

## Selection Criteria

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### 1 Introduction

- 1.1 The following document outlines the criteria for athletes wishing to be selected to represent New South Wales in the 2023 Australian Cross Country Championships.
- 1.2 This Selection Criteria can be amended at any time by Athletics NSW if it is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary as a result in any change made by Athletics Australia in its participation rules, to give effect to the criteria following discovery of a drafting error or oversight or for any other reason determined to be in the best interests of Athletics NSW.
- 1.3 This document should be read in conjunction with Athletics NSW Selection and Appeals Policy available on the Athletics NSW [website](#).

### 2 Applicable Competition

- 2.1 Event: 2023 Australian Cross Country Championships.
- 2.2 Date: TBC by Athletics Australia.
- 2.3 Venue: TBC by Athletics Australia.

### 3 Age Groups and Events

- 3.1 Athletics NSW will select participants in the following age groups;

Division	Women	Men	Eligible Top Age
AA OPEN (inc. U/23)	10km	10km	Open Age
AA Under 20	6km	8km	Born in 2004/2005 (19/18 years)
AA Under 18	4km	6km	Born in 2006 (17 years)
AA Under 17	4km	6km	Born in 2007 (16 years)
AA Under 16	4km	4km	Born in 2008 (15 years)
AA Under 15	4km	4km	Born in 2009 (14 years)
AA Under 14	3km	3km	Born in 2010/2011 (13/12 years)
AA Open Para	3km	3km	Open Age

<b>AA Under 20 Para</b>	3km	3km	Born in 2004/2005/2006 (17/18/19 years)
<b>AA Under 17 Para</b>	3km	3km	Born in 2007/2008 (15/16 years)
<b>AA Under 15 Para</b>	3km	3km	Born in 2009/2010 (13/14 years)

- 3.2 In the Under 14, Under 15, Under 16, Under 17, Under 18 and all Para events, Athletics NSW will select a team of up to ten (10) athletes for each age gender group.
- 3.3 In the Open and Under 20 age groups, six (6) athletes will be selected as part of the NSW team for each age-gender group. The Selectors will identify reserves (who are still able to compete) for each age gender group. There is no limit to the number of reserves that may be selected.
- 3.4 Event entry criteria for the 2023 Australian Cross Country Championships permits athletes in the Under 20 and Open age groups, not selected as a NSW Team member, to compete as an Additional Competitor (AC). Additional Competitors may be promoted to a team member or reserve at any time at the discretion of the Selectors.

#### **4 Performance Criteria (U14, U15, U16, U17, U18 and Para Events)**

- 4.1 Selections for athletes wishing to contest the Under 14, Under 15, Under 16, Under 17, Under 18 and all Para events will be as follows;
- (a) Finish 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> in the corresponding age/gender event at the NSW Cross Country Championships (17 June 2023).
  - (b) At the NSW Short Course Cross Country Championships (8 July 2023), the three (3) highest ranked athletes in each age/gender, not selected at the NSW Cross Country Championships as per 4.1 (a) will be selected. By way of example only, an athlete who finishes 1<sup>st</sup> in the NSW Cross Country Championships will not be considered one of the top 4 highest ranked athletes at the NSW Short Course Cross Country Championships for the purposes of NSW Team Selection.
  - (c) Where a qualified athlete declines selection to the NSW Team, a Roll Down will take place.
  - (d) The position will be offered to the next eligible athlete based on performances from the NSW Cross Country Championships (17<sup>th</sup> June).
  - (e) The Roll Down is only applicable to eligible athletes who nominate for NSW Team Selection as per 8.1 of this criteria.
  - (f) The Roll Down will only take place up to the 5:00pm Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023. After this time, the position will be left vacant.

#### **5 Performance Criteria (Open and Under 20)**

- 5.1 Selections for athletes seeking to contest the Open and Under 20 age groups will be as follows;
- (a) Finish 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in the corresponding age/gender event at the NSW Cross Country Championships (17 June 2023) will automatically be selected in the NSW Team.
  - (b) Finish 1<sup>st</sup> in the corresponding age/gender event at the NSW Short Course Cross Country Championships (8 July 2023) will automatically be selected in the NSW Team.

- (c) Remaining positions required to compete the NSW Team of six (6) per age/gender, Selectors, will have sole discretion, but will place emphasis on individual performances at:
  - (i) NSW Cross Country Championships (17<sup>th</sup> June 2023)
  - (ii) NSW Short Course Cross Country Championships (8 July 2023) and;
  - (iii) other events in the 2023 Waratah Winter series

## **6 Prerequisites For Selection**

- 6.1 All Athletes in the Under 14, Under 15, Under 16, Under 17 & Under 18 events wishing to compete in the Australian Cross Country Championships (regardless of method of selection) must participate in two (2) of the following events through the Waratah Winter Season;
  - (a) St George Classic
  - (b) NSW Road Championships (part of the Sydney 10)
  - (c) NSW Cross Country Relay Championships
  - (d) NSW Cross Country Championships
  - (e) NSW Short Course Cross Country Championships
- 6.2 All athletes wishing to be considered in the Open and Under 20 and all para events, must participate in one (1) of the following events throughout the Waratah Winter Season;
  - (a) St George Classic
  - (b) NSW Road Championships (part of the Sydney 10)
  - (c) NSW Cross Country Relay Championships
  - (d) NSW Cross Country Championships
  - (e) NSW Short Course Cross Country Championships
- 6.3 To be eligible to be selected in the Athletics NSW team, athletes must not have been selected (and accept their position) in the School Sport NSW team.

## **7 Exemptions**

- 7.1 There are no exemptions from the performance criteria as outlined in section 4. Athletes in the U14-U18 age groups must qualify via their performances at 4.1 (a) or 4.1 (b)
- 7.2 Exemptions from the minimum number of events an athlete must participate in (as outlined in 6.1 and 6.2) may be provided for the following reasons;
  - (a) The athlete competing overseas and could not fulfil this requirement
  - (b) The athlete is prevented from participating at times throughout the season due to illness and injury (medical certificate must be provided)
  - (c) Athletes who live over 200km away from the Sydney CBD
  - (d) Exceptional circumstances.
- 7.3 All exemptions must be submitted with the appropriate supporting documentation to Athletics NSW no later than 12:00pm Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023 via the form available on the Athletics NSW website.

## **8 Championship Entry / NSW Team Nomination**

- 8.1 All athletes (even if they qualify automatically via Section 4 or 5) must complete their own nomination via the Athletics NSW nomination form. Nominations will be open from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and close 12:00pm Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023.
- 8.2 Athletes who do not nominate by this date are ineligible for NSW Team selection.
- 8.3 Athletes that don't qualify automatically for Selection as per 4.1 (a) or (b) and wish to be considered for a Roll Down position as per 4.1 (c) must complete the nomination form.

## **9 Further Obligations After Selection**

- 9.1 After nominations close, successful athletes will be contacted with a link to complete their entry to the Championships. Athletes must;
  - (a) Pay the nominated Athletics NSW levy
  - (c) Pay the Athletics Australia Entry fee
  - (d) Reconfirm agreement to the Athletics NSW Code of Conduct
  - (e) Complete online the Sport Integrity Australia training as determined by Athletics NSW.
- 9.2 Athletes must complete their entry no later than Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Athletes that have not completed the requirements as outlined in 9.1 will have their entry removed and offered to the next available athlete.
- 9.3 In addition to the Athletics NSW Team levy and Athletics Australia entry fee, athletes will be responsible for their own travel and accommodation arrangements including all other costs associated with attending and participating at the Championships.
- 9.4 All athletes must complete in the current NSW Team uniform.
- 9.5 Compulsory minimum NSW Team uniform requirements include:
  - (a) Male – Men's Singlet (Top) and Men's Running Shorts or Men's Compression Shorts (Bottoms)
  - (b) Female - Performance Crop Top or Ladies Singlet (Top) and Ladies Running Brief or Ladies Compression Shorts (Bottoms)

## **10 Appeals**

- 10.1 At times, individuals may believe that the application of the selection policy, decision or selection for individuals in ANSW representative teams has not been fair or equitable. An individual athlete may submit a notice to appeal in accordance with the ANSW Selection and Appeals Policy available on the [ANSW website here](#).
- 10.2 Before submitting a notice of appeal, the Appellant must first have met (via phone or in person) and discussed the grounds for appealing with the Chair of the Selection Panel. The Chair can be contacted via the Athletics NSW Office.