

ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA  
NOMINATION POLICY  
YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

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**1. Introduction**

- 1.1. This document contains the criteria for nomination and selection of athletes to the Australian Olympic Youth Team for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games (2018 YOG) in Buenos Aires, Argentina (AYOT). This document also contains general information about the nomination and selection process.
- 1.2. For ease of reference and simplicity, this document combines the Nomination Criteria set by the National Federation and the Selection Criteria set by the AOC.
- 1.3. Each National Federation is responsible for drafting its Nomination Criteria in conjunction with the AOC. All National Federations must submit their draft Nomination Criteria to the AOC for review and approval prior to the criteria being finalised.
- 1.4. Clauses 1 to 3 and clause 5 may not be amended by athletes or National Federations. National Federations may amend or adapt the contents of clause 4 in order to draft their Nomination Criteria.
- 1.5. This document is governed by the AOC Nomination and Selection By-Law (By-Law), a copy of which can be accessed on the AOC website. In the event of any inconsistency between this document (including the Nomination Criteria set out in clause 4 and the Selection Criteria set out in clause 5) and the By-Law, the By-Law will prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

**2. General Principles**

- 2.1. In accordance with the requirements set by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) under the document governing the YOG nomination and selection process, the Qualification System Principles and Allocation Procedure for NOC Universality Places, the maximum number of quota places allocated to a National Olympic Committee (NOC) for the 2018 YOG:
  - 2.1.1. for individual sports is 75; and

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2.1.2. for team sports (i.e. football, handball, hockey and rugby) is one men's team and one women's team. This means that the AOC will choose only two teams in total.

2.2. In respect of the individual sports, if the AOC qualifies more than 75 quota places, the AOC will be required to designate which quota places, among all quota places allocated to the AOC, will be utilised by the AOC and allocated to sports. For example, even though a National Federation qualifies 6 quota places for Australia in its sport, the AOC may designate that the National Federation is only able to utilise 2 of those 6 quota places.

### **3. Nomination and Selection Process for the 2018 Australian Youth Olympic Team**

3.1. For information purposes only, the process for the nomination and selection of athletes for the AYOT is as follows:

3.1.1. Qualification: the AOC, as Australia's NOC, may be awarded athlete quota positions for a sport on the programme of the 2018 YOG by the International Federation governing the sport;

3.1.2. Designation of quota places: Where the AOC is allocated more than 75 quota places, the AOC will designate which, among all quota places allocated to the AOC, will be utilised by the AOC and allocated to sports.

3.1.3. Nomination: Where the AOC has been allocated quota places for a sport and the AOC has determined to utilise those quota places, the National Federation governing the sport in Australia must nominate athletes to the AOC for selection to the AYOT.

3.1.4. Selection: From amongst the nominated Athletes, the AOC is responsible for determining which athletes should be selected to the AYOT.

### **4. Nomination by Athletics Australia**

#### **4.1. Definitions**

In addition to the capitalised terms used throughout this document, for the purposes of this clause 4 only, the following definitions apply:

Athletes means an athlete who:

- o participates in the Sport; and
- o is recognised by the National Federation as eligible for nomination to the AOC for selection to the AYOT pursuant to this Nomination Criteria.

AOC Selection Committee means the committee established by the AOC to send athletes and appoint officials to the AYOT.

AOC Selection Criteria means the criteria set out at clause 5 of this document.

International Federation means the IAAF.

National Federation means Athletics Australia (AA).

Qualification System means the eligibility, participation and qualification criteria for the Sport in respect of the 2018 YOG issued by the International Federation.

Sport means Athletics

Sport Entries Deadline means 31 August 2018.

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#### 4.2. General

- 4.2.1. The National Federation must provide a copy of this Nomination Criteria to all Athletes.
- 4.2.2. The National Federation may only nominate athletes to the AOC for the AYOT in accordance with this Nomination Criteria.
- 4.2.3. The terms of the By-Law are incorporated by reference into this Nomination Criteria. The National Federation must provide a copy of the AOC Selection By-Law to all Athletes.

#### 4.3. Long List

- 4.3.1. The AOC and the National Federation may maintain a 'Long List' of Athletes who are prospective members of the AYOT for administrative purposes. The Long Lists maintained by the AOC and the National Federation need not include the same Athletes.
- 4.3.2. Membership on the AOC or the National Federation's Long List does not increase decrease or otherwise affect an Athlete's prospects of being nominated by the National Federation, or being selected by the AOC, to the AYOT.

#### 4.4. Athlete quota positions

- 4.4.1. The National Federation may only nominate Athletes to the AOC for selection to the AYOT where the AOC has designated that one or more quota positions should be allocated to the National Federation.
- 4.4.2. The National Federation may not nominate more Athletes than the National Federation is permitted to nominate by the AOC.

#### 4.5. Athlete Eligibility Criteria

Only those athletes who qualify according to this clause will be eligible for nomination by Athletics Australia to the AOC AYOT:

- 4.5.1. Satisfies the requirements of clauses 4.7 and 4.8;
- 4.5.2. Is likely to satisfy the AOC Selection Criteria;
- 4.5.3. Does not suffer from any physical or mental impairment that would prevent the Athlete from competing at the 2018 YOG to the best of their ability;
- 4.5.4. Is born in 2001 or 2002;
- 4.5.5. Is a citizen of Australia. For the avoidance of doubt, the Athlete must hold or be eligible for an Australian passport.
- 4.5.6. Is a registered member of Athletics Australia through their relevant Member Association;
- 4.5.7. Complete and submit the online Application for Consideration for Nomination form (which can be found at [www.athletics.com.au](http://www.athletics.com.au)). The form must be submitted no later **Sunday 18 March 2018**. The date for submission of this form may be extended at the discretion of AA's Chairman of Selectors on the recommendation of AA's Director of High Performance;
- 4.5.8. 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 nominate that athlete.

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- 4.5.9. Commit to signing and/or abiding by any AA Team Agreement, Code of Conduct and other relevant AA Policies and Procedures as requested from time to time.
- 4.5.10. Commit to completing ASADA e-learning level 1 and 2 modules, the National Integrity in Sport – Keep Sport Honest e-learning (anti-match fixing) module, and any other integrity education requirements AA sets from time to time.

#### **4.6. Eligibility for athletes relating to the IAAF World U20 Championships**

- 4.6.1. Athletics Australia has determined that no athlete will be selected in both the 2018 World U20 Championships and the 2018 Youth Olympic Games. Eligible athletes will have the opportunity to select their preferred team (Youth Olympic Games or World U20 Championships) at the time of the online nomination submission.
- 4.6.2. The 2018 YOG Nominations and the IAAF World U20 Team selections will occur during the same selection meeting. Eligible athletes who are not successful in gaining selection or nomination in their preferred team will automatically be considered for the remaining team, providing they have submitted online nominations for both teams.
- 4.6.3. For the avoidance of doubt, this clause is only relevant for athletes born in 2001 who satisfy the eligibility requirements of both Teams as stated 2018 World U20 Selection Policy and 2018 Youth Olympic Games Nomination Criteria.

#### **4.7. Nomination Criteria**

- 4.7.1. Athletics Australia has established Qualification Standards for each event to be held at the 2018 YOG. These Qualification Standards are listed in Appendix 1.
- 4.7.2. The following events will be conducted at the 2018 YOG:

EVENT	MEN	WOMEN
100m	YES	YES
200m	YES	YES
400m	YES	YES
800m	YES	YES
1500m	YES	YES
3000m	YES	YES
2000m Steeplechase	YES	YES
100m Hurdles		YES (76cm)
110m Hurdles	YES (91cm)	
400m Hurdles	YES	YES
5,000m Walk	YES	YES
High Jump	YES	YES
Pole Vault	YES	YES
Long Jump	YES	YES
Triple Jump	YES	YES
Shot Put	YES (5kg)	YES (3kg)
Discus Throw	YES (1.5kg)	YES (1kg)
Hammer Throw	YES (5kg)	YES (3kg)
Javelin Throw	YES (700g)	YES (500g)
8x100m Shuttle Relay	YES (mixed sex)	

- 4.7.2.1. As per 2018 YOG Competition Rules, all athletes entered in the 1500m, 3000m, and 2000m steeplechase events will also contest a Cross Country

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event (distance to be confirmed). The overall placing of the athlete's track event (1500m, 3000m or 2000m steeplechase) and Cross Country event will determine the result in each event.

For the avoidance of any doubt, athletes will be nominated to the AOC based on the merit of their track event only (1500m, 3000m or 2000m Steeplechase) and not their Cross Country results.

- 4.7.2.2. All selected athletes will be required to contest a mixed sex and mixed country 8x100m shuttle relay. For the avoidance of doubt, Athletics Australia will not nominate athletes to the AYOT for the relay event only.
- 4.7.3. The total Athletics Team size (allocated quota by AOC) is limited to 12 athletes, consisting of 6 males and 6 females.
- 4.7.4. Athletics Australia can nominate only one (1) athlete per individual event, subject to adhering to the overall quota of places allocated.
- 4.7.5. The maximum number of individual events in which an athlete can compete is two (2), plus the shuttle relay.
- 4.7.6. Subject to clauses 4.7.4 and 4.7.5, Athletes nominated for an event may be entered into other events where an athlete has not been nominated. For the avoidance of any doubt only athletes nominated for individual events in the team of twelve (12) may be entered into remaining event places. This will only occur in consultation with the Team Leader, National Junior High Performance Manager and AOC and will be approved where it is in the best interest of the athlete and the overall team result, at the discretion of Athletics Australia and the AOC.

#### **4.8. Eligible Performance Criteria**

- 4.8.1. All performances must be achieved between the following dates:

<b>Events</b>	<b>Qualifying Start</b>	<b>Qualifying End</b>
<b>All Track &amp; Field Events</b>	1 October 2017	23:59 (Australian Eastern Daylight Time) 18 March 2018

- 4.8.2. 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 Athletics Australia or the National Federation of the country in which the competition was organised.
- 4.8.3. Performances must be achieved during an official competition organised in conformity with IAAF Rules.
- 4.8.4. To be recognised for the purposes of this Policy, performances achieved in Australia must be achieved in a competition sanctioned by Athletics Australia as an Athletics Australia "National Permit Meeting". A current list of all "National Permit" meetings will be available on the Athletics Australia website.
- 4.8.5. Performances achieved in mixed events (see IAAF rule 147), will not be accepted.
- 4.8.6. Outdoor performances in 100m, 200m, 110m Hurdles, 100m Hurdles, Long Jump and Triple Jump the must be accompanied by wind gauge readings. For 100m, 200m, 110m Hurdles, 100m Hurdles, Long Jump and Triple Jump the wind reading must not be above 2.0m/s (see IAAF rules 260.22.d and 260.26.b)

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- 4.8.7. Hand-timed performances for events up to and including 800m will not be accepted.
- 4.8.8. Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 400m and longer, will be accepted.
- 4.8.9. For running events of 200m and over, performances achieved on over-sized tracks will not be accepted.
- 4.8.10. Performances must be achieved in a competition where a minimum of three athletes are competing.
  - 4.8.10.1. For throwing events, all three athletes must be competing with the same implement specifications (boys: 5kg SP 5kg HT, 1.5kg DT, 700g JT / girls: 3kg SP, 3kg HT, 1kg DT, 500g JT).
  - 4.8.10.2. For hurdle events, all three athletes must be competing with the same hurdle heights (76.2cm females 100mH and 400mH, 91.4cm males 110mH, 83.8cm males 400mH)

#### **4.9. Nomination Trial**

The Nomination Trial for the Youth Olympic Games are the Australian Junior Athletics Championships, Sydney 14-18 March 2018, specifically the U18 age group events.

#### **4.10. Nomination at the discretion of AA Selectors**

- 4.10.1. All nominations to the Team will be made at the discretion of the AA Selectors. This discretion is absolute and need not be exercised.
- 4.10.2. When exercising their discretion, the AA Selectors will prioritise athletes in the following order:
  - 4.10.2.1. Athletes who win the Nomination Trial and have achieved at least two (2) eligible Athletics Australia Qualification Standards in different competitions on different days, within the Athletics Australia Qualification Period.
  - 4.10.2.2. Athletes who have achieved two (2) or more of Athletics Australia Qualification Standards in different competitions on different days, within the Athletics Australia Qualification Period. For the avoidance of any doubt, athletes who have achieved more than two (2) Athletics Australia Qualification Standards will be prioritised the same (not above) as an athlete who has achieved the Qualification Standards twice.
  - 4.10.2.3. Athletes who win the Nomination Trial and have achieved one eligible Athletics Australia Qualification Standard within the Athletics Australia Qualification Period.
  - 4.10.2.4. Athletes who have achieved one Athletics Australia Qualification Standard within the Qualification Period.
  - 4.10.2.5. Where the AA Selectors cannot split athletes on the number of Athletics Australia Qualification Standards (two or more and a win at the trial, two or more, one and a win at the trial, one) they will then prioritise athletes in the following order:
    - 4.10.2.5.1. Quality of season's best performances by the athlete in the event which the athlete is under consideration for nomination, in comparison to the Athletics Australia Qualification Standards as

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determined by the IAAF Outdoor Scoring Tables. Performances must be achieved in accordance to the Eligible Performance Criteria (Section 4.8 of this document).

- 4.10.2.5.2. Potential to win a medal at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games.
- 4.10.2.5.3. Potential to finish in the top 8 at the Youth Olympic Games
- 4.10.2.5.4. Head to Head performance against potential Australian Olympic Youth rivals at the following competitions; Australian Athletics Championships, Member Association Championships (all ages), Athletics Australia high performance meets, Australian All Schools Championships, Member Association Schools Championships
- 4.10.2.5.5. Recent form and fitness
- 4.10.2.6. If allocation quota places remain after the AA Selectors consider eligible athletes who have met the criteria outlined in 4.10.2.1-5, the AA Selectors may then consider athletes who have not achieved the Athletics Australia Qualification Standards. For the avoidance of any doubt, athletes who win the Nomination Trial but have not achieved an Athletics Australia Qualification Standard will be prioritised the same (not above) as athletes who have not achieved an Athletics Australia Qualification Standard and do not win the Nomination Trial. The AA Selectors may use any relevant information available to them in exercising their discretion, including:
  - 4.10.2.6.1. Quality of season's best performances by the athlete in the event which the athlete is under consideration for nomination, in comparison to the Athletics Australia Qualification Standards as determined by the IAAF Outdoor Scoring Tables. Performances must be achieved in accordance to the Eligible Performance Criteria (Section 4.8 of this document).
  - 4.10.2.6.2. Potential to win a medal at the 2018 YOG.
  - 4.10.2.6.3. Potential to finish in the top 8 at the 2018 YOG.
  - 4.10.2.6.4. Head to Head performance against potential Australian Commonwealth Youth rivals at the following competitions; Australian Athletics Championships, Member Association Championships (all ages), Athletics Australia high performance meets, Australian All Schools Championships, Member Association Schools Championships
  - 4.10.2.6.5. Recent form and fitness

#### **4.11. Selection Meetings**

There will be one selection meeting to determine the athletes who will be nominated to the 2018 AYOT. This will occur the week **commencing 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018**, directly after the 2018 Australian Junior Athletics Championships.

#### **4.12. Extenuating Circumstances**

- 4.12.1. In determining whether an Athlete has satisfied the criteria set out in Clause 4, Athletics Australia will not have regard to Extenuating Circumstances.
- 4.12.2. For the purposes of this clause, Extenuating Circumstances means; injury or illness, equipment failure, travel delays, bereavement, any of factors Athletics Australia considers extenuating circumstances.

#### **4.13. Submission of Nominations**

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- 4.13.1. The National Federation must nominate Athletes to the AOC by 5pm on 1 August 2018 (Sydney time) (Nomination Date). The National Federation must notify Athletes of the Nomination Date prior to the Nomination Date.
- 4.13.2. Subject to clause 4.8(c), the National Federation must inform Athletes of their nomination or non-nomination by no later than 48 hours prior to the Nomination Date.
- 4.13.3. Where the National Federation is required to nominate an Athlete after the Nomination Date (where, for example, the AOC allocates an additional quota place to the National Federation after the Nomination Date), and the secondary date for nomination is within 14 days of the Sport Entries Deadline i.e. 17 August – 30 August 2018, the National Federation must inform Athletes of their nomination or non-nomination:
  - 4.13.3.1. By no later than 24 hours prior to the Sport Entries Deadline; or
  - 4.13.3.2. Where the Sport Entries Deadline is less than 24 hours from the time the National Federation is required to submit its nominations to the AOC, by a time that affords non-nominated Athletes a reasonable opportunity to commence a nomination appeal in accordance with the By-Law.
- 4.13.4. AOC may, in its absolute discretion, accept a nomination submitted after the Nomination Date or the Sport Entries Deadline.

#### **4.14. Amendments**

This Nomination Criteria may be amended with the written consent of the AOC Selection Committee.

#### **4.15. Governing Law**

This Nomination Criteria is governed by the laws of the State of New South Wales.

#### **4.16. Appeals Process**

The appeal process can be found in the Athletics Australia By-Laws (Section 8) available at <http://www.athletics.com.au/About-Us/About-Athletics-Australia/Constitution-Policies>

### **5. Selection by the AOC**

#### **5.1. Definitions**

In addition to the capitalised terms used throughout this document, for the purposes of this clause 5 only, the following definitions apply:

2018 Australian Youth Team Membership Agreement for Athletes means the AOC team membership agreement which governs athlete's participation in the 2018 YOG.

Nomination Athlete means an athlete who is nominated by their National Federation to the AOC for selection to the AYOT.

Organising Committee means the committee commissioned by the IOC which is charged with organising the 2018 YOG.

#### **5.2. General**

A Nominated Athlete must satisfy the following selection criteria in order to be selected by the AOC to the AYOT. A Nominated Athlete must:

- 5.2.1. have met the requirements of the Qualification System applying to the

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Nominated Athlete's sport;

- 5.2.2. have satisfied the Nomination Criteria adopted by their National Federation applying to the Nominated Athlete's sport;
- 5.2.3. have been nominated to the AOC by their National Federation;
- 5.2.4. have met and continue to meet the eligibility requirements for Australian competitors outlined in the Olympic Charter;
- 5.2.5. meet the requirements of rules 40 and 41 of the Olympic Charter;
- 5.2.6. have signed the 2018 Australian Youth Team Membership Agreement for Athletes applying to the 2018 YOG and agree to sign any entry form required by the IOC, AOC or the Organising Committee for the 2018 YOG;
- 5.2.7. have signed a consent to consideration of nomination form or any equivalent document prescribed by the AOC;
- 5.2.8. if a minor, have provided to the AOC a signed parent or guardian consent and acknowledgement form in respect of the Nomination Athlete's participation in the 2018 YOG;
- 5.2.9. comply with the AOC Constitution and its by-laws, including the By-Law and the Code of Conduct;
- 5.2.10. not have breached the AOC Anti-Doping By-Law, unless the Nominated Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed;
- 5.2.11. have been available for sample collection for the purpose of conducting anti-doping testing and have provided accurate and up to date whereabouts information;
- 5.2.12. have, if required by the AOC, signed a statutory declaration regarding child protection, anti-doping matters and any other matter determined by the AOC to require declaration from time to time;
- 5.2.13. not at any time have engaged in conduct (whether publicly known or not), which has brought, brings or would have the tendency to bring the Nominated Athlete or their sport into disrepute or censure, or which is or would have the tendency to be inconsistent with, contrary to or prejudicial to the best interests, image or values of the AOC or AYOT sponsors, or as a result of which, the Nominated Athlete's continued membership would not be or would not likely be in the best interests of the AYOT;
- 5.2.14. not at any time be convicted of, or charged with, any offence involving violence, child abuse, drugs, or any sex offence, or any offence relating to any betting or gambling activities on sport, or any offence which is punishable by imprisonment;
- 5.2.15. have disclosed any criminal offence of whatever nature, with which the Nominated Athlete has been charged, or of which the Nominated Athlete has been convicted, and has consented to the Nominated Athlete's National Federation and the AOC making enquiries to relevant authorities for any details of the Nominated Athlete's criminal record (if any), including details of any charges pending or any spent convictions disclosable by law, and consents to those authorities providing that information in answer to those enquiries;
- 5.2.16. have and must continue to honestly and fully disclose information pertaining to clauses 5.1(A) - (O), to their National Federation and the AOC, and consent to:
  - 5.2.16.1. their National Federation and the AOC making enquiries with relevant authorities regarding any disclosures; and
  - 5.2.16.2. consent to relevant authorities providing information to their National

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Federation and the AOC in relation to those enquiries; and

- 5.2.16.3. undergo medical assessments and testing, as required by the AOC.
- 5.2.16.4. A breach of, or a failure by a Nominated Athlete to comply with clauses 1(A) – (O) may render that Nominated Athlete ineligible for selection to the AYOT, at the complete and absolute discretion of the AOC.

#### **5.3. Other Requirements**

Except where the AOC has otherwise agreed in writing, the AOC will not select a Nominated Athlete unless the Nominated Athlete has provided an undertaking that he or she will attend:

- 5.3.1. the 2018 YOG for the entire games period, being 6 October - 18 October 2018 (inclusive);
- 5.3.2. the 'Learn & Share' education sessions organised by the Organising Committee for the 2018 YOG; and
- 5.3.3. a training and preparation camp convened and facilitated by the AOC to be held in October 2018 in Sydney, Australia.

#### **5.4. Discretion**

The AOC has the sole and absolute discretion to determine:

- 5.4.1. whether a Nominated Athlete has met the requirements of this Selection Criteria;
- 5.4.2. that a Nominated Athlete is ineligible for selection to the AYOT for any reason (irrespective of whether the Nominated Athlete has met some or all of the requirements of this Selection Criteria); and
- 5.4.3. whether it will select the maximum number of athletes (or teams, where applicable) permitted for selection by the AOC, regardless of how many Nominated Athletes meet the standards required under a Qualification System.

#### **5.5. Extenuating Circumstances**

- 5.5.1. In determining whether an Athlete has satisfied the criteria set out in this clause 5, the AOC will not have regard to Extenuating Circumstances.
- 5.5.2. For the purposes of this clause, Extenuating Circumstances means: injury or illness; equipment failure; travel delays; bereavement or disability arising from death or serious illness of an immediate family member, which means a spouse, de facto partner, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild or sibling; or any other factors considered by the National Federation to constitute extenuating circumstances.

#### **5.6. Amendments**

This Selection Criteria may be amended by the AOC from time to time.

#### **5.7. Governing law**

This Selection Criteria is governed by the laws of the State of New South Wales.

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**Appendix 1 – Qualification Standards**

<b>Men</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Women</b>
10.69	100m	11.85
21.42	200m	24.12
47.50	400m	54.60
1:50.70	800m	2:08.20
3:50.30	1500m	4:22.20
8:21.60	3000m	9:35.00
13.72 (91.4cm)	110mH / 100mH	13.67 (76.2cm)
52.28 (83.8cm)	400mH	60.16 (76.2cm)
5:50.00	2000m Steeplechase	6:48.00
21:25.00	5,000m Race Walk	23:29.00
2.08	High Jump	1.76
4.85	Pole Vault	3.95
7.28	Long Jump	6.00
15.25	Triple Jump	12.75
19.36 (5kg)	Shot Put	16.52 (3kg)
57.70 (1.5kg)	Discus Throw	46.75 (1kg)
70.60 (5kg)	Hammer Throw	61.85 (3kg)
69.55 (700g)	Javelin Throw	49.75 (500g)
N/A	8x100m Relay	N/A

**These qualification standards must read in conjunction with the requirements set out in Clause 4 in Athletics Australia's 2018 Youth Olympic Games Nomination Criteria**