



Nomination Policy Information Session

Information Session for interested parties related to the Selection of the
Australian Team for the 2024 World Cross Country Championships
Serbia, Belgrade

CAVEAT

- Any discussion in this forum or any statements within the presentation or any other discussion/presentation cannot be taken as stand alone information regarding selection. All selections are based on the published 2024 World Cross Country Selection policy and that policy only - which must be understood in full.
- Only the Chair of Selectors may speak on selection matters, others passing comments (including AA staff) have no standing on selection.

WHAT HAS CHANGED? (compared to WXC 2023)

- Performance standards so a full team cannot be assumed
- Will not select a relay team
- Less convenient time for the Championships (leading into the Australian Track and Field Championships)

THE POLICY - MAIN POINTS

- Responsibility
 - To avoid any possible miscommunication, the only person who can provide valid advice in relation to the policy is the Chair of Selectors, any other advice is invalid.
- Aim
 - Team selection is guided by the desire to achieve the highest finishing position for both individuals and teams.
- Team Size
 - Only athletes who clearly show they are in good shape will be considered, it is not expected to be a full team as was the case when the Championships were in Australia.
- Trial
 - Athletes are expected to compete in the trial to show form as the trial is not long before the Championships.
- When announced
 - As soon as possible after the trial (allowing for appeals)

Q & A - PART 1

- I have not included any questions which are not directly related to the task of the selectors in nominating the team as other matters are outside of our scope.
- What Role do the National Coaches have in Selection?
 - National coaches have never had a role and do not have a role in selection going forward. All personal coaches are able to provide updates on their athlete's status and preparation (or indeed the athletes themselves) to the selectors for consideration, however this is only as information.
- Who are the selectors?
 - Nicole Boegman-Stewart
 - Shaun Creighton
 - Chris Erickson
 - Peter Hamilton (Chair)
 - Marian O'Shaughnessy
 - Caitlin Pincott

Q & A – PART 2

- What is the minimum age for athletes
 - From the World Athletics Technical Regulations
 - Athletes aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December of the year of the competition may compete in the Senior race or the U20 race
 - Athletes aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December of the year competition may only compete in the U20 race
 - No athlete younger than 16 years of age on 31 December in the year of the competition may be entered or permitted to compete.

RESOURCES

- [Australian Team Information](#)
- [Australian Nomination Policy](#)
- Further Questions?
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