



**AUSTRALIAN ATHLETICS**

**AUSTRALIAN ATHLETICS NOMINATION POLICY**

**2026 COMMONWEALTH GAMES**

**GLASGOW, SCOTLAND**

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## 1 Definitions

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- 1.1 **Competition** means the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland, scheduled from 23 July to 2 August 2026.
- 1.2 **CGA** means events Commonwealth Games Australia.
- 1.3 **CGF** means Commonwealth Games Federation.
- 1.4 **Nomination Policy** means this document.
- 1.5 **Team** means the Australian Athletics Team for the **Competition**.

## 2 Overview

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- 2.1 This nomination policy (**Nomination Policy**) sets out the basis on which Australian Athletics will nominate its representative team (**Team**) for the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland, scheduled from 23 July to 2 August 2026 (the **Competition**).
- 2.2 This Nomination Policy provides guidance for the Nomination of both the able-bodied and Para athletes for the Competition.
- 2.3 For the able-bodied events Commonwealth Games Australia (**CGA**) has provided a maximum team size of 63 athletes. Therefore, the number of individuals nominated by Australian Athletics to CGA for able-bodied events will be 63. If CGA increases or decreases this maximum team quota at any stage this policy will still guide the process of nomination to the maximum team quota team.
- 2.4 This Nomination Policy will, when approved by the Australian Athletics Board, constitute Nomination Criteria in respect of the nomination of individuals or teams for the Competition.
- 2.5 The Chair of Selectors is the sole authority authorised to provide guidance on the content of this Nomination Policy. Any advice regarding nomination matters received from other Australian Athletics personnel or external parties, whether verbal or written, will not be considered valid.

## 3 Nomination Policy Aims

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- 3.1 Send the most competitive possible athletics team to represent Australia at the Competition.
- 3.2 For able-bodied athletes, nominate athletes with the realistic potential to win a medal or finish in the top eight or relay teams which can finish in the top four at the Competition.
- 3.3 For Para Athletes, nominate athletes who have qualified for a quota invite for the Competition.
- 3.4 Nominate athletes or relay teams with the realistic potential to win a medal or finish in the top eight at future World Athletics Championships and Olympic Games.
- 3.5 Reward participation in the Australian Championships and participation in the Australian Athletic Summer Series (as defined below).
- 3.6 In all cases, the Selection Committee will consider each athlete's competitive record and demonstrated ability to plan the peak of their season at a major championship. Those athletes who, when given international opportunities, repeatedly fail to meet or exceed the levels they achieved to gain nomination cannot assume to be selected.



## 4 Athlete Eligibility Criteria

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

- 4.1 Be a citizen of Australia. For the avoidance of doubt, Australian permanent residency is not acceptable. Athletes must hold or be eligible for an Australian passport;
- 4.2 Be eligible to be selected as an athlete in a representative team pursuant to the Australian Athletics By-Laws;
- 4.3 Be a registered member of Australian Athletics through their Member Association;
- 4.4 Satisfy all participation/eligibility rules of the governing body for the Competition;
- 4.5 Meet the minimum age of eligibility as determined by the governing body for the Competition;
- 4.6 Complete and submit the online nomination form (which may be found at [www.athletics.com.au](http://www.athletics.com.au)) for each event discipline in which the athlete is seeking nomination. The form must be submitted no later than 5:00pm Wednesday 1 April 2026. The date for submission of the nomination form may be extended at the discretion of the Chair of the Selection Committee on the recommendation of the General Manager - High Performance;
- 4.7 Be and remain in 'good standing' with CGA and Australian Athletics and at all times comply with CGA and Australian Athletics Code of Conduct and conduct themselves in a way that does not bring themselves, their sport or the Team into disrepute. CGA and Australian Athletics may consider past and present behavioural conduct in determining whether an athlete is in 'good standing'. If CGA or Australian Athletics determines that an athlete is not in 'good standing', CGA or Australian Athletics may in its absolute discretion choose not to select that athlete;
- 4.8 Commit to signing and/or abiding by the CGA Team Membership Agreement - Athlete, Code of Conduct and other relevant CGA or Australian Athletics policies and procedures as reasonably directed from time to time;
- 4.9 Commit to completing all education courses as set out in the Australian Athletics / Sport Integrity Australia Education Plan (which may be found at [www.athletics.com.au](http://www.athletics.com.au)), and any other integrity education requirements Australian Athletics sets from time to time;
- 4.10 Agree to comply with any pre-Championships preparation policy that will be published by Australian Athletics General Manager - High Performance, including travel plan and travel arrangements outlined for the Competition. This policy may include the requirement to prove form and fitness to compete in the Competition;
- 4.11 Not have breached the CGA Anti-Doping By-Law (unless the athlete has already been sanctioned for the breach and completed the sanction imposed);
- 4.12 Disclose to the nominating NSO any current / ongoing investigations regarding potential breaches of any other NSO's policies as well as any substantiated/ determined breaches of any other NSO's policies; and
- 4.13 Have pre-signed the CGA Team Membership Agreement - Athlete.
- 4.14 Additionally, for Para athletes:



4.14.1 Hold a World Para Athletics Classification Confirmed or Review (with Fixed Review date of 2027 or after) as per the World Para Athletics Classification Master list; and

4.14.2 Hold a World Para Athletics Athlete Licence for 2026.

## 5 Nomination Procedure

### Team Size

5.1 Pursuant to the rules of the CGF and Glasgow 2026, Australian Athletics may nominate:

5.1.1 Three (3) athletes per individual able-bodied event; and

5.1.2 One (1) team in each relay comprising of up to 5 eligible athletes.

5.2 For Para athletics events, CGA will be allocated slots by the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) and Glasgow 2026 specific to an athlete who has qualified under the [qualification pathway](#) or has received an Invitation. The Selection Committee will determine if each athlete is eligible to be Nominated to CGA for selection under this Nomination Policy. The CGF will offer the slots based on the WPA Commonwealth Rankings on 31 March 2026.

### Qualification Period

5.3 All performances for consideration must be achieved between the following dates:

Events	Dates
Para Athletics events	1 Jan 2025 – 31 Mar 2026
10,000m, 10,000m Race Walk, Combined Events	1 Feb 2025 – 31 May 2026
All other events	1 Sep 2025 – 31 May 2026

### Automatic Nomination Standards

5.4 The Automatic Nomination Standards set out below are relevant for the prioritisation of able-bodied athletes for Automatic Nomination. There are no Entry Standards that must be met; the Selection Committee will be guided by further details below to make the Discretionary Nominations to CGA.

Men	Able-Bodied Events	Women
10.00	100m	11.07
20.16	200m	22.57
44.85	400m	50.75
1:44.50	800m	1:58.50
3:33.00/3:50.00	One Mile	4:01.50/4:19.90
13:01.00	5,000m	14:55.00
27:10.00	10,000m	31:20.00
8:18.00	3,000m Steeplechase	9:24.00
13.40	100m/110m Hurdles	12.73
48.80	400m Hurdles	55.00
2.30	High Jump	1.95
5.65	Pole Vault	4.60
8.20	Long Jump	6.70



16.90	Triple Jump	14.00
20.75	Shot Put	18.00
67.50	Discus Throw	62.00
73.00	Hammer Throw	70.00
84.00	Javelin Throw	62.00
38:50.00	10,000m Race Walk	43:50.00
8400	Decathlon/Heptathlon	6200
Top 4 C'wth at 2026 WRE*	4x100m & 4x400m	Top 4 C'wth at 2026 WRE*

\* order is place in final followed by time order in QR2 (Qualification Round 2)

## Para Athletics events

5.5 The events for Para Athletes are:

Para Athletics Men		Para Athletics Women	
Event	Eligible Classes	Event	Eligible Classes
100m T12	T11/12	100m T38	T37/38
100m T38	T37/38	100m T47	T45-47
100m T47	T45-47	200m T38	T37/T38
1500m T20	T20	400m T54	T53/54
1500m T54	T53/54	1500m T54	T53/54
Discus F42-44/F61-64	F42-44/61-64	Discus F42-44/F61-64	F42-44/61-64
Shot Put F57	F55-57	Shot Put F57	F55-57
Long Jump T20	T20	Long Jump T38	T37/38

5.6 An eligible athlete may compete in an unlimited number of events as long as they have been nominated for that event in accordance with this Policy.

5.7 An athlete should compete in the event in which they seek nomination at the 2026 Australian Track and Field Championships if applicable (including 10,000m Race Walk in January 2026 and 10,000m in December 2025), with the exception of those athletes whose event is not being conducted (for the purposes of this clause 1500m is the substitute for the mile). To meet this criterion, any athlete wishing to compete in an alternate event at this competition, or seeking injury exemption from the event, should provide this request in writing for approval by the Chair of the Selection Committee in consultation with the General Manager - High Performance [those seeking medical exemptions must include the appropriate documentation from a medical professional, any exemption given does not override the requirements of nomination for Phase 1 nor does it assume special consideration].

## Special conditions

5.8 Athletes can only compete at the Competition if selected by CGA upon the nomination by Australian Athletics.

5.9 Further, and for the avoidance of doubt, if the CGF or CGA or Glasgow 2026 amends its rules in any way, that may impact this Policy;



- 5.10 Australian Athletics reserves the right to amend this Nomination Policy with the approval of CGA and will provide as much notice as practical to affected people.

## **Official Performance**

- 5.11 All performances must be achieved during official competitions held in an outdoor stadium with a track present and in the case of track events, on a 400m track. Such competitions must be sanctioned by World Athletics. A complete list of sanctioned competitions is available online (some of which are indoor or not in a stadium and do not meet this requirement).
- 5.12 All performances accepted by World Athletics and appear in World Athletics lists (and meet the venue and wind requirements) as valid performances will be accepted by Australian Athletics.
- 5.13 All performances accepted by World Para Athletics and appear in World Para Athletics lists will be accepted as valid performances for the purpose of WPA Commonwealth Ranking.

## **Automatic Nominations for individual Able-Bodied Athletes (Phase 1)**

- 5.14 An athlete who has:
- 5.14.1 achieved the Automatic Nomination Standard prior to the end of the 2026 Open Australian Athletics Championships (12 April 2026);
  - 5.14.2 is the first placed eligible Australian in the 2026 Australian Athletics Championship in that event (including 1500m as substitute for mile, 10,000m in December 2025 and 10,000m Race Walk in January 2026);
  - 5.14.3 competed in at least one other key Australian Athletics competition (defined as the four key Summer Series Meets<sup>1</sup>) during the Australian domestic season in the same/similar events; and
  - 5.14.4 has nominated themselves for consideration for Nomination, will receive an Automatic Nomination to CGA for selection.
- 5.15 If an athlete wins an event at the 2026 Australian Championship (including 1500m as substitute for mile, 10,000m in December 2025 and 10,000m Race Walk in January 2026) without having achieved the Automatic Nomination Standard prior to the end of the 2026 Australian Athletics Championships, they will be considered as Discretionary Nominations.
- 5.16 If an athlete wins an event at the 2026 Australian Championship (including 1500m as substitute for mile, 10,000m in December 2025 and 10,000m Race Walk in January 2026) without having competed in at least one other key Australian Athletics Australia competition (as defined above) during the Australian domestic season in the same/similar events, they will be considered as Discretionary Nominations.
- 5.17 All non-automatic nominations will be made in Phase 2, Discretionary Nominations.

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<sup>1</sup> The Summer Series Meets for the purposes of selection are, Perth track Classic, Adelaide Invitational, Sydney Track Classic, Maurie Plant Meet.



## **Automatic Nominations for Para Athletes**

5.18 A Para athlete who is offered a slot by CGF / Glasgow 2026 in an event, will be automatically nominated to CGA for selection, subject to them being eligible for that nomination under Section 3 of this policy. The invitations are expected by 7 April 2026.

## **Discretionary Nominations for individual Able-Bodied Athletes (Phase 2)**

5.19 Subject to the rules of the governing body of the Competition relating to the number of athletes who may be entered for each event and for the Team overall, the Selection Committee may exercise discretion to Nominate further athletes to the Team. This discretion will be exercised in line with the aims of this Nomination Policy. This discretion is absolute and need not be exercised.

5.20 In order to be eligible for Discretionary Nomination, athletes must meet the eligibility criteria set out in Section 4 – Athlete Eligibility Criteria.

5.21 CGA has allocated a quota of 63 athletes for athletics. Clauses 5.19 to 5.31 of the Nomination Policy provides guidance for the Discretionary Nominations in line with this quota. The Discretionary Nominations are identified after the Automatic Nominations (Phase 1).

5.22 The Discretionary Nominations (Phase 2) are to be considered and prioritised to Nominate the strongest possible team to produce the highest overall results at the Commonwealth Games.

5.23 To provide guidance for this prioritisation, the Selection Committee should give consideration to the following factors (in no defined order):

- achievement of the Automatic Nomination Standard within the Qualification Period;
- Commonwealth Rankings (using the World Athletics Top Lists Commonwealth Athletes only within the full qualification period) – prioritising a higher-ranking position and closer performance level to medals (noting that World Athletics Top Lists do not separate the nations from Great Britain);
- previous championship performances which may include any World Athletics Championships, Olympic Games and Commonwealth Games;
- repeat performances at or near the Automatic Nomination Standard;
- result(s) at the 2026 Australian Championships;
- performances throughout, and commitment to, the Summer Series Meets and the Australian Domestic Season;
- times and distances/heights are a consideration in selection but not the only consideration – ability to perform in championship type competition and likelihood of medal success will also be considered;
- likelihood of significant future improvement to the 2028 and 2032 Olympic Games;
- current form and fitness;
- potential for improvement; and
- any additional factors deemed relevant by the Selection Committee in consultation with the General Manger – High Performance.

5.24 The Automatic Nomination Standards is primarily for Automatic Nominations. In regard to



Discretionary Nominations, the Automatic Nomination Standard is a consideration only and, as an example, does not necessarily prioritise athletes who have achieved the Automatic Nomination Standard above athletes without the standard but a higher Commonwealth Ranking in the same event.

- 5.25 Without limiting its discretion, the Nomination Committee, in consultation with the General Manager - High Performance, may consider any factor, or combination of factors that in its opinion is relevant for consideration when Nominating athletes for the team, including without limitation those factors listed in the Athletics Australia Nomination Policy Aims to identify priority athletes.

## **Relay Nomination**

- 5.26 All relay selections will be made in Phase 2 and where a relay team is selected then it will be made up of 5 athletes.

- 5.27 A relay team (applied separately for each relay) will be selected if:

5.27.1 the relay team finishes top four (4) among Commonwealth countries at the 2026 World Relays (order is place in final followed by time order in QR2); or

5.27.2 the relay team is considered a strong medal chance (as evidenced by strong relay results in the full qualification period).

- 5.28 For the avoidance of doubt:

5.28.1 all athletes nominated to the relay teams are at the discretion of the Selection Committee and being part of the relay team, which qualified the relay team for the Competition, does not confer automatic status for Nomination; and

5.28.2 this may mean an athlete who is a member of the relay squad that is considered a medal chance may be Nominated ahead of another athlete that is seeking Nomination in an individual event,  
these considerations are at the discretion of the Selection Committee.

- 5.29 If a relay team is not considered a strong medal chance by the Selection Committee, the Nomination of any members of that team will be on the basis of their individual performances only. In this circumstance, should Australia not be able to Nominate members for that relay squad on individual merits, then a relay entry may not be made in the applicable event.

- 5.30 The Selection Committee has absolute discretion in the Nomination of relay team members (within the Policy Aims) and may consider:

- athlete individual events / performances;
- overall team composition and the “best” use of the athlete quota;
- relay performance data;
- commitment to the relay program; and/or
- previous relay performances.

- 5.31 If an athlete is Nominated in a relay squad, the relay will form an integral part of that athlete’s competition. Should this not be accepted by the individual athlete and/or coach, that athlete may be withdrawn from the team. If an athlete is Nominated as a relay athlete they may be entered in their individual event at the discretion of the Team Leader, only if there is a vacancy for the entry, and it is in the interest of the final relay team (in the Team Leader’s sole opinion).



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## 6 Nomination Meetings

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The Selection Committee will meet to determine the athletes who will be nominated to the Team for the Competition as follows:

- 6.1 In the two weeks following the end of the Summer Series Meets (as defined above) for the purposes of making their initial nominations; and
- 6.2 In the week after the close of the qualifying period for the Competition; and
- 6.3 At the time when invitations are received for the Para Athletics events (expected 7 April 2026).

## 7 Further Obligations after Nomination

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- 7.1 Athletes selected in the Team for the Competition pursuant to this Nomination Policy must:
  - 7.1.1 prove their fitness to compete in the Competition by the achievement of pre-Australia departure standards to be set by the General Manager - High Performance if requested to do so;
  - 7.1.2 undertake any medical assessments and testing requested by the Australian Athletics Chief Medical Officer, or their delegate, and disclose to the Australian Athletics Chief Medical Officer, or their delegate, any relevant medical history and known medical condition or issue that may be or become relevant to participation in the Team;
  - 7.1.3 adhere to all anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by applicable anti-doping rules, including the Australian Athletics Anti-Doping Policy and the anti-doping rules of the governing body of the Competition;
  - 7.1.4 sign the CGA Team Membership Agreement – Athlete and the Australian Athletics Code of Conduct governing their nomination in the Team and participation in the Competition; and
  - 7.1.5 attend any defined mandatory pre-competition training camp, unless a waiver has been provided by Australian Athletics permitting the athlete not to attend the camp. Such waivers will not be unreasonably withheld.
- 7.2 Failure by a selected athlete to meet these Further Obligations after Nomination may, at the discretion of CGA, result in an athlete who has been selected in the Team being removed from that Team, in line with Section 8 – Removal of Athletes. Australian Athletics may make such recommendations to CGA.

## 8 Removal of Athletes

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A selected athlete may be removed from the Team by CGA on the recommendation of Australian Athletics for any of the following reasons:

- 8.1 A voluntary withdrawal notified in writing by the athlete;
- 8.2 Injury or illness certified by a medical practitioner approved by Australian Athletics;
- 8.3 A violation of the CGA Team Membership Agreement or the Australian Athletics Code of Conduct, including refusing to sign these agreements;



- 8.4 A failure to comply with any pre-Competition preparation policy (including a failure to meet an agreed pre-departure standard);
- 8.5 A failure to adhere to anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures;
- 8.6 The athlete's eligibility status changes so that the athlete is ineligible to participate in the Competition;
- 8.7 The athlete's event is removed from the Competition program; and/or
- 8.8 An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to an appeal in accordance with the By-Laws of Commonwealth Games Australia.

## **9 Replacement of Athletes**

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Replacement athletes will be determined in accordance with the following process:

- 9.1 If the replacement athlete is to be determined prior to nominating Team names, the replacement athlete will be identified based on the nomination procedure set out above.
- 9.2 If the replacement athlete is to be determined after nominating Team names to the governing body of the Competition, the replacement athlete will be nominated subject to the eligibility and nomination rules set out by the governing body of the Competition and selected based on the nomination procedure set out above.

## **10 Nomination Appeal Process**

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- 10.1 The nomination appeal process will be in accordance with the Nominations Appeal Policy (Schedule 1) that forms part of the CGA Team Nomination, Selection and Appeals By-Law, which may be found at <https://commonwealthgames.com.au/about-commonwealth-games-australia/policies/>
- 10.2 Athletes have the right of appeal after all nomination phases.
- 10.3 Those athletes who have not been nominated at a particular phase will be notified at the same time as those who have been nominated.

## **11 Amendment to Policy**

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This Policy may be amended at any time by Australian Athletics and approved by its Board with the approval of CGA.



## 12 Approval and Change log

Date	Summary of Changes	Approved by
5 September 2025	First Version	AA Board
4 November 2025	Amended clause 5.23 – 7 <sup>th</sup> bullet point.	Simon Hollingsworth
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