



GENERAL SELECTION CRITERIA OF ATHLETICS NSW

Athletics NSW is committed to providing its athletes the opportunity to represent NSW in Australian Championships. As one of the strongest athletics states in Australia, Athletics NSW recognises the importance of selecting those athletes who will best be able to contribute to the further success of athletics within the state.

Athletics NSW also acknowledges the importance of providing appropriate competitive opportunities to athletes of all abilities. In this respect, Athletics NSW recognises the importance of giving young athletes the opportunity to represent their state as part of their development as athletes. Athletics NSW will endeavour, within the rules of an event, to select as many eligible athletes as possible to a team.

- 1.** Where an event requires a team to be selected, the Standards Committee shall develop a specific Selection Criteria for the event, which shall be published on the Athletics NSW website.
- 2.** The Standards Committee, in conjunction with the CEO, shall appoint a Selection Panel consisting of no more than three selectors. Whenever possible the Panel shall contain at least one of the following:
 - (a)** A member of the NSW Institute of Sport Track & Field staff
 - (b)** A member of the Standards Committee
 - (c)** A member of the wider NSW athletics community who has specific knowledge of the event or discipline which the team is being selected for.
- 3.** The Selection Panel shall only have regard to athletic performances that are properly verified performances. It shall be the duty of the Athletics NSW Rankings Officer to advise the Selection Panel of performances of athletes who may be under consideration for selection.
- 4.** Except where a selection trial is held for selection and the particular selection criteria for the team states otherwise, no one performance or place in a particular

- event or competition, shall result in an athlete gaining automatic selection as a member of a team.
5. To be selected in any Athletics NSW team to a National Championship, there is an overriding requirement for athletes to have participated in the NSW Championship for that event.
 6. All athletes must be persons proved eligible and appropriate to represent NSW.
 7. Where a designated trial is to be conducted prior to the announcement of the team, all athletes wishing to be selected must compete in such trial in the event(s) for which they wish to be selected, unless they have specific exemption from the CEO in consultation with the appropriate Selection Panel. Exemption will usually only be given if the athlete is a permanent resident outside of Australia; for some proper medical reason or special compassionate reason. The CEO may require an athlete to submit medical material supporting their claim. The CEO may delegate their responsibilities under this s 7 to a member of the Standards Committee.
 8. Where practicable there shall be a trial for all events. The date and place of the trial shall be announced by Athletics NSW as soon as practicable before the competition concerned and may be incorporated into a NSW Championship or other recognised existing event.
 9. An athlete shall not be selected to represent NSW in any event over a distance greater than a half marathon, unless they have attained the age of eighteen years on the day of the competition.