AUSTRALIAN ATHLETICS SELECTION POLICY

2027 OCEANIA CUP

MAJURO, MARSHALL ISLANDS

14 – 18 June 2027

Version of 20 November 2026

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 Oceania Cup in Majuro, Marshall Islands, to be held on 14 – 18 June 2027.

1.2 This Selection Policy, once approved by the AA Board, constitutes the Selection Criteria in respect of the selection of Athletes to the Team for the Competition.

1.3 AA and the Selection Committee are bound by the Competition Rules, including the event programme, entry limits and eligibility requirements set by Oceania Athletics for the Competition. Where the Competition Rules are published or changed after this Selection Policy is approved, the Competition Rules prevail to the extent of any inconsistency.

1.4 The Competition is a development opportunity. There are no performance standards, selection trials or automatic selections for the Competition. All selections are made at the discretion of the Selection Committee in accordance with this Selection Policy.

1.5 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.

1.6 Athletes and coaches should familiarise themselves with the content of this 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 Athletics Championships means the 2027 Australian Athletics Championships to be held at Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre, Sydney, on 1 – 4 April 2027.

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, for the purposes of this Selection Policy, ending at the conclusion of the 2027 Australian Athletics UniSport Championships (scheduled for 21 – 23 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 Oceania Cup in Majuro, Marshall Islands, to be held on 14 – 18 June 2027.

Competition Rules means the rules, entry conditions and technical regulations set by Oceania Athletics for the Competition, together with the WA rules under which the Competition is conducted.

HP Leadership means the AA Director of Performance Sustainability and/or the AA General Manager – High Performance.

Levy means the financial contribution payable by each selected Athlete under clause 6.2.

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

Oceania Athletics means the Oceania Athletics Association, the WA Area Association for Oceania and the governing body for the Competition.

Pacific Games Team means the Athletes nominated by AA to, and selected by, the Australian Olympic Committee for the athletics team at the 2027 Pacific Games in Tahiti, French Polynesia (24 July – 7 August 2027).

Qualifying Period means the period within which performances must be achieved to be considered for selection, as specified in clause 5.9.

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.

Senior International Team means the AA team for the 2027 World Athletics Championships in Beijing, China (10 – 19 September 2027) or the Australian athletics team for the 2027 FISU World University Games in Chungcheong, Korea (1 – 12 August 2027).

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

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

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

2.2 Interpretation

a) Unless the context otherwise requires, reference to:
   i. a clause is to a clause of this Selection 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 Selection 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) provide international competition experience to developing Under-23 Athletes who would not otherwise represent Australia internationally in 2027;

b) select Athletes who have demonstrated the long-term potential to achieve a top 8 placing at future World Athletics Championships and Olympic Games; and

c) select a Team of Athletes who are likely to perform at or near their best at the Competition and contribute positively to the Team.

4 Athlete Eligibility Criteria

As a condition of selection to the Team, 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 eligible to be selected as an athlete in a representative team pursuant to the AA By-Laws;

4.3 Be a registered member of AA through their Member Association;

4.4 Satisfy all eligibility and participation rules of the Competition as required by the Competition Rules;

4.5 Have been born in 2005, 2006 or 2007;

4.6 Not have previously represented AA at a (senior, outdoor) World Athletics Championships, Commonwealth Games or Olympic Games. For the avoidance of doubt, previous representation of AA at a World Athletics U20 Championships (including in 2026) does not make an Athlete ineligible;

4.7 Not, as at the date of the Selection Committee meeting under clause 5.12, have been selected to, named in a squad for, or nominated for selection to a Senior International Team or the World University Games, or have achieved the Entry Standard set by WA for the 2027 World Athletics Championships;

4.8 Not have been nominated, or determined by the Selection Committee to be nominated, by AA to the Australian Olympic Committee for selection to the Pacific Games Team, subject to clause 5.15;

4.9 Have competed in the event in which they seek selection in the Open division of the 2027 Australian Athletics Championships, except where that event is not conducted at the Australian Athletics Championships or the Selection Committee accepts that the Athlete was prevented from competing by extenuating circumstances under clause 8;

4.10 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;

4.11 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, the Team or AA into disrepute. AA may consider past and present behavioural conduct in determining whether an Athlete is in 'good standing'. If AA determines that an Athlete is not in 'good standing', AA may in its absolute discretion choose not to select that Athlete;

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

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

4.14 Agree to comply with any pre-Competition preparation policy published by the General Manager – High Performance, which may include a requirement to prove form and fitness to compete at the Competition.

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.

Team Size and Events

5.2 Subject to the Competition Rules, the Selection Committee may select up to 20 Athletes to the Team, comprising up to 10 male Athletes and up to 10 female Athletes.

5.3 The Selection Committee may select up to two Athletes per individual event, subject to any lower entry limit set by the Competition Rules.

5.4 An eligible Athlete may compete in more than one event, provided the Competition Rules allow, and they have been selected for each event in accordance with this Selection Policy.

5.5 The events expected to be conducted at the Competition are set out in Schedule 1. The final event programme will be as published by Oceania Athletics. AA will not select Athletes in an event that is not on the final programme.

5.6 There are no para-athletics events on the expected programme, and AA will not select Athletes in para-athletics events for the Competition.

5.7 AA will enter a Mixed 4x100m Relay team and a Mixed 4x400m Relay team where those events are on the programme and sufficient selected Athletes are available. Relay teams will be drawn only from Athletes already selected to the Team in an individual event. No Athlete will be selected for a Relay only. The composition of each Relay team will be determined by AA team management in consultation with HP Leadership.

Performances

5.8 There are no performance standards or selection trials for the Competition. Special weighting will be given to performances achieved at the Australian Athletics Championships.

5.9 All performances to be taken into account for selection must be achieved within the following Qualifying Period:

Events	Qualifying Period
All events	1 January 2027 – 23:59 AEST at the end of the Australian Domestic Season (scheduled for 23 April 2027)

5.10 All performances must be achieved during official competitions sanctioned by WA and organised in conformity with WA rules. A complete list of sanctioned competitions is available online here, and AA will confirm the sanctioned competitions in Australia through the AA website.

5.11 The following conditions apply to performances considered for selection:

a) **Wind assistance:** wind-assisted performances will not be accepted. Outdoor performances in the 100m, 200m, 100m/110m Hurdles, Long Jump and Triple Jump must be accompanied by a wind gauge reading that does not exceed +2.0 m/s;

b) **Hand timing:** hand-timed performances will not be accepted;

c) **Mixed-sex competition:** performances achieved in mixed-sex competition will be accepted only for field events held completely in the stadium where the men's and women's events were conducted concurrently with separate results. Mixed-sex performances will not be accepted for track events;

d) **Indoor performances:** indoor performances will be accepted;

e) **Track size:** performances achieved on oversized tracks will not be accepted; and

f) **Minimum competition:** performances must be achieved in a competition in which a minimum of three competitors take part.

Selection Timeframe

5.12 The Selection Committee will meet within two weeks after the end of the Australian Domestic Season to make selections to the Team.

Selection at the Discretion of the Selection Committee

5.13 Subject to the Competition Rules relating to the number of Athletes who may be selected for each event and for the Team overall, the Selection Committee will exercise discretion to select Athletes to the Team. This discretion will be exercised in line with the aims of this Selection Policy. This discretion is absolute and need not be exercised.

5.14 Without limiting its discretion, the Selection Committee, in consultation with HP Leadership, may consider any factor, or combination of factors, that in its opinion is relevant when selecting Athletes to the Team, including:

a) Performance at the Australian Athletics Championships;

b) performance during the Qualifying Period;

c) head-to-head performances against other eligible Athletes;

d) consistency of performance; and

e) long-term potential to achieve a top 8 finish at future World Athletics Championships and Olympic Games.

Selection to Other 2027 Teams

5.15 An Athlete may only be considered for selection for the Oceania Cup if they are not selected for any other international competition in 2027, including the Pacific Games, World University Games, and World Championships.

5.16 AA is not bound to select all eligible Athletes or to fill all places on the Team.

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 or their delegate;

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 obtain 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;

g) Sign an AA Team Agreement; and

h) Pay the Levy in accordance with clause 6.2.

6.2 The Team is partly self-funded. Each selected Athlete must pay a Levy as a contribution towards the costs of participating in the Competition. The Levy is anticipated to be approximately $4,500. AA will confirm the final amount, what it covers and the payment deadline when selections are announced. Failure to pay the Levy by the payment deadline may result in the Athlete being withdrawn from the Team.

6.3 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 this Selection Policy;

f) Fail to comply with any pre-Competition preparation policy, including failing to meet a pre-departure standard;
g) Do not comply with the Australian National Anti-Doping Policy;
h) Fail to pay the Levy by the payment deadline;
i) Are selected to a Senior International Team;
j) Are nominated by AA to the Australian Olympic Committee for selection to the Pacific Games Team;
k) Become ineligible to compete in the Competition; or
l) Are entered into an event that is removed from the Competition programme.

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

7.4 A replacement Athlete is subject to the same obligations as other selected Athletes, including payment of the Levy.

8 Extenuating Circumstances

8.1 In considering an Athlete's performances, participation in Key Australian Athletics Competitions, 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.

9 Selection Appeal Process

9.1 The process for an Appeal is available as a separate document.

9.2 Athletes who submitted an expression of interest under clause 4.10 and are not selected will be notified at the same time as those who have been selected.

10 Amendment to Policy

10.1 AA reserves the right to amend this Selection Policy, including as a result of any change to the Competition Rules or to correct a drafting error or oversight, and will provide as much notice as practicable to affected people.

11 Approval and Change Log

Date	Summary of Changes	Approved by
20/11/26	First Version	AA Board

12 Schedule 1 – Event Programme

Events expected to be conducted at the 2027 Oceania Cup, based on the 2025 Oceania Cup programme. The final programme is subject to confirmation by Oceania Athletics.

Men	Event	Women
√	100m	√
√	200m	√
√	400m	√
√	800m	√
√	1500m	√
√	3000m	√
√	110m Hurdles / 100m Hurdles	√
√	400m Hurdles	√
√	High Jump	√
√	Long Jump	√
√	Triple Jump	√
√	Shot Put	√
√	Discus Throw	√
√	Hammer Throw	√
√	Javelin Throw	√
Mixed	4x100m Relay	Mixed
Mixed	4x400m Relay	Mixed