

Gold Coast 2018 Nomination Principles

Background

The 2018 Commonwealth Games will be held on the Gold Coast (Qld) on 4-15 April 2018.

Athletics Australia is currently finalising its competition schedule for the 2018 Australian athletics season, including the details of all Nomination Trials, with this information critical to finalising the Nomination Policy for the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

In the absence of the complete Nomination Policy, and with the approval of Commonwealth Games Australia, below you will find information detailing the Nomination Principles for the Athletics Section of the Australian Team. This includes Qualification Standards for both Able-Bodied and Para-Athletics events.

Athletics Australia will publish the complete Nomination Policy upon confirmation of all relevant information and approval by Commonwealth Games Australia.

The Commonwealth Games & the Commonwealth Games Federation

- The Commonwealth Games are conducted under the auspices of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF).
- The CGF, in cooperation with the respective International Federations (IF), in the case of Athletics the IAAF and World Para Athletics (formerly IPC Athletics), determines the qualification and quota systems which apply to the participation of athletes in a Commonwealth Games.
- For Gold Coast 2018, the CGF will apply an overall limit on the number of athlete allocations each Commonwealth Games Association will receive.

Commonwealth Games Australia

- Commonwealth Games Australia (CGA) is the Commonwealth Games Association officially recognised by the CGF for the Australian territory. It has exclusive authority over Australia's participation in the Commonwealth Games.
- CGA may, in its sole and absolute discretion, determine any criteria which will be applied to the selection of athletes and officials. CGA will advise its sports of these criteria.
- CGA will only select athletes to be members of the 2018 Commonwealth Games Team (2018 Team) who have been nominated by their respective Sport.
- The CGA will determine an absolute maximum athlete quota allocation for Athletics Australia (AA). AA will only be able to nominate that maximum number of athletes to the CGA.
- As of April 2017, the CGA have not been advised of the final nation quota determined by CGF, in turn the CGA have been unable to confirm Athletics Australia's able-bodied athlete quota allocation.
- Para event athlete quota allocations will be determined according to World Para Athletics (formerly IPC Athletics) rankings as of 31 October 2017. Invitations will be issued up to a total of 7 athletes per event, maximum 3 per country, with one additional invitation at the discretion of the CGF.

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Nomination and Selection

The process of selecting athletes to the 2018 Team is a two-phase process:

1. AA will nominate eligible athletes to CGA via a sport-specific nomination criteria;
2. The CGA will select athletes from these nominations to be members of the 2018 Team.

Aims of the Athletics Australia Nomination Policy

AA's Gold Coast 2018 Nomination Policy will aim to facilitate the nomination of;

1. Athletes that are realistic medal contenders at Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games, and
2. Athletes that are realistic medal and top-8 contenders at future Olympic Games and IAAF World Championships, and
3. Athletes that are realistic medal contenders at future Commonwealth Games, Paralympic Games and the World Para-Athletics Championships.

AA will nominate up to the maximum team size within the final athlete quota allocation provided by CGA (noting that this number is unknown at this stage).

Qualification Periods

- All qualification performances must be achieved between the dates shown in the table below.
- Nomination Meetings will be held immediately following the 'Nomination Trial' or in the week commencing the date shown (marked w/c).

Event	Qualifying Period Start	Qualifying Period End	Nomination Due	Nomination Trial	Nomination Meeting
Marathon	1-Jul-16	10-Dec-17	4-Dec-17	N/A	w/c 11 Dec 17
20km Walks	1-Jul-16	TBC	TBC	TBC	After the Nomination Trial
10,000m	1-Jul-16	TBC	TBC	TBC	After the Nomination Trial (Zatopek)
Para Events	1-Nov-16	TBC	TBC	TBC	After the Nomination Trail
All other events	1-Jan-17	TBC	TBC	TBC	After the Nomination Trial

Able-Bodied Qualification Standards

- The Nomination Policy will include Qualification Standards designed to;
 - Identify athletes that are most likely to meet the aims of the Nomination Policy, and
 - Prioritise eligible athletes most likely to meet the aims of the Nomination Policy to the maximum athlete quota allocation.
- 'A' & 'B' Standards will be used;
 - The 'A' Standard being either the 2017 IAAF standard or the average Commonwealth Games medallist performance (2006 & 2014), whichever is the less difficult standard (note: 2010 Commonwealth Games performances are not included as results were not representative of Commonwealth fields).
 - The 'B' Standard is the average Commonwealth Games Top-8 performance (2006 & 2014).
 - By exception, where the resultant standard using this methodology does not align with the aims of the Nomination Policy, at their sole discretion, the Head Coach and

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High Performance Director will determine an appropriate standard and these events will be noted for transparency.

- All rounding will be favourable to the athlete as opposed to creating a more difficult standard.
- Able-bodied standards are detailed in Appendix 1.

Automatic Nomination

For Individual Able-Bodied events, with the exclusion of the Marathon;

- The winner of the Nomination Trial will be an automatic nomination providing they have achieved an 'A' or 'B' Standard.
- The second placed athlete at the Nomination Trail will be an automatic nomination providing they have achieved an 'A' Standard.
- All other nominations will be discretionary based on prioritisation principles outlined in the Policy.

For Para-Athletics events;

- AA will nominate any athlete who wins a medal at the 2017 World Para-Athletics Championships in the actual Medal Event (not in the additional eligible classification events), where Australia is allocated a slot(s) and the athlete has achieved an 'A' Standard.
 - In the event where there is more than one medallist, the highest placed athlete will be prioritised.
- All other nominations will be discretionary based on the prioritisation principles outlined in the Nomination Policy.
- Para-Athletics Qualification Standards are detailed in Appendix 2.

Discretionary Nomination

- The Selection Panel will prioritise discretionary nominations in line with principles that align with the aims of the Nomination Policy.
- For the able-bodied Marathon there will be no Nomination Trial. The Selectors will consider athletes who have achieved the qualification standard and will nominate athletes based on the Nomination Principles, which will include a Priority Status relating to the achievement of a Top-16 place in the Marathon at the 2017 IAAF World Championships.

Amendment

These Nomination Principles can be amended at any time by AA, with the approval of the CGA, if it is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary as a result of:

- Changes to the CGF / CGA Participation Rules or Selection Criteria; or
- The discovery of a drafting error or oversight; or
- For any other reason determined to be in the best interests of Athletics Australia.

Further information confirming key dates, prioritisation principles and the appeals process will be outlined in the final nomination policy.

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Appendix 1 – Able-Bodied Qualification Standards

Men		Event	Women	
A	B		A	B
10.15	10.24	100m	11.26	11.40
20.44	20.64	200m	23.10	23.40
45.50	46.00	400m	52.10	52.70
01:46.50	01:47.40	800m	02:01.00	02:02.40
03:37.50	03:40.80	1500m	04:08.10	04:10.90
13:22.60	13:35.00	5000m	15:22.00	15:45.50
27:54.00	28:31.20	10000m	32:15.00	33:13.80
2:19:00		Marathon	2:45:00	
08:32.00	08:45.00	3000m SC	09:42.00	09:58.60
13.56	13.71	110m H / 100m H	13.01	13.33
49.35	49.98	400m H	56.10	57.30
2.28	2.20	High Jump	1.92	1.85
5.60	5.25	Pole Vault	4.50	4.25
8.09	7.82	Long Jump	6.65	6.39
16.69	16.25	Triple Jump	13.90	13.45
20.00	18.10	Shot Put	17.70	16.42
61.90	59.10	Discus Throw	59.90	54.60
72.70	65.30	Hammer Throw	67.30	61.70
80.80	73.30	Javelin Throw	60.60	54.42
8000	7600	Decathlon / Heptathlon	6000	5600
1:24:00		20km	1:36:00	

NB: Standards in *italics* have been adjusted to align with the aims of the selection policy.

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Appendix 2 – Para-Athletics Qualification Standards

A	B	Men's Medal Event	Additional Eligible Classifications
1:30:00	1:35:00	T54 Marathon	T53
3:03.00	3:09.00	T54 1500m	T53
11.19	11.40	T12 100m	T11
11.53	11.85	T38 100m	T37
11.08	11.25	T47 100m	T45 & T46
13.53	12.50	F38 Shot Put	F37
A	B	Women's Medal Event	Additional Eligible Classifications
1:50:00	2:00:00	T54 Marathon	T53
3:29.00	3:42.00	T54 1500m	T53
4.53	4.00	T38 Long Jump	T37
13.27	14.40	T38 100m	T37
16.15	17.20	T35 100m	
32.50	22.00	F46 Javelin	F45