



Recruitment of a High Performance Director

Athletics Australia will today commence the recruitment process for a High Performance Director to replace Simon Nathan, who did not seek an extension of his contract after the Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

To view the advertisement for this role, please [click here](#).

It is hoped that we will extend the offer of employment to the successful candidate prior to the Christmas break which commences on 22 December, before commencing in early 2017.

Interim High Performance Director

Simon Nathan's tenure as High Performance Director concluded last week, with High Performance Services Manager, **Alison Campbell**, stepping into the role in an interim capacity.

Campbell will oversee our continued interaction with the Australian Institute of Sport and the SIS/SAS network to ensure the successful implementation of the already underway National Athlete Support Structure membership period, as well as the confirmation of Selection Policies for events to be hosted in 2017.

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Athletics Australia Selection Policies

Athletics Australia is aware of interest from the High Performance community in the release of Selection Policies for Australian teams that will compete in 2017. Below is an update in order of their occurrence.

IAAF World Cross Country Championships

The IAAF have in recent days released event information for the IAAF World Cross Country Championships. This allows Athletics Australia to formalise its Selection Policy.

Athletics Australia will publish the Selection Policy for the IAAF World Cross Country Championships by Friday 25 November.

FISU World University Games

Athletics Australia will publish the Selection Policy for the FISU World University Games after it has been approved by Australian University Sport.

IAAF World Relay Championships

The IAAF is yet to release event information, including qualification standards, for the IAAF World Relay Championships. We have been advised that this will be finalised at the next IAAF Council meeting and released in December.

Athletics Australia will publish the Selection Policy for the IAAF World Relay Championships as soon as possible beyond the release of event information by the IAAF.

IPC Athletics World Championships

The International Paralympic Committee has recently released event information for the IPC Athletics World Championships. This allows Athletics Australia to formalise its Selection Policy.

Athletics Australia will publish its Selection Policy for this event in December.

Commonwealth Youth Games

The Australian Commonwealth Games Association has confirmed 21 quota spots for athletics at the 2017 Commonwealth Youth Games. A Selection Policy for this event for under 18 aged athletes is published at athletics.com.au.

The Selection Policy for this event is currently with the Australian Commonwealth Games Association for approval and will be published as soon as possible.

IAAF World Championships

The IAAF is yet to release event information, including qualification standards, for the IAAF World Championships. We have been advised that this will be finalised at the next IAAF Council meeting and released in December.

Athletics Australia will publish a complete Selection Policy for the IAAF World Championships as soon as possible beyond the release of event information by the IAAF.

As the Australian 50km Race Walk and 10,000m Championships will likely be held prior to this date, Athletics Australia will publish interim Selection Policies for the 50km walk and 10,000m by Friday 25 November.

Australia at the 2017 IAAF World Under 18 Championships

In recent months, the IAAF announced that they will discontinue the IAAF World Under 18 Championships after the 2017 instalment, scheduled to be held in Nairobi (KEN). The IAAF President, Lord Sebastian Coe, stated at the time that "it's not the best pathway for those athletes at that stage of their career."

This change in approach by the IAAF allowed Athletics Australia to reassess its competition offering for under 18 aged athletes in the immediate future and we have decided that we will not send an Australian team to Nairobi 2017.

Athletics Australia has made this decision because in 2017 under 18 aged athletes will be provided an age-appropriate championship experience at the Commonwealth Youth Games in Nassau (BAH). This event is fully funded by the Australian Commonwealth Games Association and there is no cost incurred by the athlete.

Further to this, the Oceania Athletics Championships will be held in Suva (FIJ), with an under 18 competition also available at this championship. The levy for this event is significantly less than the anticipated cost of Nairobi 2017.

From a development perspective, we are of the opinion that the under 20 age group is the most appropriate age group to expose athletes to a global event, in this case, the IAAF World Under 20 Championships.

So you are aware, complete details for the Commonwealth Youth Games are as follows:

Date: 19-23 July 2017

Location: Nassau (BAH)

Age of athletes: 2000 and 2001 born

Qualifying period: 1 October 2016 – conclusion of the Australian Athletics Championships (2 April 2017)

Expressions of Interest for Australian Team Staff

Athletics Australia is currently seeking expressions of interest from individuals who wish to volunteer their time as a member of Australian Team Staff.

Athletics teams require a wide variety of Team Staff who can have a major impact on the collective and individual performance of the team. The number of Team Staff assigned to a representative competition and their roles and responsibilities depends on many factors including the team size; the age and experience of the athletes; the significance and location of the competition and the nature of the event (i.e. able-bodied, junior, para-athletics).

Expressions of interest from interested coaches and team officials should be submitted by our Online Portal by Friday 30 December.

If you are a new nomination for team staff and did not express interest in 2016, please [click here](#) to submit an application.

If you submitted a nomination to work as team staff in 2016, or acted as team staff in 2016, please [click here](#) to submit an application.

Athletics Australia makes targeted medical staff appointments through a separate process. If you would like your CV on file for consideration, please email this to performanceservices@athletics.org.au.

Competition Opportunity Guide for the 2016/2017 Australian Summer Athletics Season

In consultation with our Member Associations, Athletics Australia has today published a *Competition Opportunity Guide* for the 2016/2017 Australian Summer Athletics Season. The Guide can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

The Competition Opportunity Guide provides an overview of athletics meets to be held ahead of the 2017 State and Territory Athletics Championships and the 2017 Australian Athletics Championships. The Guide can be used by athletes and coaches to collaborate to ensure the strongest possible fields for events highlighted within the event matrix included.

In addition, Member Associations are also hosting their own event series', for example the Twilight Series in New South Wales. Athletes can find out more by visiting Member Association websites, available [here](#).

Members of the National Athlete Support Structure will have information about travel and accommodation allowances shared with them via their Athlete Performance Advisor by Friday 25 November.

Nomination Process for Team Australia at Nitro Athletics Melbourne

The Nomination Process for Team Australia at Nitro Athletics Melbourne opens today, Monday 14 November, and closes at 5:00pm AEDT, Friday 25 November.

All athletes are welcome to apply for consideration, pending their adherence to the Eligibility Criteria for Team Australia. This is outlined in the Nomination Process for Team Australia document attached with this Newsletter.

If you have any questions about the Nomination Process for Team Australia at Nitro Athletics Melbourne, please email info@nitroathletics.com.au