

Athletic Australia Selection Policy
2018 IAAF World U20 Championships

Athletics Australia
SELECTION POLICY
IAAF WORLD U20 CHAMPIONSHIPS
TAMPERE, FINLAND 10TH to 15TH July 2018



This document sets out the basis on which Athletics Australia (AA) will select its Team for the IAAF World U20 Championships in Tampere, Finland from 10-15 July 2018.

1 Aims

The aim of AA's Selection Policy for the World U20 Championships is to facilitate one or more of the following outcomes:

- Selecting athletes that are realistic medal contenders in Tampere;
- Selecting athletes that are realistic top 8 finishes in Tampere;
- Selecting athletes that are realistic top 16 finishers in Tampere, and;
- Providing major Championship experience to potential future Olympic and World Championships finalists (top eight places).

2 Standards, criteria and athlete numbers

AA has established AA Qualification Standards for each event; these are set out in Appendix 1. IAAF selection standards are not relevant for selection of the Team.

2.1 Athletes born in 1999, 2000 or 2001 are eligible for selection.

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2.2 The individual events listed will be conducted at the Championships:

EVENT	WOMEN	MEN
100m	Y	Y
200m	Y	Y
400m	Y	Y
800m	Y	Y
1500m	Y	Y
3000m	Y	
5000m	Y	Y
10,000m		Y
100m H / 110m H	Y	99cm
400m H	Y	Y
3000m SC	Y	Y
10,000m Walk	Y	Y
Hep / Dec	Y	99cm 110mH, 6kg SP, 1.75kg DT
High Jump	Y	Y
Pole Vault	Y	Y
Long Jump	Y	Y
Triple Jump	Y	Y
Shot Put	Y	6kg
Discus Throw	Y	1.75kg
Hammer Throw	Y	6kg
Javelin Throw	Y	Y

2.3 Athletes who have obtained at least one (1) AA Qualification Standard within the AA Qualification Period, who meet the Athlete Eligibility Criteria (see Section 5) will be considered for selection (with the exception of the relays, where members will be selected in accordance with Section 4 below).

2.4 Athletes born in 2001 (U18) can compete in a maximum of two (2) events, plus one of the relays. Only one (1) of those two individual events can be a race longer than 200m.

2.5 AA can select up to two athletes per individual event in line with IAAF rules.

2.6 Qualification Performances must be achieved within the AA Qualification Period (see Section 8) and must meet the Performance Eligibility Criteria (see section 9).

3 Selection

Selection Trials will be held for each event with the exception of the men's 10000m, as outlined below;

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EVENT	CHAMPIONSHIP	LOCATION, DATE
All events (with the exception of men's 10,000m, Women's 3000m and the Combined Events)	Australian Junior Athletics Championships, specifically the U20 age group	Sydney 14-18 March 2018
Combined events	Australian Junior Combined Event Championships (held in conjunction with the Victorian Championships), specifically the U20 age group	Melbourne 2-4 March 2018
Women's 3000m	New South Wales Championships, specifically the U20 age group	Sydney 2-4 February 2018

There is no Selection Trial for the men's 10000m. In this event, selection will be at the discretion of selectors (see section 3.3).

3.2 Automatic Selection

3.2.1 For all events (except the men's 10000m) any athlete who wins the Selection Trial and has recorded one (1) AA Qualification Standard within the AA Qualification Period (which includes the Selection Trial) will be automatically selected in the Team.

For the avoidance of doubt, automatic selections under this clause are subject to sections 5, 6 and 7.

3.3 Selection at the Discretion of the Selectors

3.3.1 Following the confirmation of automatic selections, any further selections will be made at the discretion of the Selectors, subject to sections 5, 6 and 7.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Selection of athletes who have achieved an AA Qualification Standard either in the Selection Trial or in any other eligible meeting, but who have not won the selection Trial, is at the discretion of the Selectors.

This discretion is absolute and need not be exercised.

3.3.2 In order to be eligible for discretionary selection, athletes must have achieved the AA Qualification Standard on at least one (1) occasion in the event in which they are seeking selection during the AA Qualification Period.

3.3.3 When exercising their discretion in relation to any athlete under consideration for selection in any event, the Selectors must consider results achieved at the Selection Trials.

3.3.4 To be considered for selection for the Men's 10,000m athletes must make a request to the AA High Performance Director by **8 December 2017** and must have been granted approval in writing. Approval will be granted on the basis of training age and history, and on recommendation from the Junior HP Manager and National Junior Coach Endurance.

4 Relays

4.1 Men's and Women's 4x100m and 4x400m relays will be conducted at the Championships.

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- 4.2 The entry of relay teams and the selection of individuals in relay teams should they be entered will be at the discretion of the selectors. This discretion is absolute and it need not be exercised.
- 4.3 Under IAAF rules any athlete in the Team may be included in the relay race, as participation is not limited to athletes named in the relay squad.
- 4.4 Athletes selected for the "relay only", who did not achieve an AA individual event Qualification Standard in accordance with section 8 and 9, will not be "back-filled" into other events after the selection dates.

5 Athlete Eligibility Criteria

Notwithstanding anything else in this Selection Policy, only athletes who meet the criteria outlined below will be eligible for selection:

- 5.1 Satisfy all IAAF Nationality and World U20 Championship Participation Rules.
- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 Be a registered member of AA through their Member Association.
- 5.4 Complete and submit the online Application for Consideration for Selection form for each event in which the athlete is seeking selection by **18 March 2018**.

The application for Consideration for Selection will be available at www.athletics.com.au

The date for submission of the Application for Selection may be extended at the discretion of the Chairman of Selectors on the recommendation of the High Performance Director.

Note:

- Clause 3.3.4 relating to the Men's 10000m event;
 - Clause 6 for athletes seeking selection in the World Race Walking Team Championships; and
 - Clause 7 for athletes seeking nomination for the Youth Olympic Games.
- 5.5 Be and remain in 'good standing' with AA and at all times comply with AA's Code of Conduct and conduct themselves in a way that does not bring themselves, their sport or the National Team 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.
 - 5.6 Commit to signing and/or abiding by any AA Team Agreement, Code of Conduct and other relevant AA Policies and Procedures as requested from time to time.
 - 5.7 Commit to completing ASADA e-learning level 1 and 2 modules, the National Integrity in Sport, Keep Sport Honest e-learning (anti-match fixing) module and any other integrity education requirements AA sets from time to time.
 - 5.8 Acknowledge and agree to AA's travel plan and arrangements outlined for the 2018 World U20 Championships which will be published at www.athletics.com.au

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6 Eligibility relating to the 2018 IAAF World Race Walking Team Championships

6.1 AA has determined that there will be limited circumstances in which Junior Men and Women would be selected for both the 2018 IAAF World Race Walking Team Championships and the 2018 IAAF World U20 Championships.

6.2 Junior Men and Women who intend to seek selection for both the 2018 IAAF World Race Walking Team Championships and the 2018 IAAF World U20 Championships, must make written request to the AA High Performance Director before **31 January 2018** setting out their training and competition program, and plan for performance at both Championships.

Approval will be granted on the basis of training age and history, and on recommendation from the Junior HP Manager and National Junior Coach Walks.

6.3 Prior to the selection trial for the 2018 IAAF World Race Walking Team Championships, the High Performance Director will advise all athletes in writing of the outcome of their request.

Only athletes who have been granted permission will be eligible for selection in both the IAAF World Race Walking Team Championships and the World U20 Championships.

6.4 For the avoidance of any doubt, unless a request has been granted in advance for selection in both Championships, any athlete who participated in the 2018 IAAF World Race Walking Team Championships will be ineligible for selection in the 2018 IAAF World U20 Championships Team.

7 Eligibility relating to the 2018 Youth Olympic Games

7.1 AA has determined that no athlete will be selected in both the 2018 IAAF World U20 Championships and the 2018 Youth Olympic Games.

7.2 Athletes are permitted to nominate for both the IAAF World U20 Championships and the Youth Olympic Games.

At the time of nomination for the Youth Olympic Games Team, athletes will be required to confirm whether they would prefer to be selected in the Youth Olympic Games or IAAF World U20 Championships, should they be in consideration for both teams.

8 AA Qualification Period

8.1 All qualification performances must be achieved between the following dates:

Events	Qualifying Start	Qualifying End
All events	1 October 2017	23:59 (Australian Eastern Daylight Time) on Sunday 18 March 2018

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9 Eligible Performance Criteria

- 9.1 Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by IAAF, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations. Results achieved at university or school competitions must be certified by AA or the National Federation of the country in which the competition was organised.
- 9.2 Performances must be achieved during an official competition organised in conformity with IAAF Rules.
- 9.3 To be recognised for the purposes of this Policy, performances achieved in Australia must be achieved in a competition sanctioned by AA as an AA "National Permit Meeting". A list of the "National Permit" meets can be found at www.athletics.com.au
- 9.4 For the avoidance of doubt, qualifying standards for the men's and women's 10,000m walk will be accepted if they are achieved in competitions that meet the specific judging requirements required by the IAAF and sanctioned by AA.

The competitions set out in clause 11.5.1, together with the selection trial, are competitions that meet those requirements. All requests in relation to other qualifying opportunities for the men's and women's 10000m walk must be directed to the Competitions Manager at AA.

- 9.5 Performances achieved in mixed events (male & female), will only be accepted for Men's and Women's 10,000m Walk. For the avoidance of any doubt, performances achieved in mixed events for all other events will not be accepted.
- 9.6 Wind assisted performances outside of the limits set out below will not be accepted. Outdoor performances in 100m, 200m, 110m Hurdles, 100m Hurdles, Long Jump, Triple Jump and Combined Events must accompanied by wind gauge readings.
- 9.6.1 For 100m, 200m, 110m Hurdles, 100m Hurdles, Long Jump, Triple Jump the wind reading must not be above 2.0m/s (see IAAF rules 260.22.d and 260.26.b)
- 9.6.2 For Combined Events the average wind reading must not be above 2.0m/s (see IAAF rule 260.27)
- 9.7 Hand-timed performances for events up to and including 800m will not be accepted.
- 9.8 Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 400m and longer, will be accepted.
- 9.9 For race walks, road performances will be accepted.
- 9.10 For events 200m and over, performances achieved on over-sized tracks will not be accepted.
- 9.11 Performances must be achieved in a competition where a minimum of three athletes are competing.
- 9.11.1 For throwing events, all three athletes must be competing with the same implement specifications.
- 9.11.2 For hurdle events, all three athletes must be competing with the same hurdle heights.

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10 Selection Meetings

There will be two selection meetings to determine the athletes who will be selected:

EVENTS	DATE
Combined Events and women's 3000m	The week after the 2018 Australian Junior Combined Event Championships, commencing 5 March 2018
All other events	The week after the Australian Junior Athletics Championships (the "Nationals"), commencing 19 March 2018

11 Prioritising athletes

Where the selectors have a choice between two or more athletes for selection for a particular individual (non-relay) event, they will prioritise selection in the following order:

- 11.1 Potential to win a medal at the 2018 World U20 Championships,
- 11.2 Potential to finish in the top 8 at the 2018 World U20 Championships,
- 11.3 Potential to finish in the top 16 at the 2018 World U20 Championships,
- 11.4 Potential to finish in the top 8 at a future Olympic Games or IAAF World Athletics Championships.
- 11.5 If two or more athletes are considered equally likely to meet one of the criteria above (e.g. if the selectors consider that two or more athletes are equally likely to finish in the top 16) then the selectors will prioritise in the following order:
 - 11.5.1 Head to Head performance against potential World U20 rivals at the following competitions:
 - 2018 World U20 Championships Selection Trial (as per clause 3.1)
 - 2017 Commonwealth Youth Games
 - Australian Athletics Championships
 - Australian All Schools Championships
 - Member Association State Championships (all ages)
 - Member Association Schools Championships
 - 11.5.2 Recent form and fitness.
- 11.6 When considering all the matters set out in sub-sections 11.1 to 11.5, AA's selectors are acting as experts and will form opinions about those matters.
- 11.7 For the avoidance of doubt only athletes who have met the Eligibility Requirements (see Sections 2 and 5) may be selected. Furthermore, the selection of any athlete is at the absolute discretion of AA.

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12 Performance requirements after selection

Athletes selected in the Team for the IAAF World U20 Championships in Tampere, Finland according to the process and criteria set out in this Policy will be required to prove their fitness to compete in the World U20 Championships by the achievement of pre-Australia departure standard to be set by the High Performance Director, in consultation with the Junior High Performance Manager and relevant AA National Junior Coaches.

Failure by a selected athlete to meet the pre-Australia departure standard will, at the discretion of the Director of High Performance in consultation with the Junior High Performance Manager, result in an athlete who has been selected in the Team being withdrawn from the World U20 Championship Team.

13 Funding

Selected athletes will be required to pay a levy. It is expected the levy for selected athletes will be in the vicinity of \$4,000.

14 Appeal Process

The appeal process can be found in the AA By-Laws (section 8) available at www.athletics.com.au.

15 Amendment to Policy

This Policy can be amended at any time by AA if it is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary as a result of any change to the Participation Rules, to give effect to the Policy following discovery of a drafting error or oversight, or for any other reason determined to be in the best interests of AA. AA shall not be responsible or liable in any way to any one as a result of any such amendment.

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Appendix 1 – Qualification Standards

MEN	EVENT	WOMEN
10.55	100m	11.80
21.28	200m	24.07
47.35	400m	54.37
1:50.00	800m	2:06.80
3:48.00	1500m	4:21.40
N/A	3000m	9:33.80
14:15.00	5000m	16:40.00
30:47.50	10,000m	N/A
13.93 (99cm)	110m H / 100m H	13.78
52.09	400m H	59.95
08:59.40	3000m SC	10:30.20
43:07.00	10,000m Walk	48:11.70
7200 (99cm 110mH, 6kg SP, 1.75kg DT)	Decathlon / Heptathlon	5300
2.16	High Jump	1.82
5.10	Pole Vault	4.05
7.55	Long Jump	6.15
15.60	Triple Jump	12.85
18.35 (6kg)	Shot Put	14.50
56.00 (1.75kg)	Discus Throw	48.00
68.50 (6kg)	Hammer Throw	57.00
68.70	Javelin Throw	50.00
N/A	4x100m Relay	N/A
N/A	4x400m Relay	N/A