
3. Only athletes who nominate will be eligible for selection, regardless of any race results.
4. Multi Class athletes must have at least a provisional classification for their impairment type and must have obtained the qualifying standard for their classification. * See page 3.

NOTES

1. In the case of an athlete placing in the first three at both QA All Schools and Queensland Cross Country Championships the next placed athlete from Queensland Cross Country Championships will be an automatic selection.
2. In the Under 20 and Open age groups, Queensland Athletics is permitted to select more than sixteen athletes as outlined in the rules for the Australian Cross Country Championships. In these age groups only, six "Official Representatives" (OR) will be selected as the main point-scoring team. Additional athletes may have their nomination accepted (provided all eligibility criteria is met) and compete at the Australian Championships as Additional Competitors (AC).
3. Queensland Athletics reserves the right to amend this Selection Criteria in circumstances where the rules governing the event are amended by 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.

4. 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
 - **Under 16** - athletes must not have their sixteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2017
 - **Under 18** - athletes must not have their eighteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2017
 - **Under 20** - athletes must not have their twentieth birthday on or before 31st December 2017
 - **Open** – athletes may be of any age however will need to provide justification they are able to compete in this age group

NOTE: Athletes must turn 12 (attending either Primary or Secondary School) in the year of competition in order to compete in these Championships (born 2005).

MULTI CLASS QUALIFYING STANDARDS

CLASS	GIRLS 3000M			BOYS 3000M		
	12-13 YEARS	14-15 YEARS	16-19 YEARS	12-13 YEARS	14-15 YEARS	16-19 YEARS
T01	17:58.8	17:27.0	16:55.3	18:00.3	17:31.1	17:01.9
T11	24:38.7	23:55.2	23:11.7	21:27.7	20:52.9	20:18.1
T12	21:09.9	20:32.5	19:55.2	16:47.0	16:19.8	15:52.6
T13	19:02.1	18:28.5	17:54.9	17:03.1	16:35.4	16:07.8
T20	18:25.8	17:53.3	17:20.8	16:35.3	16:08.4	15:41.5
T35 - 36	24:48.7	24:04.9	23:21.1	21:50.8	21:15.4	20:39.9
T37	22:20.2	21:40.8	21:01.4	17:47.3	17:18.4	16:49.6
T38	21:49.1	21:10.6	20:32.1	17:12.2	16:44.3	16:16.4
T44	25:18.5	24:33.8	23:49.2	25:39.3	24:57.7	24:16.1
T45 - 46	21:11.2	20:33.8	19:56.4	15:50.8	15:25.1	14:59.4
T40 - T41	39:40.0	38:30.0	37:20.0	40:29.8	39:24.2	38:18.5

HOW TO NOMINATE

Complete the online nomination form available on the Queensland Athletics website. Nominations must be received by Queensland Athletics **no later than Sunday 30th July** (after the Queensland Cross Country Championships on the 29th July).

This will enable selections to be made on the Monday so that athletes and parents can begin booking flights, etc. as soon as possible.

All confirmation will be communicated via email and the Queensland Athletics website – www.qldathletics.org.au