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Selection Policy Information Session

2025 World Athletics Championships – Tokyo

Caveat



- Any discussion in this forum or any statements within the presentation cannot be taken as stand alone information regarding selection. All selections are based on the published 2025 World Athletics Championships selection policy and that policy only - which must be understood in full.
- Only the Chair of Selectors may speak on selection matters, others passing comments (including AA staff) have no standing on selection.
- Feedback to the Selection Panel also should be direct, you must assume any feedback related to availability, results or injuries etc. will not be passed on (confidentiality etc.) Do not say I told ...

Review



- A review of the selection criteria (generally for all competitions) was undertaken with the ending of the last four year cycle.
- The Board has endorsed the continuation of the existing selection principles as the best way to achieve the greatest high performance success.
 - Provide opportunity, large teams in benchmark events
 - Select those most likely to achieve success, selection discretion
 - Encourage athletes to participate in the Domestic Season
- For details of the review, it is available online (with the 2025 World Championships Criteria).

What has changed?



- Compared to the Olympic Games, the target sizes of athletes in each field has increased back to approximately 2023 levels
- The final selection date of the 35km Walk has moved to the same date as all other events except marathon, and therefore, the qualification period has also been extended
- Clarified the selection order for 100m/400m/relays to prioritize relays over athletes who are unlikely to finish in a place higher than the relays will achieve (top 16)
- Encourage athletes who are in a competitive situation for places on the team (ie more than 3 eligible) to state their case in advance of selection

What if not selected?



- As was the case for unsuccessful eligible athletes in phase 3 of the Olympic selection, unsuccessful eligible athletes will again receive an extended explanation regarding their non-selection. This is intended to help the athletes understand how the decision was taken to select other athletes in front of them.
- Athletes, of course, still have the right of appeal as detailed in the policy.

Policy – Main Points



- To avoid any possible miscommunication, the only person who can provide valid advice in relation to the policy is the Chair of Selectors, any other advice is invalid.
- As large a team as possible will be selected considering the entry requirements of World Athletics and considering any athletes who have a history (multiple) of not meeting reasonable performance standards at world events will be excluded (for reference athletes are expected to perform at least at the level which led to their selection).
- Team selection is guided by the desire to achieve the highest finishing position for both individuals and teams.
- Three selection phases:
 - Initial selection for top athletes [defined as those who have achieved the selection standard before the end of domestic season or were top 5 finishers in Budapest or Paris] (at end of domestic season where supported the sport).
 - Marathon (at end of qualification period).
 - Remainder of the team (at end of qualification period).

Policy – Other Points



- The criteria should NOT be read as a way to exclude athletes from selection. That is not the intent (nor what will happen). Australian Athletics is striving to select the best and biggest teams competing internationally while at the same time supporting the growth of the sport so future generations enjoy the same opportunities.
- The selection order for 100m/400m/relay teams is very specific, relays are prioritized over individuals who have not qualified by time and do not support the relay program. [obviously only applies for qualified relay teams]
- Team nomination is available, state your interest now.

Advice



- Compete as often as possible to maximise points earned, with excellent points opportunities are available in Australia in a controlled and known environment and conditions.
- If met the qualifying time / distance compete in Australia and gain early selection



Note that the only questions answered are those related to selection. Any questions preparation or funding etc etc should be directed to High Performance.

- Where would an Athlete need to sit in Australian rankings to be considered? How many athletes would be considered per event?
 - There is no consideration of Australian ranking or numbers per event. Every athlete is only considered against world lists and eligibility to participate in the Championships. Athletes must first be eligible and secondly in the top three Australians eligible for the event.
- If an athlete is chosen for the relay in the world relay championships this year, are they automatically selected to be in the relay for Japan?
 - Not related, these are separate selections.

Q & A



- Can an athlete who peaks later in the season, who was not in the world relays team, be chosen to be in the relay team for the world championships in Japan?
 - Yes
- Is Melbourne Invitational part of the Summer Series if the event is not held at the Maurie Plant Meet?
 - Yes, considered as one meet, the separation is for technical reasons
- Are the events held at the Albie Thomas Mile meet considered part of the Summer Series?
 - No, it is not included

Q & A



- Please define what the similar events are for the middle distance events.
 - Specifically not specified to be flexible for the athletes, for example for 1500m would expect 800m, 1000m and 3000m would all be considered similar but this is not a rule. Long jump would not be similar.
- Is there any exemption available to the domestic event policy for foreign based athletes?
 - Yes, same as in the past, please complete the exemption form (athletes, not coaches or medical) which is linked from the information page. This applies to any athletes for any exemption regardless of the reason (including injury)

Thanks for listening



- [Australian Team Information](#) (including policy and World Athletics Qualification system)
- Further information – selectors@athletics.org.au
- Wishing all athletes all the best

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