



Selection Policy Information Session

2026 World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships – Brasilia, BRA

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 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 Chair of Selectors and Panel also should be direct, you must assume any feedback related to availability, results or injuries etc. will not be passed on (confidentiality etc.) You can't be in a position to say I told x person (not the Chair of Selectors)...

What has changed (compared to 2024)?



- New distances introduced
- Relay removed so, focus is moved back to individual events

Policy – Main Points



- Select most competitive team
- Qualifying standards available for both old and new events providing flexibility for athletes.
- Select up to five (5) athletes per open event and three (3) in Under 20
- Athletes are expected to participate in the trials



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

- Will athletes without qualify standard be considered based on world athletics rankings.
 - Ordinarily no but with a change in distance or if an athlete is particularly close it can be considered.
- Criteria for any discretionary spot
 - Explained in the policy at 4.8 in detail.



- Should Cl 4.7.1.1 also include top 16 at 2025 World Championship performance as auto qualification? If not, why not?
 - To change and include additional auto places based on a recent event would effectively be changing the selection date for some and may seen as manipulation. Changing that clause or not is unlikely to change the final make-up of the team.

Thanks for listening



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

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