

ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA
SELECTION POLICY
OAA Melanesian Regional Championships
PORT VILA, VANUATU 9th to 11th MAY 2018



This document sets out the basis on which Athletics Australia will select its team for the Melanesian Regional Championships, incorporating the Oceania Area Youth Olympic Games Qualifying Meet, in Port Vila, Vanuatu, from the 9th to 11th of May 2018.

This team will follow the rules and by-laws of Athletics Australia and is being administered by Queensland Athletics.

1 Aims

Athletics Australia sees the Melanesian Regional Championships as an opportunity for under 18 athletes to qualify for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games, as well as to provide international competition exposure to senior and/or para-athletes who may not otherwise have the opportunity.

Additionally, it is also an opportunity to provide team experience and associated educational opportunities for enthusiastic and committed coaches and team staff.

2 Nomination, Selection criteria and athlete numbers

2.1 U18 Team

- 2.1.1 To be eligible for selection in the U18 Team, athletes must be born in 2001 or 2002.
- 2.1.2 Oceania Athletics Association (OAA) have set qualification standards for the U18 Team, these are set out in appendix 1.
- 2.1.3 Subject to clause 2.1.5, to be eligible for selection in the U18 Team, athletes must achieve at least one (1) eligible qualification standard within the qualification period (see clause 5) AND have competed in the U18 age group of Australian Junior Athletics Championships (Sydney 14-18 March 2018) in the event they are seeking selection.
- 2.1.4 Also subject to clause 2.1.5, for the U18 Team, Athletics Australia will select a maximum of two (2) athletes in each event.

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- 2.1.5 Notwithstanding anything in clauses 2.1.3 and 2.1.4, in exceptional circumstances, the selectors may, at their absolute discretion, select a third athlete in any U18 event if that athlete has achieved at least one eligible qualification standard within the qualification period. For the avoidance of doubt:
- 2.1.5.1 that athlete need not have competed at the Australian Junior Athletics Championships; and
- 2.1.5.2 the selectors are under no obligation to nominate a third athlete to any event.

2.2 Open Team

- 2.2.1 Oceania Athletics Association (OAA) have set qualification standards for the open Team, these are set out in appendix 2.
- 2.2.2 To be eligible for selection in the Open Team, athletes must be born in 2000 or earlier.
- 2.2.3 To be eligible for selection in the Open Team, athletes must achieve at least one (1) eligible qualification standard within the qualification period (see clause 5) AND compete at the 2018 Australian Athletics Championships (Gold Coast, 15-18 February 2018).
- 2.2.4 For the Open Team, Athletics Australia will select a maximum of one (1) athlete in each event.

2.3 Open Para Team

- 2.3.1 There are no qualification standards for the Open Para Team..
- 2.3.2 To be eligible for selection in the Para Open Team, athletes must be born in 2002 or earlier.
- 2.3.3 To be eligible for selection in the Open Para Team, athletes must compete in their relevant Open National Championships (Gold Coast 15-18 February 2018 OR Sydney, 14-18 March 2018)
- 2.3.4 For the Para Open Team, Athletics Australia will select a maximum of one (1) athlete in each event.
- 2.4 This will be a wholly self-funded team. Athletes are responsible for all costs, including but not limited to travel, accommodation and team uniform. As a guide, Athletics Australia expects that the costs will be approximately \$2,000 per person.
- 2.5 Athletics Australia will not select athletes for the same discipline in both the Open and U18 events.
- 2.6 The selection of a team for any of the relays will come from athletes selected in individual events only. No athlete will be selected solely for a relay
- 2.7 To be nominated, athletes must meet the Athlete Eligibility Criteria (see Section 3).

3 Athlete Eligibility Criteria

Only those athletes who qualify, according to the clause, will be eligible for selection in the Team:

- 3.1 Satisfy all IAAF nationality and Melanesian Regional Championships Participation Rules.

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- 3.2 Be a citizen of Australia. For the avoidance of doubt, athletes must hold or be eligible for an Australian passport.
- 3.3 Be a registered member of Athletics Australia through their Member Association.
- 3.4 Complete and submit the online nomination form for the event in which the athlete is seeking nomination. **Online nominations will close 11:59pm Sunday 18 March 2018.**
- 3.5 Complete the online anti-doping education modules levels 1 and 2 via the ASADA website and the Keep Sport Honest - anti-match fixing education module via the National integrity of Sport Unit website prior to the start of competition.
- 3.6 Be and remain in 'good standing' with Athletics Australia and at all times comply with Athletics Australia's Code of Conduct and conduct themselves in a way that does not bring themselves, their sport or the National Team into disrepute. Athletics Australia may consider past and present behavioural conduct in determining whether an athlete is in 'good standing'. If Athletics Australia determines that an athlete is not in 'good standing', Athletics Australia may in its absolute discretion choose not to select that athlete.

4 Selection

- 4.1 There will be selection trials for the U18 and Open events contested at the 2018 Melanesian Regional Championships, those trials are:

EVENT	CHAMPIONSHIP	LOCATION, DATE
All Open Events	Australian Athletics Championships	Gold Coast, 15-18 February 2018
All U18 Events	Australian Junior Athletics Championships	Sydney, 14-18 March 2018

- 4.1.1 For U18 events, the first two highest placed eligible athletes (as per section 3) at the Selection Trial will be selected. For the avoidance of doubt, athletes must have achieved an eligible Qualification Standard. The qualification standard may be achieved at the trial.
- 4.1.2 For open events, the highest placed eligible athlete (as per section 3) at the Selection Trial will be selected. For the avoidance of doubt, athletes must have achieved an eligible Qualification Standard. The qualification standard may be achieved at the trial.
- 4.1.3 For Open Para events, all selections will be made at the discretion of selectors.
- 4.1.4 There will be one selection meeting for the 2018 Melanesian Regional Championships. This will take place the week commencing 19 March 2018.

5 Eligible Performance Criteria

For the avoidance of doubt, this clause is only applicable to U18 athletes for the purpose of achieving a Qualification Standard.

- 5.1 All performances must be achieved during the qualification period:

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EVENT	QUALIFICATION START	QUALIFICATION END
All U18 Events	1 October 2017	18 March 2018

- 5.2 Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by IAAF, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations. Results achieved at university or school competitions must be certified by AA or the National Federation of the country in which the competition was organised.
- 5.3 Performances must be achieved during an official competition organised in conformity with IAAF Rules.
- 5.4 To be recognised for the purposes of this Policy, performances achieved in Australia must be achieved in a competition sanctioned by AA as an AA "National Permit Meeting". A list of the "National Permit" meets can be found at www.athletics.com.au
- 5.5 For the avoidance of doubt, qualifying standards for the men's and women's 10,000m walk will be accepted if they are achieved in competitions that meet the specific judging requirements required by the IAAF and sanctioned by AA.
- 5.6 Performances achieved in mixed events (male & female), will only be accepted for Men's and Women's 10,000m Walk. For the avoidance of any doubt, performances achieved in mixed events for all other events will not be accepted.
- 5.7 Wind assisted performances outside of the limits set out below will not be accepted. Outdoor performances in 100m, 200m, 110m Hurdles, 100m Hurdles, Long Jump, Triple Jump and Combined Events must accompanied by wind gauge readings. For 100m, 200m, 110m Hurdles, 100m Hurdles, Long Jump, Triple Jump the wind reading must not be above 2.0m/s (see IAAF rules 260.22.d and 260.26.b)
- 5.7.1 For Combined Events the average wind reading must not be above 2.0m/s (see IAAF rule 260.27)
- 5.8 Hand-timed performances for events up to and including 800m will not be accepted.
- 5.9 Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 400m and longer, will be accepted.
- 5.10 For race walks, road performances will be accepted.
- 5.11 For events 200m and over, performances achieved on over-sized tracks will not be accepted.
- 5.12 Performances must be achieved in a competition where a minimum of three athletes are competing.
- 5.12.1 For throwing events, all three athletes must be competing with the same implement specifications.
- 5.12.2 For hurdle events, all three athletes must be competing with the same hurdle

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6 Appeal Process

The appeal process can be found in the Athletics Australia By-Laws (section 8) available at www.athletics.com.au.

7 Amendment to Policy

This Policy can be amended at any time by Athletics Australia if it is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary as a result of any change to the Participation Rules, to give effect to the Policy following discovery of a drafting error or oversight, or for any other reason determined to be in the best interests of Athletics Australia. Athletics Australia shall not be responsible or liable in any way to any one as a result of any such amendment.

Appendix 1 – U18 Events & Qualification Standards

Women U18		Men U18	
100m	13.70	100m	11.80
200m	28.00	200m	24.20
400m	63.00	400m	58.00
800m	2:45.0	800m	2:15.0
1500m	5:30.0	1500m	4:40.0
3000m	12:00.00	3000m	10:00.0
100H (76cm)	19.00	110mH (91cm)	17.00
400mH	76.00	400mH(84cm)	68.00
2000m Steeplechase	9:00.0	2000m Steeplechase	7:44.0
5000m track walk	23:29.00	10,000m track walk	45:00.0
Long Jump	4.60	Long Jump	5.40
High Jump	1.25	High Jump	1.55
Triple Jump	10.00	Triple Jump	11.20
Pole Vault	2.40	Pole Vault	2.70
Javelin (500g)	30.00	Javelin (700g)	35.00

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Shot Put (3kg)	10.00	Shot Put (5kg)	10.00
Discus	28.00	Discus	32.00
Hammer Throw (3kg)	30.00	Hammer Throw (5kg)	30.00

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Appendix 2 – Open Events

Women Open		Men Open	
100m	13.20	100m	11.30
200m	27.00	200m	23.30
400m	59.00	400m	51.00
800m	2:23.00	800m	2:05.00
1500m	5:20.00	1500m	4:20.00
5000m	22:30.00	5000m	17:20.00
10000m	44:00.00	10000m	35:00.00
100mH	17.00	110mH	17.00
400mH	68.00	400mH	60.00
3000m Steeplechase	13:00.00	3000m Steeplechase	11:00.00
Long Jump	4.80	Long Jump	6.00
High Jump	1.50	High Jump	1.75
Pole Vault	3.00	Pole Vault	3.40
Triple Jump	10.50	Triple Jump	12.00
Javelin	32.00	Javelin	45.00
Shot Put	9.50	Shot Put	12.50
Discus	30.00	Discus	36.00
Hammer Throw	32.00	Hammer Throw	40.00