AUSTRALIAN ATHLETICS SELECTION POLICY

2027 WORLD ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

BEIJING, CHINA

10 – 19 September 2027

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1 Overview

1.1 This Selection Policy sets out the basis on which the Australian Athletics Selection Committee will select its Team for the 2027 World Athletics Championships in Beijing, China to be held on 10 – 19 September 2027.

1.2 This Selection Policy constitutes the Selection Criteria in respect of the selection of individuals or Relay teams for the Competition.

1.3 Australian Athletics and the Selection Committee are bound by the Qualification System, Entry Standards and Qualification Periods as defined by World Athletics in their rules for the Competition.

1.4 The Chair of the Selection Committee is the sole authority authorised to provide guidance on the content of this Selection Policy. Any guidance regarding selection matters received from other AA personnel or external parties, whether verbal or written, will not be considered valid.

1.5 Athletes and coaches should familiarise themselves with the content of the Selection Policy and check the AA website for further information which may be of assistance to them.

2 Definitions and Interpretation

2.1 In this Selection Policy the following words have the corresponding meaning:

AA means Australian Athletics, the Governing body for Athletics in Australia.

Appeal means an appeal, however described against non-selection to the Team.

Athlete means an individual registered to an AA Member Association in accordance with clause 3.2 of the AA By-Laws.

Australian Domestic Season means the period of competition during which Australian domestic athletics competitions, selection events, training camps and associated high performance activities are conducted in Australia, commencing on 1 October 2026 and ending on 4 April 2027.

CMO means the Chief Medical Officer who is a medical practitioner appointed by AA and responsible for clinical leadership and oversight of medical services for the Team.

Competition means the 2027 World Athletics Championships in Beijing, China to be held on 10 – 19 September 2027.

Competition Rules means the rules set by the governing body of the Competition, World Athletics, which can be read in full here at the WA website and here at C1.2 of the WA Series Regulations.

Entry Standard means the performance standards set by World Athletics for each event and available on the WA website.

Key Australian Athletics Competitions means the AA Summer Series meets and includes Zatopek 10 for 10,000m, Race Walking Supernova, Adelaide Invitational, Maurie Plant Meet, Sydney Track Classic and Hobart Track Classic (specific meet names could change).

Member Association means a State or Territory athletics governing body that is affiliated with AA and recognised as a member of AA.

Points Standard means a performance that corresponds with a specified number of points, identified by WA on the 'Road to Beijing' list and as set out in Schedule 1.

Qualification System means the conditions, standards and processes as defined by WA which set the framework for selection to the Competition.

Qualifying Period means the defined period which performances or results may be achieved and recognised for the purpose of selection and as specified in clause 5.8.

Qualified means eligible for selection for entry to the Competition due to achieving the Entry Standard or holding a Ranking at the end of the relevant Qualifying Period.

Ranking means the ranking position on the official World Athletics 'Road to Beijing' list and more specifically that ranking position is within the event's designated field size.

Road to Beijing means the list published by WA including athletes who are qualified for the World Championships or may achieve a Ranking qualifying position.

Selection Committee means the committee comprised of individuals appointed by the AA Board responsible for the selection of Athletes to representative teams, under clause 4 of the AA By-Laws.

Selection Criteria means criteria imposed from time to time upon AA by each or any of the World Athletics, World Para Athletics, Board, Australian Olympic Committee, Paralympics Australia and Commonwealth Games Australia for the nomination or selection of an individual or team, as defined in the AA By-Laws and approved by the AA Board.

Selection Policy means this Selection Policy which describes the aims, general principles and sets the eligibility and selection criteria that apply to the selection of Athletes to the Team for the Competition, as amended from time to time by AA.

Team means the eligible Athletes selected by AA for the Competition.

WA means World Athletics, the governing body for the Competition and international athletics governing body.

Wild Card means a qualification for an Athlete who is:

- Defending World Champion from 2025
- Leading hammer performer (by result) on the Continental Tour
- Winner at the World Athletics Ultimate Championship 2026
- Winner of the 2027 Diamond League
- Winner of the 2026:
    - World Race Walking Tour (to participate in the Half Marathon Race Walk OR the Marathon Race Walk)
    - World Combined Events Tour

- **Withdrawal** means an Athlete who was selected to the Team but later withdrawn or replaced as set out in clause 7 Athlete Withdrawal and Replacement.

2.2 **Interpretation**

a) Unless the context otherwise requires, reference to:
   i. a clause is to a clause of this Policy;
   ii. the singular includes the plural and the converse also applies.

b) Where a word or expression is given a particular meaning, other parts of speech and grammatical forms of that word or expression have a corresponding meaning.

c) Headings are for convenience only and do not form part of this Policy or affect its interpretation.

3 Selection Policy Aims

3.1 The Selection Committee will select Athletes for the Competition who will contribute to the following aims:

a) Select Athletes and Relay teams with the realistic potential to win a medal or place in the top 8 at the Competition;

b) Select Athletes who have demonstrated they have the realistic potential to win a medal or achieve a top 8 placing at future World Athletics Championships and Olympic Games;

c) Select the Team that provides Australia with the greatest opportunity for competitive success at the Competition.

4 Athlete Eligibility Criteria

As a condition of selection for the Competition in an individual event or Relay event an Athlete must:

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 a registered member of AA through their Member Association;

4.3 Satisfy all WA eligibility and qualification rules of the Competition as required by the Competition Rules;

4.4 Submit the online expression of interest form for each event in which the Athlete is seeking selection. The form must be submitted no later than 5:00pm AEDT on 1 April 2027. The date for submission of the online expression of interest form may be extended at the discretion of the Chair of the Selection Committee on the recommendation of the General Manager - High Performance. Contact the Chair of the Selection Committee on selectors@athletics.org.au for further information;

4.5 Be and remain in 'good standing' with AA, comply with the AA National Integrity Framework and Code of Conduct, and conduct themselves in a way that does not bring themselves, their sport or AA into disrepute;

4.6 Commit to abiding by any AA Team Agreement, Code of Conduct and other relevant AA or WA policies and procedures as reasonably directed from time to time; and

4.7 Commit to completing all AA integrity education as set out in the AA Integrity Education Plan, and any other integrity education requirements AA or WA sets from time to time.

5 Selection Procedure

5.1 The Selection Committee will consider Athletes for selection under this Selection Policy who have satisfied the eligibility criteria of clause 4.

5.2 In accordance with the Competition Rules, the Selection Committee may select:

a) up to three Qualified Athletes per individual event, except in an event where an Australian Athlete has been offered a Wild Card where they may select up to four Athletes in that event;

b) one team in each Relay for the Men's and Women's 4x100m Relays and one team in each Relay for the Men's and Women's 4x400m Relays comprised of up to six eligible Athletes. These must include the individual Athletes entered in the respective individual event (100m and 400m); and

c) one team in each Relay for the Mixed 4x100m and 4x400m Relays comprised of up to six eligible Athletes.

5.3 An eligible Athlete may compete in an unlimited number of events as long as they have been accepted by WA and have been selected for each of the events in accordance with this Selection Policy.

5.4 An Athlete can only compete at the Competition if qualified. AA is not obliged to accept the invitation of any particular Athlete.

5.5 The Selection Committee is not obliged to and will not select eligible Athletes who are identified solely as "Qualified" by WA by having won an Oceania Championship or are top finishers at the Platinum/Gold Label Marathons.

5.6 All performances must be achieved during official competitions sanctioned by WA. A complete list of sanctioned competitions is available online here.

5.7 The Selection Committee will only consider performances accepted by WA that appear on WA lists as valid performances.

5.8 The relevant Qualifying Periods are:

Events	Dates
Marathon	3 Nov 2025 – 2 May 2027
10,000m, Half Marathon Race Walk and Marathon Race Walk, Combined Events	23 Feb 2026 – 22 Aug 2027
All other individual events	23 Aug 2026 – 22 Aug 2027

Selection Timeframe

5.9 The Selection Committee will meet to determine the Athletes who will be selected in the Team for the Competition as follows:

a) In the two weeks after the end of the Australian Domestic Season for the purpose of making their Phase 1 Selections;

b) In the first two weeks of May 2027 for the purpose of making their Phase 2 Marathon Selections;

c) In the first two weeks of May for the Half Marathon Race Walks and the last week of June 2027 for Marathon Race Walks for the purpose of making their Phase 3 Selections; and

d) In the days after the close of the relevant Qualifying Period for the Competition for the purpose of making any remaining selections in Phase 4.

Phase 1 Selections – all events except Marathon

5.10 Phase 1 is applicable for all events except Marathon (see Phase 2) and Marathon Race Walk (see Phase 3).

5.11 Subject to meeting the eligibility criteria of clause 4, an Athlete may be selected in Phase 1 if they:

a) Meet one of these performance levels:

i. Have a Wild Card;

ii. Have achieved the Entry Standard by the end of the Australian Domestic Season;

iii. Finished in the top 5 at the 2025 World Athletics Championships; or

iv. Meet the Points Standard (Schedule 1) on the 'Road to Beijing' by the first list update after the conclusion of the 2027 Australian Domestic Season; and

b) Have competed in the 2027 Australian Athletics Championships which includes the 10,000m (held separately in Q4 of 2026) or Australian Half Marathon Walk Championships (held separately in Q1 of 2027); and

c) Have finished in the first two Australian places at the 2027 Australian Athletics Championships in the applicable event; and

d) Have competed in at least one other Key Australian Athletics Competitions during the Australian Domestic Season in the same or similar event (for combined event Athletes this may be State combined events championships or individual disciplines at Key Australian Athletics Competitions); and

e) Have shown similar form at the end of the Australian Domestic Season to that needed to achieve the Entry Standard.

5.12 An athlete selected in Phase 1 per clause 5.11 a) iv. must be Qualified (by Standard or Ranking) by 22 August 2027.

Relay Selections

5.13 The Selection Committee will select Athletes to all six Relay teams which have Qualified under the Competition Rules.

5.14 The Competition Rules mandate that Athletes selected in the 100m or 400m automatically form part of the respective Men's or Women's Relay team. This does not apply to the Mixed Relays where Athletes are permitted to be selected regardless of selection in the individual events.

5.15 A Qualified Relay team will achieve a Championship result of 16th at a minimum and as a result the order of selection in the individual 100m, 200m, 400m or 400m Hurdles compared with the Relay will reflect the likelihood of a higher result in the Relay, which is consistent with the aims of this Selection Policy.

5.16 The Selection Committee will name eight Athletes per sex in the Men's and Women's 4x100m Relay squads, based on:

a) an Athlete's performances during the Australian Domestic Season (considering both competition performances and team relay training); and

b) any factor, or combination of factors that the Selection Committee, in consultation with the AA Relay program coaches and/or General Manger – High Performance, considers relevant.

5.17 The Selection Committee will name seven Athletes per sex in the Men's and Women's 4x400m Relay squads, based on:

a) an Athlete's performances during the Australian Domestic Season; and

b) any factor, or combination of factors that the Selection Committee, in consultation with the AA Relay program coaches and/or General Manger – High Performance, considers relevant.

5.18 The 4x100m and 4x400m Mixed Relay teams will be drawn from the pool of Relay squad Athletes selected in this Phase.

5.19 Once an Athlete is named in either the 4x100m or 4x400m Relay squads and accepts their selection, they can only be entered into an individual event if they achieve the Entry Standard or meet the outlined Ranking Points Standard by 8 July 2027 (and are Qualified for the Competition at the close of the Qualification Period). After this date, an Athlete is committed to the Relay squad;

5.20 AA is not bound to select all eligible Athletes in all of Phase 1.

Phase 2 Selections - Marathon

5.21 The Selection Committee may exercise discretion to select Marathon Athletes to the Team. This discretion will be exercised in line with the aims of this Policy. This discretion is absolute and need not be exercised.

5.22 An Athlete may be selected in Phase 2 if they have Qualified in the Marathon on the WA 'Road to Beijing' list published on 5 May 2027 and have displayed recent form over Half Marathon or Marathon distances, which led to them being Qualified.

5.23 An Athlete is not considered Qualified within the field size as described in clause 5.22 if their Ranking is because of the non-acceptance of a place by an athlete/federation.

5.24 The Selection Committee will consider an Athlete's competitive record and demonstrated ability to peak at a major championship.

5.25 The Selection 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 selecting Athletes for the Team in Phase 2.

5.26 An Athlete who has repeatedly not met or exceeded the levels they achieved to gain selection when previously given international opportunities cannot assume to be selected solely by being Qualified per clause 5.22.

Phase 3 Selections – Race Walks

5.27 The Selection Committee may exercise discretion to select or conditionally select further Athletes in the Half Marathon and all Athletes in the Marathon Race Walk events to the Team. This discretion will be exercised in line with the aims of this Policy. This discretion is absolute and need not be exercised.

5.28 In the selection of Athletes in Race Walk events the priority event is the Half Marathon as it is the sole 2028 Olympic Games Race Walk event.

5.29 An Athlete may be selected in Phase 3 if:

a) they have Qualified in the Half Marathon or Marathon Race Walk by Entry Standard; and

b) have displayed recent form over Half Marathon or Marathon distances, which led to their being Qualified.

5.30 An Athlete may be conditionally selected in Phase 3 if:

a) they have met the Points Standard in the Half Marathon or Marathon Race Walk; and

b) have displayed recent form over Half Marathon or Marathon distances, which led to their being Qualified.

5.31 An athlete conditionally selected in Phase 3 per clause 5.29 must be Qualified by 22 August 2027.

5.32 An Athlete who has repeatedly not met or exceeded the levels they achieved to gain selection when previously given international opportunities cannot assume to be selected solely by being Qualified per clause 5.29 or 5.30.

5.33 The Selection Committee will consider an Athlete's competitive record and demonstrated ability to peak at a major championship.

5.34 The Selection 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 selecting Athletes for the Team in Phase 3.

Phase 4 Selections (excluding Marathon and Race Walk events)

5.35 The Selection Committee may exercise discretion to select further Athletes to the Team or if more than three eligible Athletes have Qualified to participate in the Competition in a single event, the Selection Committee may exercise discretion to identify the Athletes for selection in that event. This discretion will be exercised in line with the aims of this Policy. This discretion is absolute and need not be exercised.

5.36 An Athlete may be selected in Phase 4 if they;

a) Have achieved the Entry Standard by the end of the Qualifying Period; or

b) Have achieved a Ranking on the WA 'Road to Beijing' list published on 25 August 2027 and has displayed recent form similar to that which led to them being Qualified. Note: For Athletes selected in the Relay squads refer to the Relay Selections section which are part of Phase 1 and override this section; or

c) Were selected as part of the Relay squads in Phase 1, and met the Ranking Points for their individual event by 8 July.

5.37 For Phase 4 selections, the Selection Committee will consider the following discretionary factors. These factors are in no particular order of priority and will be considered in conjunction with the aims of this Policy:

a) an Athlete's ability to finish in the top 8 for their specified event(s) at the Competition;

b) whether an Athlete has qualified by Entry Standard or Ranking under the Qualification System;

c) an Athlete's results during the Qualifying Period;

d) an Athlete's demonstrated ability to meet or exceed Entry Standard-level performances at international competitions;

e) an Athlete's demonstrated ability to be competitive at the highest international championship competitions involving multiple rounds;

f) an Athlete's demonstrated ability to peak at major championships;

g) any factor, or combination of factors that the Selection Committee, in consultation with the General Manger – High Performance, considers relevant.

5.38 An Athlete is not considered Qualified as described in clause 5.36 if their Ranking is because of the non-acceptance of a place by an athlete/federation.

5.39 In exceptional circumstances only, from the 25-27 August 2027, as per the Competition Rules, the Selection Committee may exercise their discretion to propose the selection of an individual athlete who is not considered Qualified due to clause 5.38. This discretion need not be applied and no Athlete is automatically entitled to consideration under this clause. In such cases, in order to identify an Athlete for selection, the Selection Committee will consider the following:

a) the Athlete has not previously been selected to an Australian Olympic team in their respective event;

b) the Athlete has posted performances in the four months prior to the end of Qualifying Period, close to the Qualifying Standard;

c) the factors that lead to them not satisfying clause 5.38 including but not limited to injury and illness; and the Athlete has a strong likelihood of fulfilling the aims of the Selection Policy.

5.40 Any athlete who may be selected under clause 5.39:

a) Must complete the extenuating circumstances form in line with clause 8.3; and

b) Will be selected after the WA Road to Beijing List has been updated on [28 August 2027] if WA notifies AA the athlete is now Qualified, per the Competition Rules.

5.41 An Athlete who has repeatedly not met or exceeded the levels they achieved to gain selection when previously given international opportunities cannot assume to be selected solely by being Qualified per clause 5.36.

6 Obligations after Selection

6.1 Athletes selected in the Team for the Competition must:

a) Remain eligible to compete in the Competition per clause 4;

b) Prove their fitness to compete in the Competition by the achievement of pre departure standards to be set by the General Manager - High Performance if requested to do so;

c) Undertake any medical assessments and testing if requested by the AA CMO;

d) Disclose to the AA CMO, any relevant medical history and known medical condition or issue that may be or become relevant to participation in the Competition;

e) Complete and submit medical information and assessment forms to the AA CMO, and/or any mandatory vaccinations required for travel;

f) 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 National Anti-Doping Policy and the anti-doping rules of the governing body of the Competition; and

g) Sign an AA Team Agreement.

6.2 Failure to meet the obligations of clause 6.1 after selection to the Team may, at the discretion of the General Manager - High Performance, result in an Athlete being withdrawn from the Team.

7 Athlete Withdrawal and Replacement

7.1 A selected Athlete may be withdrawn from the Team if they:

a) Elect to withdraw and notify AA in writing;
b) Are unable to compete due to injury or illness as confirmed by the AA CMO or a medical practitioner approved by AA;
c) Breach the AA Team Agreement or refuse to sign the agreement;
d) Breach the AA Code of Conduct or other relevant policy;
e) Do not comply with clause 4 of the Selection Policy;
f) Do not comply with the Australian National Anti-Doping Policy;
g) Become ineligible to compete in the Competition; or
h) Are entered into an event that is removed from the Competition.

7.2 An Athlete who is withdrawn from the Team may appeal their Withdrawal in accordance with the Appeals process.

7.3 Replacement Athletes will be determined in accordance with the following process:

a) Before Team selections are submitted to WA, a replacement Athlete may be selected in accordance with this Selection Policy; or
b) After Team selections have been submitted to WA, any replacement Athlete will be selected subject to the eligibility and selection rules of the Competition Rules and in accordance with this Selection Policy.

8 Extenuating Circumstances

8.1 In considering an Athlete's performances, participation in Key Australian Athletics Competitions, participation in the Relay program, or other events and competitions that may provide a basis for selection, the Selection Committee may, at their discretion, give weight to extenuating circumstances.

8.2 Extenuating circumstances are those that are beyond an Athlete's control and may have compromised an Athlete's ability to participate or make relevant attendances. Extenuating circumstances may include but are not limited to:

a) injury or illness;
b) travel delays;
c) equipment failure;
d) bereavement or personal misfortune; or
e) force majeure event

8.3 If an Athlete is affected by extenuating circumstances, as soon as practicable they must advise the Chair of the Selection Committee in writing via the online form and provide the reasons and any relevant supporting material or evidence.

8.4 The Selection Committee will consider any notification of extenuating circumstances on an individual basis and based only on the information provided directly to the Chair of the Selection Committee.

8.5 If the Selection Committee consider that any particular event at the 2027 Australian Athletics Championships has been affected by extenuating circumstances as listed above to such a degree that the overall standings of that individual event are significantly compromised, it is not obliged to select an Athlete in Phase 1.

9 Selection Appeal Process

9.1 The non-selection appeal process is available as a separate document.

10 Amendment to Policy

10.1 AA reserves the right to amend this Selection Policy and will provide as much notice as practical to affected people.

11 Approval and Change log

Date	Summary of Changes	Approved by
26 October 2026	First Version	AA Board

12 Schedule 1 - Points Standard

Men	Event	Women
1200	100m	1200
1200	200m	1200
1240	400m	1200
1230	800m	1200
1220	1500m	1180
1220	5000m	1180
1240	10000m	1210
N/A	Marathon	N/A
1220	100m/110m H	1240
1240	400m H	1220
1240	3000m St	1210
1160	High Jump	1170
1210	Pole Vault	1150
1200	Long Jump	1180
1180	Triple Jump	1160
1170	Shot Put	1100
1180	Discus Throw	1100
1170	Hammer Throw	1130
1150	Javelin Throw	1100
1160	Half Marathon Race Walk	1110
1130	Marathon Race Walk	1100
1240	Heptathlon / Decathlon	1180