



Selection Policy Information Session

2026 World Athletics Cross Country Championships – Tallahassee, USA

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)?



- We will select a relay team if suitably credentialed athletes nominate.
- No other changes.

Policy – Main Points



- Aim
 - Team selection is guided by the desire to achieve the highest finishing position for both individuals and teams.
- Team Size
 - Only athletes who clearly show they are in good shape will be considered.
- Trial
 - Athletes are expected to compete in the trial to show form as the trial is not long before the Championships. Some athletes may be exempted from the trial. For exempted athletes to be selected they would have had to show excellent recent form (clearly superior to other nominated athletes, most commonly at the World Championships).
- Automatic Selections
 - Only apply in the open events and only for the first two eligible athletes in the trial.
- When announced
 - As soon as possible after the trial (allowing for appeals)



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

- What year the groups for the U20s.
 - No change, Under 20 on 31 December in the year of the Championship. Must be born in 2007-2010. No younger athletes are allowed to compete at the Championships.
- Under point 4.4.4.3 does the 5km time need to be at a World Athletics event or are other races also considered?
 - These may be considered but athletes will need to advise us of this situation.

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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