

ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA
SELECTION POLICY
13th IAAF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN ATHLETICS
DAEGU, KOREA
27 AUGUST 2011 - 4 SEPTEMBER 2011

1. Introduction

This document sets out the basis on which Athletics Australia will select its Team for the 2011 World Championships in Daegu, Korea.

This Policy can be amended at any time by Athletics Australia if Athletics Australia is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary as a result of any change in IAAF's 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 Australia.

2. Selection Philosophy

Athletics Australia's view is that in order for the sport of track and field athletics to prosper and grow in Australia, Athletics Australia must be able to "showcase" its high profile athletes during a Domestic Season. For this reason it is an eligibility requirement for selection in the Team that athletes, if requested, compete in the Australian Athletics Tour **and** that **all athletes** compete in the National Championships in the event in which they seek selection (with the exception of the 50K Walk and Marathon).

The underlining principle of this Policy is that one (1) athlete in every individual event to be contested at the World Championships (with the exception of the 50K Walk and the Marathon events) has the right to claim a place on the Team (ie: select himself or herself) by virtue of performance at a Selection Trial.

If, however, an athlete fails to secure a place in the Team by right of performance the intended operation of this Policy is that the athlete's selection in the Team is at the absolute discretion of the Selectors.

The Selectors may add athletes to the Team at any time after the 2011 National Championships up until the final Selectors' meeting to be held on or about 1 August

2011. Athletics Australia's view however is that in most circumstances Athletes who have not shown that they are of sufficient standard to be selected in the Team at the Selectors' meeting held immediately after the 2011 Australian Track and Field Championships to be held at [TBA] on 15 – 17 April 2011 (TBC) and who also do not have a proven history of consistent performances at or near what the Selectors believe is necessary to be competitive at the world level will rarely succeed at a major world level competition if they are added to the Team solely on the basis of the achievement of a single qualifying performance. The Selectors will take these matters into consideration, in the exercise of their discretion, when assessing performances after the 2011 National Championships.

Consistent with the matters set out immediately above, it is the intended operation of this Policy that if an athlete is not selected in the Team by right of performance at the Selection Trial (automatic selection) the onus is on the athlete seeking selection in the Team to press their case for selection (ie: to impress the Selectors) through their performances in the 2011 Domestic Season.

3. Interpretation

Clause 2 (Selection Philosophy) is not part of the criteria for the selection of Athletics Australia's Team for the World Championships in Daegu, Korea 27 August 2011 - 4 September 2011.

The matters set out in clause 2 are included as a guide to all stakeholders as to the principles upon which this Selection Policy document has been drafted and a guide to assist those stakeholders in understanding how discretionary selections will be made. It is not intended that any of the matters set out in clause 2 be the basis for lodging an appeal in relation to any discretionary selection decision made according to the terms of this Policy.

4. Selectors' Discretion

(a) Individual Events

In the exercise of their discretion when considering athletes for individual events the selectors may consider any matter, or combination of matters that in *their* opinion is relevant for consideration when selecting athletes in the Team, including but not necessarily limited to:

- Quality of performance(s) in the Selection Trial.

- ❑ Quality of performance(s) in the 2011 Domestic Season.
- ❑ Any history of performances at prior editions of the World Championships and/or at the Olympic Games. In particular, an athlete's history of performance at those major championships relevant to the performance standard upon which they were selected for the event.
- ❑ History of performances in other international competition.
- ❑ Consistency of performances during the qualifying period.
- ❑ Any past history of performances equivalent to the Athletic Australia qualifying standard.
- ❑ Commitment to the 2011 Athletics Australia Domestic Season.

The weight to be given to any of the above matters, or any other matter taken into consideration by the Selectors, is a matter for the Selectors only in the exercise of their discretion.

For the avoidance of doubt, in relation to any discretionary decision under this Policy, the Selectors view of an athlete's past performances at major international championships is a matter that the Selectors may consider weakens an athlete's case for selection in the Team or alternatively, strengthens an athlete's case for selection in the Team.

(b) Relay Events

When exercising their discretion in relation to selection of any particular Relay Team, the Selectors may take into consideration any matter that is in their opinion relevant including but not limited to the Team's current world ranking and the Selectors' view of the potential for the Team to maintain or improve that ranking at the World Championships given the athletes available for selection.

When exercising their discretion in relation to individuals for Relay Events the Selectors will take into consideration the recommendations of the relevant Athletics Australia High Performance Coaches and any relevant performances at National Relay Squad training, trials, and camps including relay split data analysis if available and relevant.

In addition to the relevant matters set out in 4(a) above the Selectors may take into consideration any matter that in their opinion is relevant when choosing individuals for a Relay Team including the following:

- ❑ Relay Squad balance taking into consideration other individuals making up the Team.
- ❑ Previous history of performances in major championships in individual and Relay Events (Olympic Games, World Championships, Commonwealth Games, Junior and Youth World Championships).
- ❑ The level of commitment to the National Relay Program in the qualification period.

5. The Selection Process

(a) Eligibility

In order to be **eligible** for selection in the Team all athletes must:

- i) Satisfy all IAAF, eligibility, nationality and world championship Participation Rules.
- ii) Be a registered member of Athletics Australia through a Member Association Club.
- iii) Complete and submit the online Application for Consideration for Selection at:
http://www.athletics.com.au/high_performance/high_performance_news/team_information by 31 March 2011.¹
- iv) Compete in the Event(s) in which the athlete is invited to compete at both the Sydney (date to be announced) and Melbourne (date to be announced) legs of the 2011 Australian Athletics Tour.

For the purposes of this clause 5(a)(iv) athletes and/or their coaches are encouraged to make contact with the HPM and discuss their competition plans for the Sydney and Melbourne meetings. If after discussion with the HPM agreement cannot be reached in relation to

¹ The date for lodgement of the application for selection may be extended at the absolute discretion of the HPM.
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the athlete's participation in the Sydney and Melbourne meetings, the decision of the HPM in that regard will be final.

- v) On or before 8 August 2011 sign and comply with the terms and conditions of the 2011 Team Agreement (Schedule 4).
- vi) Compete in the Selection Trial in the event in which the athlete is seeking selection in the Team [there is no Selection Trial for the 50K Walk or the Marathon events].
- vii) Remain in 'good standing' with Athletics Australia and at all times comply with Athletics Australia's Code of Conduct and otherwise conduct themselves in a way that does not bring their sport or the National Team into disrepute.

(b) Selection Trials

There will be selection trials for all events on the Track and Field Program except for the 50K Walk and the Marathon events (men's and women's). The dates and venues for those trials are set out in Schedule 2.

(c) Qualifying Standards

Athletics Australia has set its own qualifying standards for the purposes of this Selection Policy. Athletics Australia's qualifying standards for each of the events to be conducted at the 2011 World Championships are set out in Schedule 1. **Those standards, with the exception of the men's and women's Marathon, men's and women's 20K Walk and the 50K Walk are the same as the "A" standards set by the IAAF.**

For the purposes of clarity, and to avoid any misunderstanding, notwithstanding that in most instances the selection standards adopted by Athletics Australia (and set out in Schedule 1) are the equivalent of the IAAF "A" standard, the selection standards applicable to this Policy are to be regarded as Athletics Australia's selection standards. The IAAF qualifying standards (both "A" and "B"²) are only relevant for this Selection Policy as they relate to the participation criteria set by the IAAF.

(d) Qualifying Period / Conditions for Qualifying Standards

² The IAAF "A" and "B" standards are set out at Schedule 3(b).
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Athletics Australia has set its own qualifying periods in which the qualifying standards must be achieved. Those qualifying periods are set out in Schedule 1.

Qualifying Standards must be achieved in conditions that comply with all of Athletics Australia's requirements and the requirements of the IAAF as set out in Schedule 3, including but not limited to wind reading, timing and status of competition.

(e) *The Participation Criteria*

IAAF Participation Rules dictate the numbers of athletes who can be entered and compete at the World Championships for any particular National Federation. The IAAF entry rules are set out in Schedule 3. It should be noted that the IAAF entry rules are based on the IAAF entry standards which are not the qualifying standards applicable to this Policy.

(f) *Selectors' Meetings*

Selectors' meetings will be held to select athletes as follows:

- i) In the week beginning 13 December 2010, following the 2010/11 Athletics Australia 50K Walk Championship.
- ii) Automatic and discretionary selection immediately following the Athletics Australia 2011 Track and Field Championships – all events other than Marathons and 50K Walk.
- iii) In the week beginning 2 May 2011 – Marathon selections.
- iv) At the discretion of the Chairman of **Selectors**, at any time from the time of the meeting held by operation of f(ii) above and the final meeting held by operation of f(v) below.
- v) A final meeting – to be held at the discretion of the Chairman of Selectors on or about 1 August 2011.

Notwithstanding that the qualifying period for all events on the Track and Field Program other than the Marathon, Walk Events and the Combined Events closes on 31 July 2011 the Selectors are under no obligation to leave any position on the Team "open" until the end of the qualifying period. For the avoidance of doubt the Selectors are entitled to "fill" any particular event at

the first Selectors' meeting held for that event or event group beginning with the Selectors' meeting held according to 5(f)(i) (50K Walk selection). As an example only, and for the sake of clarity, although the qualifying period for the 400 metres (men's and women's) remains "open" until 31 July 2011 the Selectors are entitled to select a full contingent of three (3) men or three (3) women in the 400 metres at the Selectors' meeting held immediately following the Athletics Australia 2011 Track and Field Championships.

6. Selection Criteria

(a) **Automatic Selection from the Selection Trial**

Subject to 6(b) immediately below, any *eligible* athlete who achieves 1st place at the Selection Trial and achieves the Athletics Australia Qualifying Standard at the Selection Trial will be selected in the Team.

Any *eligible* athlete who achieves 1st place at the Selection Trial and achieved the Athletics Australia Qualifying Standard during the 2010 Commonwealth Games, in New Delhi will be selected in the Team.

Any *eligible* athlete who achieves 1st place at the Selection Trial and has achieved the Athletics Australia Qualifying Standard during the qualifying period on more than one occasion at the time of the Trial will be selected in the Team.

As there is no selection trial for the 50K Walk Event and the Marathon Events (men's and women's) there is no right of automatic selection in those events. **Selection in the Marathon events will otherwise be at the discretion of the selectors as set out in clause 6(c) and (e) below.**

(b) Any athlete who qualifies for automatic selection in more than one (1) event by operation of clause 6(a) will be required to nominate which single event they will contest at the 2011 World Championships *unless* they are given permission to compete in more than one (1) event by the HPM. This election must be made at a time directed by the HPM.

(c) **Selection at the Discretion of the Selectors following the 2011 Australian Track and Field Championships**

Following the 2011 Australian Track and Field Championships the Selectors have the discretion to name additional athletes in the Team. **This discretion is absolute and need not be exercised.**

(d) The Walks

As there is no Selection Trial for the men's 50K Walk, any selections in that event are at the discretion of the Selectors. **This discretion is absolute and may not be exercised.** Initial selections for the 50K Walk event may be made in the week following the 2010/11 Athletics Australia National 50K Walk Championship. It is **not** an eligibility requirement that athletes aspiring to the Team in the 50K Walk event compete in the 2010/11 Athletics Australia 50K Walk Championship.

Initial selections for the 20K Walk will be made according to the operation of clause 6(a) and (b) immediately after the Athletics Australia 2011 Track and Field Championships [assuming that the 20K Trial is at the 2010 Track and Field Championships].

(e) The Marathon

As there is no Selection Trial for either the Men's or Women's Marathon any selections in the Marathon events are at the discretion of the Selectors. **This discretion is absolute and may not be exercised.**

Athletics Australia has chosen to set standards for the men's and women's Marathon that are significantly higher than those set by the IAAF as entry standards. This is consistent with Athletics Australia's recent policy for the Marathon events at the world level. It is the intended operation of this Policy that the fact that Athletics Australia has made the decision to set higher standards for the Marathon events is not the basis for an appeal against any discretionary decision made by the Selectors according to the terms of this Policy. The IAAF entry standards, and any other IAAF rule regarding qualification for the Marathon events at the 2011 World Championships is irrelevant for the purposes of this Policy other than as those rules affect Athletics Australia's ability and right to enter athletes for the Marathon events at the 2011 World Championships.

(f) Selection Criteria – Relays and World Cup Marathon

i) *Relay Events*

The entry of relay teams by Athletics Australia **and** the selection of individuals in relay teams should they be entered will be at the absolute discretion of the Selectors. **This discretion is absolute and need not be exercised.**

ii) *World Cup Marathon*

The entry of a Team in the World Cup Marathon Event (men's or women's) to be run in conjunction with the Marathon at the IAAF World Championships in Athletics in Daegu **and** the selection of individuals in any such Team will be at the absolute discretion of the Selectors. **This discretion is absolute and need not be exercised.**

(g) Conditions on Discretionary Selection

The Selectors may make the discretionary selection of any particular athlete subject to the athlete meeting further conditions. Those conditions may include achieving a particular result in a future race, completing a fitness trial to the satisfaction of the High Performance Manager (**HPM**), achieving a particular performance standard in a future competition, or any other condition that is in the opinion of the Selectors, reasonable in the circumstances for that particular athlete.

7. Late Additions to the Team

The Selectors may, in their absolute discretion, select additional athletes to the Team at any time following the meeting held by operation of clause 5(f)(ii) above up to and including the final Selectors' meeting to be held on or about 1 August 2011.

8. Further Obligations after Selection

All athletes selected in the Team (whether by way of automatic right or at the discretion of the Selectors) will be required to prove their fitness to compete in the World Championships by the achievement of pre-Australia departure **and** pre-World Championships Village entry standards to be set by the HPM in consultation with the relevant Athletics Australia team coach.

The pre-Australia Departure Standards will relate to the right of a selected Team member to funding only. The pre-World Championships Village Entry Standards to be

set by the HPM as set out above will be communicated to athletes in writing as part of their letter of confirmation of selection.

Failure by a selected athlete to meet the Athletics Australia pre-World Championships Village entry standards will, at the discretion of the HPM, result in an athlete who has been selected in the Team being withdrawn from the World Championship Team.

For the purposes of clarity, it is the intended operation of this Policy that all selections in the Team remain conditional upon the athlete achieving the pre-World Championships Village Entry Standards set by the HPM.

9. Overriding Discretion of Selectors

Notwithstanding anything set out in this Policy the Selectors have an overriding discretion, subject always to the IAAF participation rules, including the IAAF "A" and "B" standards, to select any athlete in the Team if they believe it is in the best interests of Athletics Australia to do so.

10. Announcement of the Team

Selections in the Team will be announced as soon as practicable following the Selectors' meetings set out in clause 5(f).

11. Appeal Process

Available on the Athletics Australia website.

SCHEDULE 1

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ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA QUALIFYING STANDARDS

Men	Event	Women
Athletics Australia Standard		Athletics Australia Standard
10.21	100m	11.30
20.59	200m	23.00
45.55	400m	51.50
1:45.40	800m	2:00.00
3:36.20	1500m	4:06.00
13:20.00	5000m	15:10.00
27.47.00	10000m	31:45.00
2H12:00	Marathon	2H32:00
8:23.00	3000m SC	9:40.00
13.55	110m H/ 100m H	12.96
49.25	400m H	55.50
2.31m	High Jump	1.95m
5.70m	Pole Vault	4.45m
8.15m	Long Jump	6.72m
17.10m	Triple Jump	14.20m
20.30m	Shot Put	18.20m
64.50m	Discus Throw	62.00m
77.50m	Hammer Throw	70.00m
81.00m	Javelin Throw	61.00m
8000pts	Decathlon/Heptathlon	6100pts
1:22.30	20km Race Walk	1:33.30
3:58.00	50km Race Walk	N/A
39.10	4x100m	43.90
3:03.30	4x400m	3:31.00

QUALIFYING PERIOD

- ❑ For all events on the Track and Field Program other than the 10000m, Marathon, Walk events, Combined events (women's Heptathlon, men's Decathlon) and all Relay events - 1 October 2010 – 31 July 2011
- ❑ All Relay events - 1 January 2010 - 31 July 2011
- ❑ Combined events (men's and women's) - 1 January 2010 - 31 July 2011
- ❑ Marathon events – 1 January 2010 - 1 May 2011

- The 10000 metres - 1 January 2010 - 1 May 2011
- All Race Walking events - 1 January 2010 - 1 May 2011

CONDITIONS:

1. Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by IAAF, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations. Thus, results achieved at university or school competitions must be certified by the Athletics Australia or the National Federation of the country in which the competition was organised (for walking events, relays and marathon, see hereunder).
2. Performances must be achieved during an official competition organised in conformity with IAAF Rules.
3. To be recognised for the purposes of this Policy, performances achieved in Australia must be achieved in a competition sanctioned by Athletics Australia as an Athletics Australia "National Permit Meeting".³
4. Performances achieved in mixed events, on the track and completely in the Stadium, shall not normally be accepted.⁴
5. Wind-assisted performances will not be accepted.
6. Hand-timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 110m/100m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles and 4x100m relay will not be accepted.
7. Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 400m and longer, will be accepted.
8. Lower ages limit
 - Junior athletes (any athlete aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December 2011) may compete in any event except the Marathon Races and the 50km Race Walk Men.
 - Youth athletes (any athlete aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December 2011) may compete in any event except the Throws, Decathlon, 10,000m, Marathon and Race Walking.
 - Athletes younger than 16 years on 31 December 2011 CANNOT be entered in any event.
9. Walking Events and Marathons

The full list of qualifying events will be published on the IAAF website <http://www.iaaf.org> which will be updated from time to time. Athletes and coaches should check this site for the latest information on events in which qualifying times are acceptable.

³ Athletics Australia has in place a sanctioning process across all meets that involves the issuing of a permit – "National Permit" or "Recreational (State) Permit". A current list of all "National Permit" meetings will be available on the Athletics Australia website or by contacting the state member association.

⁴ If athletes and/or coaches are in doubt as to the interpretation of the IAAF and Athletics Australia Rules in relation to qualifying performances in Mixed Events they should contact the Competitions Manager of Athletics Australia.
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SCHEDULE 2
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SELECTION TRIALS

Event	Competition	Venue	Date
10,000 metres	Zatopek Classic	Melbourne	[] December 2010
20K Walk (men and women)	TBA	TBA	
All other events *	Australian Track and Field Championships	TBA	15 – 17 April 2011 [TBC]

* NOTE: There is no Selection Trial for the 50K Walk and the Marathon events. The Australian Track and Field Championship for the 5,000 metres may be conducted at either the Sydney or Melbourne Australian Athletics Tour events on either [to be announced 2011] (Sydney) or [to be announced 2011] (Melbourne). Athletes will be notified once the date for the 2011 National Championship in the 5000 metres event (men and women) has been finalised.

SCHEDULE 3A
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SUMMARY IAAF PARTICIPATION RULES

The IAAF Entry Rules for all events other than the Marathon and Relays operate as follows:

- ❑ A National Federation can be represented by up to three (3) athletes per event. If three (3) athletes are to compete, at least two (2) must have achieved the IAAF "A" qualifying standard and the remaining athlete must have achieved at least the "B" standard in the relevant qualifying period.
- ❑ If only one (1) athlete is to compete in any particular event, that athlete must have achieved at least the IAAF "B" standard in the relevant period.
- ❑ If two (2) athletes are to compete, at least one (1) must have achieved the IAAF "A" standard and the other athlete must have achieved at least the IAAF "B" standard in the relevant qualifying period.

IAAF Entry Rules allow each National Federation to enter one (1) Relay Team in each event as long as the relevant Team has achieved the IAAF qualifying time within the IAAF qualifying period.

IAAF Entry Rules allow up to five (5) athletes to be selected in the World Cup Marathon competition which is to be run in conjunction with the Marathon events (both men's and women's) at the Daegu World Championships, so long as all athletes have achieved the IAAF entry standard for the Marathon.

SCHEDULE 3 B
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IAAF ENTRY STANDARDS

Men		Event	Women	
A Standard	B Standard		A Standard	B Standard
10.21	10.28	100m	11.30	11.40
20.59	20.75	200m	23.00	23.30
45.55	45.95	400m	51.50	52.30
1:45.40	1:46.60	800m	2:00.00	2:01.30
3:36.20	3:39.20	1500m	4:06.00	4:09.00
13:20.00	13:29.00	5000m	15:10.00	15:25.00
27:47.00	28:12.00	10000m	31:45.00	32:20.00
2H12:00	2H14:50	Marathon	2H32:00	2H36:00
8:23.00	8:33.50	3000m SC	9:40.00	9:48.00
13.55	13.62	110m H/ 100m H	12.96	13.11
49.25	49.80	400m H	55.50	56.55
2.31m	2.28m	High Jump	1.95m	1.91m
5.70m	5.55m	Pole Vault	4.45m	4.35m
8.15m	8.05m	Long Jump	6.72m	6.62m
17.10m	16.65m	Triple Jump	14.20m	14.00m
20.30m	19.90m	Shot Put	18.20m	17.20m
64.50m	62.50m	Discus Throw	62.00m	58.50m
77.50m	74.30m	Hammer Throw	70.00m	67.50m
81.00m	78.00m	Javelin Throw	61.00m	59.00m
8000pts	7730pts	Decathlon/Heptathlon	6100pts	5900pts
1:22.30	1:24.20	20km Race Walk	1:33.30	1:38.00
3:58.00	4:09.00	50km Race Walk		
	39.10	4x100m		43.90
	3:03.30	4x400m		3:31.00

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ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA TEAM AGREEMENT
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