

2017/2018 NASS update

The information below provides an update regarding the NASS program prior to the 2017/18 NASS Selection meeting. The 2017/2018 NASS program year runs from 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2018, with a review to be scheduled immediately after the Commonwealth Games.

The NASS selection policy can be located at - <http://athletics.com.au/High-Performance/NASS/NASS-Policy>

NASS Program aims

The aims of AA's NASS program are:

- To achieve medals, supported by additional top eight places, at the Olympic Games and IAAF World Athletics Championships; and
- To achieve gold medals, supported by additional silver and bronze medals, at the Paralympic Games and World Para Athletics World Athletics Championships; and
- To finish the top nation on the Commonwealth Games athletics medal table.

2017/18 NASS Policy

The 2017/18 NASS Policy reflects a number of changes on the basis of feedback and learnings from the 2016/17 NASS year, including;

- Change of Finalist NASS level to Podium Ready to align with AIS AWE athlete categorisation levels
- Commonwealth performance matrix standards aligned with GC2018 "A" qualifications standards
- Podium Para athletes will receive dAIS only contract allocation (due to limitations of the Para program budget) and in line with the aim of the NASS program to achieve GOLD medals at the Paralympic Games and World Para Athletics World Championships
- Inclusion of personal coach award allocation for coaches of Gold – Podium Ready athletes (able-bodied only)

Further changes will be made to the 2017/18 NASS Policy in advance of the NASS mid-year review.

NASS Selection Panel and Selection meeting

The NASS Selection Panel will meet on 19 September 2018. The NASS Selection Panel is;

- Craig Hilliard, Head Coach
- Sara Mulkearns, Junior High Performance Manager
- Andrew Faichney, Paralympic Program Manager
- Ali Campbell, Acting High Performance Director (Chair)

Also in attendance at the NASS Selection meeting will be;

- David Crawshay, Independent Observer
- Chris O'Brien, AIS Performance Manager (AIS Observer)

Athletes who will be considered for NASS membership include;

- Current NASS members (unless athletes have indicated that they are no longer seeking NASS selection);
- Athletes that have achieved a NASS Performance Matrix standard (see below);
- Athletes that meet any criteria to be considered for invitation onto the Development level; and
- Eligible athletes that have submitted a NASS Capacity Template (see below).



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Performance Matrix Standards

- The achievement of a NASS performance matrix standard enables athletes to be considered at a particular NASS level.
- Being on the consideration list does NOT guarantee being invited onto the program. The NASS selection panel must consider a range of factors relating to an athletes performance and processes to determine if the athlete has the realistic capacity to meet the aims of the program in the future.

NASS Capacity Templates

Athletes who have achieved a NASS performance matrix standard will be invited to complete the NASS Capacity Template. The NASS Capacity Template is the mechanism for an athlete to communicate information relating to their Physical Potential and Processes directly to the NASS Selection Panel.

NASS Capacity Templates must be submitted to highperformance@athletics.org.au by **15 September 2018**.

AA encourage athletes and their personal coach to complete the template together. Completion of the NASS Capacity Template is an important process on an annual basis for all athletes and personal coaches as it provides an opportunity for reflection and self-assessment.

Selection meeting	Who needs to complete the Capacity Template?
2017/2018	Any eligible athlete who wants to be considered for NASS selection who; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Achieved a NASS performance matrix standard in 2016/17 for the first time or;• Meets any of the inclusion criteria for consideration at the Development level of NASS or;• Been invited to complete a NASS Capacity template by AA High Performance or;• Has not previously completed a NASS Capacity Template.
	Any athlete that has previously completed a NASS Capacity Template and wants to <u>communicate changes relating to their Physical Potential or Processes</u> to the NASS Selection Panel. It is the responsibility of the athlete to communicate any changes that may affect the outcome of the selection decision.

For the 2017/2018 selection meeting, athletes who have completed the NASS Capacity template in the past and who **do NOT have changes relating to their physical potential or processes to communicate** are NOT REQUIRED to complete the NASS Capacity Template.

NASS Selection Communication

Following the 2017/18 NASS Selection meeting, the athletes below will receive direct communication about the outcomes of the NASS selection meeting;

- 2016/17 NASS members being retained or exited from the program
- New 2017/18 NASS members
- Any athlete who has submitted a new / updated NASS Capacity Template

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Athletes who have achieved a NASS performance matrix standard but has chosen not to complete and submit a NASS Capacity Template by 15 September 2017 will **NOT** receive direct communication from AA.

NASS decisions will be published on the AA website after the NASS selection meeting.

Information regarding the NASS review and appeal process is detailed in section 16 of the NASS selection policy.

Current NASS members and Personal Coaches are encouraged to speak to their Athlete Performance Advisor if they have any questions about the information provided or other NASS processes.

Any other individual with questions about this information or the NASS program more broadly, are welcome to contact the AA High Performance department at highperformance@athletics.org.au or (03) 8646 4550.