



INVITATION GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

UNDER-23 COMPETITION

6th – 7th JUNE 2026



1. Overview

This document sets out the basis on which Australian Athletics will invite a touring squad for an Under-23 Competition to Taiwan in June 2026. The Tour will be comprised of a competition in Taiwan, the Taiwan Open, in Taipei City on June 6th and 7th 2026.

Athletes may be invited in the following events:

Men: **100m**, **200m**, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m, **110m Hurdles**, **400m Hurdles**, 3000m Steeplechase, **Long Jump**, Triple Jump, **High Jump**, Pole Vault, Javelin Throw, Discus Throw, **Shot Put**, Hammer Throw

Women: **100m**, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m, **100m Hurdles**, 400m Hurdles, 3000m Steeplechase, **Long Jump**, Triple Jump, High Jump, Pole Vault, Javelin Throw, Discus Throw, **Shot Put**, **Hammer Throw**

All implement specifications will be at the Senior level. Events in **Bold** are B Category, with all other events F Category.

2. How Will Athletes Be Invited to This Tour?

Australian Athletics may invite up to two athletes per event, for a maximum team size of thirty (30) athletes. Athletes must be born in 2004, 2005, or 2006. An athlete may compete in a maximum of two events.

Athletes must be eligible to compete for Australia internationally, and have completed an online nomination form no later than 23:59pm AEDT on Sunday 15th March, 2026.

Athletes must have met the Invitation Standards, outlined in Appendix 1, by 23:59pm AEDT on Sunday 29th March, 2026. The Invitation Group will consider any relevant performances from October 1st, 2025 until the deadline.

For a performance to be eligible for consideration, it must meet World Athletics standards for selection; i.e., not be wind-assisted, not be hand-timed for events under 800m, and take place at a World Athletics Permit Meet, a full list of which can be found at worldathletics.org. For the avoidance of doubt, only performances which are listed in an athlete's profile on World Athletics as legal performances will be accepted.

There will be a single meeting to determine athletes who will be invited for the Tour, taking place in the week beginning Monday 30th March, 2026. Athletes will receive their invitations by 5pm on Tuesday 7th April, 2026.

The invitation panel may consider any factor, or combination of factors that in its opinion is relevant for consideration when inviting athletes for the squad, however these factors are likely to include:

- Performances across the Australian Domestic Season
- Head-to-Head performances against other eligible athletes
- Consistency of performances
- Long-term potential to achieve a top-8 finish at future Olympic Games and World Championships.

In the case of the maximum team size of 30 athletes not being invited, athletes who have not met the Invitation Standards in Appendix 1 may then be invited, provided they meet the minimum entry standards set by the competition organisers. In determining the additional athletes to be invited, the invitation panel may consider any factor or combination of factors they see as relevant for consideration.

3. What Happens After Invitation?

Following receiving an invitation, Athletes must:

Be a registered Member of an Australian Athletics Member Federation.

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 squad into disrepute.

Sign and abide by any Australian Athletics Squad Agreement, Code of Conduct and other relevant Australian Athletics policies and procedures as reasonably directed from time to time.

Complete all reasonably expected education courses, including but not limited to Sport Integrity Australia's anti-doping modules, the Competition Manipulation Sports Betting e-learning module, the "Child safeguarding in Sport Induction" module, and any other integrity education requirements Australian Athletics sets from time to time.

Australian Athletics will not provide full financial support for the Under-23 Tour. Therefore, participating athletes, invited as outlined here, will be required to cover some costs, and purchase their own uniform once their invitation is confirmed. It is expected that these costs will be approximately \$3,000. Australian Athletics will endeavour to keep costs to a minimum.

Athlete final invitation is subject to acceptance of entry by the Local Organising Committee after the close of entries (30th April 2026). Should an athlete not be accepted by the LOC, any levy paid will be returned. For B level events, up to 12 international athletes will be accepted in track events, and 8 in field events. For F level events, all entered athletes will be accepted.

If an athlete were to subsequently withdraw from the tour, endeavours will be made to reimburse the individual, however not all monies paid may be able to be recovered.



Appendix 1: Australian Athletics Event Invitation Standards

The following Invitation Standards for each event apply:

Men	Event	Women
10.48	100m	11.77
21.20	200m	23.85
47.00	400m	54.00
01:49.40	800m	02:05.80
03:45.50	1500m	04:22.00
14:08.00	5000m	16:20.00
14.20	100m/110m H	13.80
51.80	400mH	59.50
08:55.00	3000m SC	10:20.00
2.15	HJ	1.81
5.20	PV	4.15
7.60	LJ	6.22
15.80	TJ	13.05
18.00	SP	15.00
56.00	DT	50.60
68.00	HT	60.00
71.00	JT	50.50