



Regional Australia Team

Selection Policy

**Oceania Melanesian Championships
Lautoka, Fiji 24-25 June 2020**

1. Introduction

This document sets out the basis on which Athletics North Queensland and Queensland Athletics will select the Regional Australia Team for the 2020 Oceania Melanesian Championships to be held in Lautoka, Fiji between the 24-25 June 2020

The Team will include members in Youth (Under 18), Junior (Under 20) and Open categories. Different selection criteria (set out below) will apply to selection of the team for athletes competing in different age groups.

The Regional Australia Team is an Invitational team at the 2020 Oceania Melanesian Championships. Athletes in the team will be eligible for invitational medals, however, they may only receive result scores for their performance, regardless of their original position indicated in the official results of the competition.

This Policy can be amended at any time by Athletics North Queensland and Queensland Athletics if they are in an opinion that such an amendment is necessary as a result of any change in 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 Athletics North Queensland and Queensland Athletics. Athletics North Queensland and Queensland Athletics shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone as a result of any such amendment.

2. Selection Philosophy

Athletics North Queensland and Queensland Athletics sees the Oceania Melanesian Championships as an opportunity to expose athletes to an international event where they will compete against the best athletes from around the Oceania Region and beyond.

For Under 18 and 20 athletes the Oceania Melanesian Championships provides a competition and educational opportunity appropriate for Under 18 athletes who have generally not had the chance to participate in regular and/or international level competition. This is also an opportunity to provide team experience and associated educational opportunities for enthusiastic and committed coaches and other team staff who reside in Australia, especially those in isolated areas.

3. Eligibility

1. Only those athletes who qualify according to this clause 3.1 will be eligible for selection in the Team:

- Be a citizen of Australia
- Be a registered member of Athletics Australia through an affiliated body or club
- Complete and submit the Application for Consideration for Selection by **Friday 13th March 2020**
- Remain in 'good standing' with Athletics North Queensland / Queensland Athletics and at all times comply with Athletics North Queensland / Queensland Athletics Code of Conduct and otherwise conduct themselves in a way that does not bring their sport or the national team into disrepute.
- Have a current Passport – valid for a least 6 months from the time athletes arrive back into Australia from Fiji.

2. In addition to meeting all the eligibility requirements set out in 3.1 above, athletes seeking selection in the Under 18 events must comply with the additional requirements set out in this clause 3.2.

- Athletes must have reached a minimum age of 15 years by the 31st December 2020.

4. Selection Criteria

Up to three (3) athletes can be selected in priority order of their ranking as of 29 March 2020, provided they have achieved the performance standard. Performances will only be considered in competitions from 24 June 2019 – 29 March 2020. Athlete slots will be made up of:

1. Athletes who have their normal place of residence in either athletically remote area of Australia or Northern Australian:
 - a. Athletically remote area of Australia or Northern Australian - defined as being a place where an athlete is resident and/or educated) in an “athletically remote area” of Australia (defined as a being a place more than 200km from a capital city or “Northern Australia” (defined as comprising the Northern Territory, parts of Western Australia and North Queensland, north of 26th parallel south latitude).
 - b. Regional Australia Team defines a Capital City as: A population greater than 245,000 that has athletics facilities / resources to support a strong growth in athletics, that runs regular interclub or greater competitions in the athletics season.

2. In the instance that an event slot is unfilled after nominations close, selectors may fill these spots from nominations submitted before the closing date, regardless of their residential location. This process will depend on:
 - a. The maximum size that the team can send due to championships logistics
3. Athletes should consider the Performance Standards in section 9 as a guideline to the performance level required for selection. **Achievement of the standard does not give an athlete a right to selection in the Team.**

5. Funding

This will be a wholly self-funded Team (travel, accommodation, levies and team uniform together with all other associated expenses).

A team levy is required to be paid within 7 days after athletes get notified of their selection into the team. The team levy will cover accommodation, meals, uniforms, competition fees and ground transport in Fiji. The levy will also cover international flights (refer to travel section in this document).

As a guide, the average cost per athlete for team levies and international travel is between \$1,800 and \$2,100 per athlete.

6. Announcement of the Team

The Team will be publicly announced no later than the week beginning 13 April 2020

7. Accommodation

It is mandatory that all members of the Regional Australia team stay at the team accommodation for the duration of the Championships.

8. Travel

The team at present will arrive into Fiji on Sunday 21st June and Depart on Friday 26th June. This will be confirmed once nominations close in March 2020.

Athlete airfares, covered in the team levies, will be organised from selected departing International Airports by the Athletics North Queensland office. International airports used include:

- Brisbane – Fiji Return
- Sydney – Fiji Return
- Melbourne – Fiji Return

Athletes will be notified which airport they will be departing from in April 2020.

It is the athletes' responsibility to organise and pay for domestic travel within Australia to one of the above international airports. Athletes are also responsible for their own travel insurance.

Travel within Fiji is organised by the team and is included in the team levies.

9. Performance Standards

	Open Men	Open Women	U20 Men	U20 Women	U18 Men	U18 Women	Para
100m	11.30	13.20	11.80	13.60	11.80	13.70	✓
200m	23.30	27.00	24.00	27.50	24.20	28.00	✓
400m	51.00	59.00	55.00	62.00	58.00	63.00	✓
800m	2.05.00	2.23.00	2.15.00	2.40.00	2.15.00	2.45.00	✓
1500m	4.20.00	5.20.00	4.30.00	5.25.00	4.40.00	5.30.00	✓
2000m Steeplechase					7.44.00	9.00.00	
3000m Steeplechase	11.00.00	13.00.00	12.00.00	15.00.00			
3000m					10.00.00	12.00.00	
5000m	17.20.00	22.30.00	17.45.00	24.30.00			
100m Hurdles		17.00		18.00		19.00	
110m Hurdles	17.00		17.00		17.00		
400m Hurdles	60.00	68.00	63.00	72.00	68.00	76.00	
Long Jump	6.00	4.80	5.60	4.60	5.40	4.40	✓
Triple Jump	12.00	10.50	11.60	10.25	11.20	10.00	
High Jump	1.75	1.50	1.65	1.35	1.55	1.25	
Pole Vault	3.40	3.00	3.00	2.70	2.70	2.40	
Discus	36.00	30.00	34.00	29.00	32.00	28.00	✓
Hammer	40.00	32.00	32.00	30.00	30.00	28.00	
Javelin	45.00	32.00	40.00	31.00	35.00	30.00	✓
Shot Put	12.50	10.00	11.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	✓
4x100m Relay	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
4x400m Relay	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Mixed 4x400m Relay			✓				
Mixed Medley Relay			✓				

Para events will be conducted with able bodied events where possible. If fields are big enough the events will be conducted separately.

Para events will be scored using Multi-Disciplinary Scoring