

ATHLETICS TASMANIA

SELECTION CRITERIA – WINTER COMPETITION 2018

1. Introduction:

This is an Athletics Tasmania policy document that details the conditions under which an athlete can qualify for selection in Tasmanian Teams to compete in the following Australian Cross Country Championship events in 2018:

- *Australian Cross Country Championships, Sunshine Coast, QLD, 25 August*
- *Schools Sport Australia Cross Country Championships & Australian Primary Cross Country Exchange, Sunshine Coast, QLD 24-27 August*

This policy document will provide selection criteria conditions that an athlete must meet before they can be considered for selection in Tasmanian teams for the above Australian Championship events.

2. Athletics Tasmania Selection Objective:

Athletics Tasmania's selection philosophy is to select athletes in Tasmanian teams whose current results indicate that the athlete is capable of being competitive at the national level and will be a worthy representative of Tasmanian athletics. Given that the Australian Cross Country Championships are to be held in Queensland in 2018 it is the intention of Athletics Tasmania to try to field a maximum team of 30 in the Primary Cross Country Exchange and a team of around 50 secondary students, while maintaining a suitable level of ability of representation.

3. Selection Guidelines:

3.1 Australian Cross Country Championships

Event	Dist.	Max team Number	Automatic Selection
Men Open	10km	6	3
Men U20	8km	6	2*
Women Open	10km	6	3
Women U20	6km	6	2*

Additional athletes may be added to the team at the discretion of the AT Selection Panel. * denotes that athletes in under 20 must be competitive and highly capable of running the distance strongly.

Selection Event - Tasmanian Cross Country Championships
Rokeby – 21st July 2018.

Eligibility - to be eligible for selection in the Tasmanian Team for the above Championships athletes must:

- Compete at the Tasmanian Cross Country Championships at Rokeby (21st July 2018) in the event in which they wish to qualify (exemptions noted below).
- Be a registered member of Athletics Tasmania

Nomination Process

Nomination forms will be available on the website and the form will note the automatic and discretionary selection process. Athletes must indicate to AT they wish to be considered by submitting the nomination form by 5.00pm on the following Monday (23rd July 2018). Athletes who have competed at the selection event may be added after this date, subject to positions remaining in the team.

Selection Process

The first three (3) placegetters in each open event will be selected automatically upon nomination. Other athletes may be added to the team at the discretion of the AT Selection Panel. The under 20 athletes must show to be competitive at a national level.

Any registered athlete may compete in the Australian Cross Country Championships as an individual open athlete. See the Athletics Tasmania website for more details. <http://www.tasathletics.org.au/>

Note

- 3.1.1 An athlete who is sick or injured on the day of the selection event and wishes to be considered for selection must provide a medical certificate to the Chairman of the AT Winter Selection Panel certifying their inability to compete at the Tasmanian Cross Country Championships. The athlete must also provide evidence of recent performances that the selectors may take into consideration when considering eligibility for selection. This must be provided no later than two days **after** the completion of the selection event (5pm Monday 23 July 2018). Strong domestic results will not guarantee athletes selection.
- 3.1.2 An athlete who cannot compete on the day of the selection event, for any other reason than injury or illness, and wishes to be considered for selection must provide written reasons to the Chairman of the AT Selection Panel outlining their reasons for not competing at the Tasmanian Cross Country Championships. The athlete must also provide evidence of recent performances that the selectors may take into consideration when considering eligibility for selection. These details must be provided no later than the day **before** the selection event. The AT Selection Panel will rule whether the nominated reason provided by the athlete is considered serious enough for the athlete to be still eligible for selection. The AT Selection Panel decision will be final.

3.2 Australian Schools Sport Cross Country Championships.

*Important note for 2018; For this event, athletes **will not** be staying with team management for Primary or Secondary. All selected athletes will need to have private accommodation arrangements. Also note that as the event commitment is from 1pm Friday until 3pm Monday, it may be necessary for athletes to fly up on Thursday and back on Tuesday. Any athlete not able to make this commitment will not be selected.*

Also, the levy paid by athletes in the U/18 and below, will include the Schools Sport event entry fee. If any athlete also wants to be entered in the Athletics Australia event, they will be required to pay the additional entry fee as set by Athletics Australia, prior to the close of AA entries.

Event	Dist.	Automatic Selection
Under 14 Women	3km	6
Under 16 Women	4km	6
Under 18 Women	4km	6
Under 20 Women	6km	2
Under 14 Men	3km	6
Under 16 Men	4km	6
Under 18 Men	6km	6
Under 20 Men	8km	2

Additional athletes may be added to the team at the discretion of the AT Selection Panel. Discretionary selection will apply to athletes wishing to be considered for the AWD events as follows:

AWD Event	Dist.	Maximum Selections
Under 14 Women	3km	2
Under 16 Women	3km	2
Under 20 Women	3km	2
Under 14 Men	3km	2
Under 16 Men	3km	2
Under 20 Men	3km	2

Selection Event – Tasmanian All Schools Secondary Cross Country Championships. Tuesday the 3rd July, 2018 at Symmons Plains.

Eligibility - to be eligible for selection in the Tasmanian Team for the above Championship athletes must:

- be under the specified age for the age group as of 31 December 2018.
- be a bona fide school student. (Athletes in the under 18 and under 20 age groups who have left school will need to compete at the Tasmanian Cross

Country Championships as detailed above).

- compete in the Tasmanian All Schools Secondary Cross Country Championships, Symmons Plains (exemptions noted below).

Selection Process (Please note the combined results for under 16's and under 18's):

The first six (6) placegetters in the U14 Men's and U14 Women's events will be selected automatically. Other athletes may be added to the team at the discretion of the AT Selection Panel.

The six (6) fastest placegetters from the combined results of the U15 and U16 Men's and U15 and U16 Women's events will be automatically selected for the U16 Men's and Women's teams. Other athletes may be added to the team at the discretion of the AT Selection Panel.

The six (6) fastest placegetters from the combined results of the U17 and U18 Men's and U17 and U18 Women's events will be automatically selected for the U18 Men's and Women's teams. Other athletes may be added to the team at the discretion of the AT Selection Panel.

The first two (2) placegetters in the U20 Men's 6km and Women's 4km events will be selected automatically provided they are competitive. Other athletes may be added to the team at the discretion of the AT Selection Panel. **Note that in the Australian Championships the distances will be 8km and 6km respectively.**

Under 18 athletes who are not attending school but wish to qualify for individual selection in the U18 Tasmanian team to compete in the Australian Championships will need to race in the appropriate event at the Tasmanian Cross Country Championships. The AT Selection Panel will monitor their results and will have the discretion to include any such athlete in the Tasmanian team.

Nomination Process

All athletes who are in contention for selection will be handed nomination information at the completion of their event. At the earliest possible opportunity on Tuesday 3 July, the list of athletes provisionally selected will be placed on the Athletics Tasmania website. An online confirmation module will be activated, and athletes provisionally selected must indicate to Athletics Tasmania they wish to accept the nomination by registering through that module and paying the levy figure as advised no later than 5.00pm on Thursday 5 July. Should an athlete not accept their selection by that time, or have contacted the Chairman of Selectors **prior to that cut off**, the spot may be offered to another athlete.

Those athletes who are not in the selected team, who received paperwork and finished in the top 8 for their age group when results are combined, will be required to advise the Chairman of Selectors by email no later than 5.00pm on Thursday 5 July if they wish to be considered for any positions which become available. Should a spot become available, the selectors may offer a spot to that athlete, and payment shall be required to be made no later than 5pm on the date advised to the contact.

Note

3.2.1 An athlete who is sick or injured on the day of the selection event, and wishes to be considered for selection, must provide a medical certificate to the Chairman of the AT Selection Panel certifying their inability to compete at the Tasmanian All Schools Cross Country Championships (Symmons Plains). The athlete must also provide evidence of recent performances that the selectors may take into consideration when considering eligibility for selection. This must be provided no later than 5pm on the day **after** the completion of the event at Symmons Plains.

3.2.2 An athlete who cannot compete on the day of the selection event for any other reason than injury or illness, and wishes to be considered for selection, must provide written reasons to the Chairman of the AT Selection Panel outlining their reasons for not competing at the Tasmanian All School Cross Country Championships. The athlete must also provide evidence of recent performances that the selectors may take into consideration when considering eligibility for selection. This must be provided no later than the day **before** the selection event at Symmons Plains

3.3 Australian (Cross Country) Primary Exchange

Event	Dist.	Max Team Number	Automatic Selection	Discretionary Selection
Boys 12	3km	6	6	0
Boys 11	3km	6	6	0
Boys 10	2km	6	6	0
Girls 12	3km	6	6	0
Girls 11	3km	6	6	0
Girls 10	2km	6	6	0

Event	Dist.	Max Team Number	Automatic Selection	Discretionary Selection
AWD Boys 12	2km	2	0	2
AWD Boys 11	2km	2	0	2
AWD Boys 10	2km	2	0	2
AWD Girls 12	2km	2	0	2
AWD Girls 11	2km	2	0	2
AWD Girls 10	2km	2	0	2

Selection Event - Tasmanian All Schools Primary Cross Country Championships, Symmon's Plains, Tuesday 26th June 2018

Eligibility - to be eligible for selection in the Tasmanian Team for the above Championship athletes must:

- be of the specified age for the age group as of 31 December 2018
- be a bona fide school student.
- compete at the Tasmanian All Schools Primary Cross Country Championships, Symmon's Plains.

- Commit to all activities of the Tasmanian team from 24-27 August inclusive;

Selection Process

The first six (6) placegetters in each event will be selected automatically for the Tasmanian (Cross Country) Primary Exchange team.

If athletes who have earned automatic selection choose not to accept their places on the team other athletes (to a maximum of five athletes per event) may be added to the team at the discretion of the AT Selection Panel.

Nomination Process

All athletes who are automatically selected will be handed nomination information at the completion of their event. An online confirmation module will be activated, and athletes must indicate to Athletics Tasmania they wish to accept the nomination by registering through that module and paying the levy as indicated on that paperwork no later than 5.00pm on Thursday 28 June. Should an athlete not accept their selection by that time, or have contacted the Chairman of Selectors **prior to that cut off**, the spot may be offered to another athlete.

The next 3-4 athletes in each event (final amount to be determined by selectors on a race by race basis) will be handed information which will allow them to indicate to selectors that they wish to be considered should a position become available. Should a spot become available, the selectors may offer a spot to that athlete, and payment shall be required to be made no later than 5pm on the date advised to the contact.

It is the intention of the selectors to have the final team named by Tuesday 3 July.

Relay Component – please note that where sufficient athletes are selected in an age group for Tasmania to participate in the relay component of the Championships that the first five athletes in each age group will comprise the team. The remaining athlete (if any) shall be eligible to take part in the time trial event. The Team Manager shall have the discretion to vary team composition taking into account performances in the individual/team races, illness and injury.

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APPENDIX A - SSA REGULATIONS FOR AWD EVENTS AT AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Qualifying Standards: ALL athletes MUST meet a qualifying time set for each disability class in each gender. The qualifying times for AWD athletes will be according to a table of standards which can be found at Schedule G of the following School Sport Australia link: _

<http://www.schoolsport.edu.au/lib/pdf/sportsinfo/mf2643.pdf>

Classification: – Classification documentation for their disability category should be completed prior to the Australian Championships. This documentation must be forwarded to the School Sport Officer of the host state at least 3 weeks prior to the Australian Cross Country Championships.

NOTE: An AWD must choose prior to competing whether they will compete as an AWD or with their peers. If competing as an AWD they must complete the classification documentation.

Results: Placings for all AWD events will be determined using the multi-disability set by AA for 1500m races in relation to the distance run for each even (individual cross-country, relays and time trials).

Eligible Classifications: Intellectually Disabled – ID (T20), Hearing Impaired – HI (T01), Physical Impairment (PI) This will be restricted to Cerebral Palsy – T35, T36, T37 or T38 or Amputee T 44, 45, 46 or Visually Impaired – T11, T12 and T13. T12 athletes must run with a guide and T13 athletes can elect to have a sighted guide runner.

Hearing aids will be removed on the line one minute prior to the start or after all final instructions have been given, whichever is the latter.