AUSTRALIAN ATHLETICS SELECTION POLICY

2027 FISU WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES

CHUNGCHEONG, KOREA

1 – 12 August 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 FISU World University Games in Chungcheong, Korea to be held on 1 – 12 August 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 UniSport Australia and FISU 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 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 FISU World University Games in Chungcheong, Korea to be held on 1 – 12 August 2027.

Competition Rules means the rules set by the governing body of the Competition, FISU Athletics.

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 23 April 2027.

Entry Standard means the performance standards set by Australian Athletics for each event.

FISU means Fédération Internationale du Sport Universitaire or in English International University Sports Federation.

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.

Qualification System means the conditions, standards and processes as defined by FISU 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 0.

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

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.

UniSport Australia means the governing body of University in Australia.

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 UniSport Australia and FISU 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; and

4.8 Have been born between 1 January 2002 and 31 December 2009; and have either been enrolled and currently studying a diploma or higher course at a University, TAFE* (*Conditions Apply) or other tertiary institution (please note that deferred students are not eligible for selection) or graduated from a university in the calendar year immediately prior to the event (i.e. graduated after 1 January 2026).

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 two Athletes per individual event who have achieved the entry standard;

b) one team in each Relay for the Men's and Women's 4x100m Relays, one team in each Relay for the Men's and Women's 4x400m Relays and one team in each Relay for the Mixed 4x100m and 4x400m Relays. These must include the individual Athletes entered in the respective individual event (100m and 400m). The number of additional relay only athletes is determined by the number of entries in the 100m, 200m and 400m.

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

5.4 An athlete will only be selected in an individual event if they meet the AA entry standard.

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

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

Qualifying Periods

5.7 The relevant Qualifying Periods are:

Events	Dates
10,000m	1 October 2026 – 23 April 2027
All other events	1 January 2027 – 23 April 2027

Selection Trials

5.8 A trial will be held for all Events.

Events	Trial Event	Venue	Dates
10,000m	Australian 10,000m Championships	Melbourne, AUS	11 Dec 2026
All other events	Australian Athletics Championships	Sydney, AUS	1 – 4 Apr 2027

Selection Timeframe

5.9 The Selection Committee will meet to determine the Athletes who will be selected in the Team for the Competition in the week after the end of the Australian Domestic Season for the purpose of making all selections.

Automatic Selection

5.10 Subject to each athlete meeting all eligibility requirements set out in this Selection Policy, the highest placed eligible athlete at the Australian Athletics Championships (Open Championships, including the 10,000m in December 2026) who has achieved the performance standard outlined in the Appendix within the qualifying period, will be automatically selected.

Selection at the Discretion of the Selection Committee

5.11 Subject to the rules of the governing body of the Competition relating to the number of athletes who may be selected for each Event and for the Team overall, the Selection Committee may exercise discretion to select further athletes to the Team. This discretion will be exercised in line with the Selection Policy Aims. This discretion is absolute and need not be exercised.

5.12 Without limiting its discretion, 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, including without limitation those factors listed in the Selection Policy Aims to identify priority athletes. The Selection Committee may consider the following points to prioritise athletes for selection (in order):

a) Most likely to finish in the top eight at a future World Championships or Olympic Games; then

b) The following factors in any order the Selection Committee consider relevant:

i. Repeat Qualification Standard performances;

ii. Finishing order at the 2027 Australian Athletics Championships;

iii. Head-to-head record in the Qualification Period;

iv. Finishing order at the 2027 Australian UniSport Athletics Championships;

v. Previous Championships/International record;

vi. Current form and fitness.

5.13 The Selection Committee may select relay teams for some or all relays.

a) If two (2) or more athletes are selected in the 100 / 200 m (in relation to 4x100m relay and to 4x100m mixed relay) or in 400m (in relation to 4x400m relay and 4x400m mixed relay), the relay team can be filled in with up to 2 relay specialists. (For example: if 3 athletes are selected in the 100/200m, up to 2 additional athletes can be selected for the related relay)

b) If one athlete or less is selected in the 100 / 200 m (in relation to 4x100m relay and 4x100m mixed relay) or in 400m (in relation to 4x400m relay and 4x400m mixed relay), a relay team may be selected with up to 4 athletes. (For example: if 1 athlete is selected in the 100/200m, 3 additional athletes can be accepted for the relay event.)

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;
g) Sign an UniSport Australia Team Agreement and the Australian Athletics Code of Conduct governing their selection in the Team and participation in the Competition; and
h) Pay the team levy to join the team as directed by UniSport Australia. It is anticipated this will be in the range of $5500-$6000AUD. Failure to pay the levy on time will result in withdrawal from the team.

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, a replacement Athlete may be selected in accordance with this Selection Policy; or

b) After Team selections have been submitted, 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 recognise that event as the Selection Trial.

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
3 November 2026	First Version	AA Board

12 Appendix – AA Standards

Men	Event	Women
10.35	100m	11.65
21.00	200m	23.70
46.40	400m	52.75
1:47.50	800m	2:02.50
3:42.00	1500m	4:14.00
14:00.00	5000m	16:05.00
29:30.00	10,000m	34:15.00
8:40.00	3000mSC	10:00.00
13.85	110mH/100mH	13.35
50.30	400mH	58.00
2.20	High Jump	1.82
5.40	Pole Vault	4.20
7.65	Long Jump	6.25
16.05	Triple Jump	13.25
18.75	Shot Put	16.45
58.00	Discus Throw	52.75
70.50	Hammer Throw	64.70
75.90	Javelin Throw	52.60
7350	Decathlon/Heptathlon	5500
42:20.00	10,000m Race Walk	47:00.00