



AUSTRALIAN ATHLETICS SELECTION POLICY

2026 OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS – OPEN

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1 Overview

- 1.1 This selection policy (**Selection Policy**) sets out the basis on which Australian Athletics will select its representative team (**Team**) for the Oceania Championships in Darwin, Australia, 18-23 May 2026 (the **Competition**).
- 1.2 This Selection Policy will, when approved by the Australian Athletics Board, constitute Selection Criteria (as defined in the Australian Athletics By-Laws) in respect of the selection of individuals or teams for the Competition.
- 1.3 The Chair of Selectors is the sole authority authorized to provide guidance on the content of this Selection Policy. Any advice regarding selection matters received from other Australian Athletics personnel or external parties, whether verbal or written, will not be considered valid.

2 Selection Policy Aims

Australian Athletics aims to facilitate the following outcomes through the selection of athletes for the Oceania Championships:

- 2.1 Send the most competitive possible athletics team to represent Australia at the 2026 Oceania Championships;
- 2.2 Select athletes who are potential representatives at future World Athletics Championships and Olympic Games;
- 2.3 Use all available Australian places for athletes in individual events on the Commonwealth Games / World Championships program considering:
 - 2.3.1 The rules related to the Competition for qualification and entry purposes and;
 - 2.3.2 Maximum numbers of athletes allowed per nation.
- 2.4 Reward results in the Australian Championships.

3 Athlete Eligibility Criteria

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

- 3.1 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;
- 3.2 Be eligible to be selected as an athlete in a representative team pursuant to the Australian Athletics By-Laws;
- 3.3 Be a registered member of Australian Athletics through their Member Association;
- 3.4 Satisfy all participation/eligibility rules of the governing body for the Competition including having met the minimum qualifying standard;
- 3.5 Meet the minimum age of eligibility as determined by the governing body for the Competition;



- 3.6 Complete and submit the online nomination form (which may be found at www.athletics.com.au) for each event discipline in which the athlete is seeking selection. The form must be submitted no later than 5:00pm 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;
- 3.7 Be and remain in 'good standing' with Australian Athletics and at all times comply with Australian Athletics Code of Conduct and conduct themselves in a way that does not bring themselves, their sport or the Team into disrepute. Australian Athletics may consider past and present behavioural conduct in determining whether an athlete is in 'good standing'. If Australian Athletics determines that an athlete is not in 'good standing', Australian Athletics may in its absolute discretion choose not to select that athlete;
- 3.8 Be born in 2010 or earlier (at least 16 years old in the year of the competition);
- 3.9 Commit to signing and/or abiding by any Australian Athletics Team Agreement, Code of Conduct and other relevant Australian Athletics policies and procedures as reasonably directed from time to time;
- 3.10 Commit to completing all reasonably expected education courses, including but not limited to anti-doping e-learning modules level 1 & 2, the National Integrity in Sport Unit's "Keep Sport Honest" e-learning (anti-match fixing) module and any other integrity education requirements Australian Athletics sets from time to time;
- 3.11 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, submission of medical information/assessment forms, and/or any mandatory vaccinations required for travel; and
- 3.12 Meet all requirements in the rules of the governing body of the Competition (can be found here at the Oceania Athletics site).

4 Selection Procedure for able bodied athletes

4.1 Team Size: Pursuant to the rules of the governing body applicable to this Competition, Australian Athletics may select:

- 4.1.1 Three (3) athletes per individual event;
- 4.1.2 It is unlikely that relay teams shall be selected though relay teams may be entered from those individual athletes who are selected for the competition. A definitive decision will be made at the time of final entries by AA HP.

4.2 The following events will not have any athletes selected

- Pole Vault (not on the program of the Championships in Darwin)
- Decathlon (not on the program of the Championships in Darwin)
- Heptathlon (not on the program of the Championships in Darwin)
- 10,000m (not on the program of the Championships in Darwin)
- 10,000m Race Walk (not on the program of the Championships in Darwin)
- 5,000m Race Walk (not on international program)

4.3 The event selection standards are those determined by Oceania Athletics and will be published on the Oceania Athletics website. All selection standard performances by eligible athletes must be achieved within the Qualification Period below.

4.4 Qualification Period:

Start: 1 September 2025

End: 22:00 (Australian Eastern Standard Time) on 12 April 2026

4.5 Selection Trials:

A trial will be held for all events according to the table below:

Event	Selection Trial	Venue	Date
All applicable events on the timetable	Australian Athletics Championships (Senior)	Sydney	9-12 April 2025

4.6 Automatic Selection:

Subject to each athlete meeting all eligibility requirements set out in this Selection Policy, all athletes will be automatically selected in the Team for the Competition (automatic selection is used due to the short time between the Trials and the Competition)

- 4.6.1 The two highest ranked nominated and eligible athletes from each Event's Selection Trial shall be selected;
- 4.6.2 The next highest nominated athlete (at the end of the qualification period) in the Australian Top List since 1 September 2025 shall be selected as the third athlete;
- 4.6.3 The next highest nominated athlete after the third selected athlete (at the end of the qualification period) in the Australian Top list since 1 September 2025 shall be selected as the reserve athlete (if any of the first three athletes cannot take their places).



- 4.7 An eligible athlete may compete in an unlimited number of events as long they have met the eligibility criteria.
- 4.8 There shall not be any selections at the discretion of the Selection Panel.
- 4.9 Official Performance:
 - 4.9.1 All performances must be achieved during official competitions which must be sanctioned by World Athletics. A complete list of [sanctioned competitions is available online](#).
 - 4.9.2 All performances accepted by World Athletics and appearing in the World Athletics lists as valid performances will be accepted by Australian Athletics.
- 4.10 Selection Meetings

The Selection Committee will meet to determine the athletes who will be selected in the Team for the Competition immediately after the end of the Qualification Period.

5 Selection Procedure for Para Athletes

- 5.1 As per the competition information from Oceania Athletics, all Para Athletes must directly enter themselves as individuals.
- 5.2 Australian Athletics will nominate a team from those athletes who enter themselves. Athletes will be automatically nominated as Australian team members if they are in Para Pathways events and have met the Oceania Standard which appears at the end of this document.
- 5.3 There is no restriction on the number of athletes who will form the team.
- 5.4 Para Athletes who will form the team will be announced after entries close when the entry information is available from Oceania Athletics.



6 Further Obligations after Selection

Athletes selected in the Team for the Competition pursuant to this Selection Policy must:

- 6.1 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;
- 6.2 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;
- 6.3 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;
- 6.4 Sign an Australian Athletics Team Agreement and the Australian Athletics Code of Conduct governing their selection in the Team and participation in the Competition; and
- 6.5 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.
- 6.6 Failure by a selected athlete to meet these Further Obligations after Selection may, at the discretion of the General Manager of High Performance, result in an athlete who has been selected in the Team being removed from that Team, in line with Section 6 – Removal of Athletes.

7 Removal of Athletes

A selected athlete may be removed from the Team for any of the following reasons:

- 7.1 A voluntary withdrawal notified in writing by the athlete to Australian Athletics;
- 7.2 Injury or illness certified by a medical practitioner approved by Australian Athletics;
- 7.3 A violation of the athlete's Team Agreement or the Australian Athletics Code of Conduct, including refusing to sign these agreements;
- 7.4 A failure to comply with any pre-Competition preparation policy (including a failure to meet an agreed pre-departure standard);
- 7.5 A failure to adhere to anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures;
- 7.6 The athlete's eligibility status changes so that the athlete is ineligible to participate in the Competition; and/or
- 7.7 The athlete's event is removed from the Competition program.
- 7.8 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 Australian Athletics.

8 Replacement of Athletes

- 8.1 Replacement athletes will be determined in accordance with the following process:
 - 8.1.1 If the replacement athlete is to be determined prior to nominating Team names, the replacement athlete will be selected based on the selection procedure set out above.
 - 8.1.2 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 selection procedure set out above.

9 Selection Appeal Process

The selection appeal process is available as a separate document.

10 Amendment to Policy

- 10.1 This Policy may be amended at any time by Australian Athletics and approved by its Board.

11 Approval and Change log

Date	Summary of Changes	Approved by
5 September 2025	First Version	AA Board
28 January 2026	Updated with Para Athletics and additional information from Oceania Athletics Claire 3.11 additional wording added regarding the requirement to prove form and fitness to compete in the	AA CEO



	Competition, submission of medical information/assessment forms, and/or any mandatory vaccinations required for travel.	
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12 Financial Conditions

This is an entirely self-funded team. Athletes will be responsible for the costs including, but not limited to, flights, accommodation, uniform, and competition entry fees, as well as arranging all travel and accommodation.

13 2026 Men's Oceania Standards

Event & Eligible Classes		Oceania Standard
100m	T11	11.90
100m	T12	11.70
100m	T13	11.50
100m	T33/34	17.00
100m	T35	13.50
100m	T36	12.95
100m	T37	12.50
100m	T38	11.85
100m	T43, T44	12.65
100m	T45, T46, T47	11.55
100m	T51	24.40
100m	T52	18.65
100m	T53	15.95
100m	T54	14.70
100m	T42, T63	13.15
100m	T62, T64	11.85
100m	T71, T72	18.85
200m	T35	28.00
200m	T37	24.85
200m	T51	46.05
200m	T44, T64	24.35
400m	T11	55.50
400m	T12	53.00
400m	T13	52.90
400m	T20	51.30
400m	T37	55.95
400m	T35, T38	54.95
400m	T45, T46, T47	52.20
400m	T51, T52	1:06.80
400m	T53	52.70
400m	T54	49.30
400m	T43, T62	53.95
800m	T33, T34	1:50.25
800m	T51, T52, T53	1:45.35



Event & Eligible Classes		Oceania Standard
800m	T54	1:37.00
1500m	T11	4:28.00
1500m	T12, T13	4:10.00
1500m	T20	4:09.00
1500m	T37, T38	4:20.00
1500m	T45, T46	4:13.50
1500m	T53, T54	3:05.00
5000m	T11	16:45.00
5000m	T12, T13	16:00.00
5000m	T53, T54	10:45.00
Long Jump	T13	6.35
Long Jump	T20	6.55
Long Jump	T36	5.20
Long Jump	T37	5.65
Long Jump	T35, T38	5.80
Long Jump	T43, T44	5.35
Long Jump	T45, T46, T47	6.60
Long Jump	T62, T64	6.55
High Jump	T45, T46, T47	1.80
High Jump	T42, T63	1.69
High Jump	T44, T64	1.77
Club Throw	F31, F32	33.55
Club Throw	F51	29.50
Discus Throw	F37	47.65
Discus Throw	F51, F52	17.10
Discus Throw	F43, F44, F62, F64	47.00
Javelin Throw	F12, F13	54.90
Javelin Throw	F33, F34	29.90
Javelin Throw	F38	42.75
Javelin Throw	F45, F46	56.20
Javelin Throw	F55, F56, F57	42.25
Javelin Throw	F42, F43, F44, F61, F62, F63, F64	54.50
Shot Put	F11	12.05
Shot Put	F12	13.85
Shot Put	F20	14.50
Shot Put	F32	9.15
Shot Put	F33	10.15
Shot Put	F34	10.30
Shot Put	F35	12.75
Shot Put	F36	12.95
Shot Put	F37	13.25
Shot Put	F40	9.50
Shot Put	F41	10.60
Shot Put	F45, F46	14.40
Shot Put	F53	7.30



Event & Eligible Classes		Oceania Standard
Shot Put	F54, F55	9.65
Shot Put	F56, F57	13.05
Shot Put	F42, F61, F63	12.65

14 2026 Women's Oceania Standards

Event & Eligible Classes		Oceania Standard
100m	T11	13.20
100m	T12	13.05
100m	T13	13.20
100m	T33, T34	20.80
100m	T35	16.55
100m	T36	15.60
100m	T37	14.50
100m	T38	13.75
100m	T43, T44	15.80
100m	T45, T46, T47	13.35
100m	T51, T52, T53	18.50
100m	T54	17.50
100m	T42, T63	16.45
100m	T62, T64	13.85
100m	T71, T72	21.60
200m	T11	27.30
200m	T12	26.80
200m	T35	35.10
200m	T36	32.90
200m	T37	30.20
200m	T45, T46, T47	27.80
200m	T44, T64	29.80
400m	T11	1:03.00
400m	T12	1:01.95
400m	T13	1:01.95
400m	T20	1:01.60
400m	T37	1:11.80
400m	T36, T38	1:05.65
400m	T45, T46, T47	1:03.20
400m	T51, T52, T53	1:01.85
400m	T54	57.80
800m	T33, T34	2:24.00
800m	T51, T52, T53	2:02.00
800m	T54	1:56.00
1500m	T11	5:15.00
1500m	T12, T13	5:02.00
1500m	T20	5:04.50
1500m	T53, T54	3:37.00



Event & Eligible Classes		Oceania Standard
5000m	T53, T54	12:10.00
Long Jump	T11	4.30
Long Jump	T12	4.80
Long Jump	T20	5.15
Long Jump	T37	3.95
Long Jump	T36, T38	4.40
Long Jump	T45, T46, T47	5.10
Long Jump	T42, T61, T63	4.20
Long Jump	T43, T44, T62, T64	4.75
Club Throw	F31, F32	21.70
Club Throw	F51	15.35
Discus Throw	F11	30.90
Discus Throw	F37, F38	31.75
Discus Throw	F40, F41	26.50
Discus Throw	F43, F44	31.90
Discus Throw	F51, F52	7.80
Discus Throw	F53	9.50
Discus Throw	F54, F55	20.55
Discus Throw	F56, F57	27.75
Discus Throw	F62, F64	19.60
Javelin Throw	F12, F13	31.00
Javelin Throw	F33, F34	14.80
Javelin Throw	F45, F46	35.60
Javelin Throw	F52, F53, F54	13.95
Javelin Throw	F55, F56	17.85
Shot Put	F11, F12	10.60
Shot Put	F20	12.55
Shot Put	F32	5.75
Shot Put	F33	6.25
Shot Put	F34	6.85
Shot Put	F35	7.75
Shot Put	F37	9.80
Shot Put	F40	7.55
Shot Put	F41	8.15
Shot Put	F42, F43, F44	9.65
Shot Put	F45, F46	10.30
Shot Put	F53, F54	6.45
Shot Put	F55, F56, F57	9.25
Shot Put	F61, F62, F63, F64	7.25