



ATHLETICS TASMANIA SELECTION MEMO

2019 Australian Athletics Championships
Monday 1st April to Sunday 7th April 2019
Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre (SOPAC), Sydney, NSW

This is an Athletics Tasmania document to inform athletes and coaches the selection process for the Australian Championships to be held in Sydney in April 2019; please note that both Junior and Open National Championships are being held concurrently in 2019.

There will be **no official selection** trial for athletes wishing to be to be selected in the Tasmanian team to compete in the 2019 Australian Athletics Championships.

- i.) Athletes wishing to be selected for the team **MUST** be currently registered members of Athletics Tasmania. Athletes must have competed at least once during the 2018-19 track and field season in an Athletics Tasmania or Athletics Australia sanctioned competition.
- ii.) Athletes must be age eligible as at 31 December 2019. **Athletes may not compete in the same or similar event in more than two age groups.** Additionally athletes may not compete in both under 17 and under 18, nor in both under 15 and under 16. More details are available at <http://www.athletics.com.au>

Athletes qualify via the following mechanisms:

1. Reaching the Athletics Australia Qualification Standard
Able bodied:
<http://athletics.com.au/Portals/56/Competition/Documents/2019/Standards%202018-19%20Proposed.pdf>
Para (OPEN):
<http://athletics.com.au/Portals/56/Competition/Documents/2019/2018-19%20Para%20Athletics%20Open%20Qualification%20Standards.pdf>
Para (JUNIOR):
<http://athletics.com.au/Portals/56/Competition/Documents/2019/2018-19%20Para%20Athletics%20Underage%20Qualification%20Standards.pdf>
2. Finishing 1st, 2nd or 3rd at Tasmanian All Schools or Tasmanian Championships
(Please note: if a top-3 placed athlete did not reach the qualifying standard at the Tasmanian All Schools, the expectation is that they compete at the Tasmanian Age Championships to be considered for selection – any queries regarding this should be directed to the Chairman of Selectors)



Athletes who have not achieved the Athletics Australia Entry Standard **MUST** have competed in the events in which they wish to be selected in at the Tasmanian Age or Open Championships (in their correct age group as at 31st December 2019). It is Athletics Tasmania's expectation that all athletes who wish to compete at the Australian Championships compete at the Tasmanian Championships.

Junior athletes who wish to compete at the Australian Championships are required to **nominate** via the OST Online Portal: <https://19ausagetandfchamps.eventdesq.com/> by **Thursday 28 February, 2019**.

Please note: **ALL UNDER 18 ATHLETES WISHING TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SELECTION STILL NEED TO NOMINATE THROUGH THIS PORTAL.**

The State Team levy will be applied once athletes enter for Nationals with additional costs for event entries applied. Member Associations will then be sent a list of all entries to verify athlete's eligibility.

All Junior athletes (up to and including U/20) must compete in Athletics Tasmania competition uniform.

As per usual, State Junior relays will be selected from athletes qualified for the championships. If an athlete does not qualify but would like to be considered for State Relays, please email the Chairman of Selectors.

Steps for athletes wishing to be part of the state team:

- *Enter the State Championships*
- *Nominate for the National Championships*
- *Enter the National Championships*

A list of athletes who have achieved the National Qualifying Standards for applicable age groups will be placed on the Athletics Tasmania website after the Tasmanian Age Championships in Penguin. Should there be any errors or omissions, the athlete (or his/her representative) should contact our statisticians Brandon Clark or Kev Morse with the relevant information. This is particularly important for athletes competing in the under 14 age group.

All contact in relation to State Team arrangements must be directed only to the State Team Manager, Yvette Edward. Email: stateteammanager@tasathletics.org.au

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