



**Australian Little Athletics
Championships**

LANSW State Team Selection Policy

Under 13 Australian Teams Championships

AUSTRALIAN LITTLE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS UNDER 13 TEAMS EVENT

NSW SELECTION POLICY

1. Introduction

This policy outlines the processes and procedures relating to the selection of the Little Athletics NSW team to compete at the Under 13 ATC (Australian Teams Championships) as part of the ALAC (Australian Little Athletics Championships).

The ALAC Teams Event is a two-day team competition for Under 13 age group athletes in which each athlete gains points from events towards a total team point score.

It is the responsibility of potential team members and their parents/guardians to read and understand this policy document and seek further clarification from LANSW as required.

2. Definitions

Some definitions of terms used in this policy are:

LANSW – Little Athletics NSW

ALAC – Australian Little Athletics Championships

ATC – Australian Teams Championships (for Under U13 athletes)

3. Selection Philosophy

LANSW is committed to selecting a combination of athletes to represent NSW at the ATC that:

- i) Has the potential to score maximum team points for NSW.
- ii) Will display an attitude and commitment that is commensurate with the honour of being selected to represent their state.

4. Team Composition

For the 2019 state team only, a team of thirty-two (32) Under 13 athletes (usually, but not necessarily, 16 boys and 16 girls) is chosen to represent NSW in the Under 13 Teams Event (ATC) from performances recorded during the LANSW State Track & Field Championships. Athletes to be included in the selection process for the U13 State Team in 2019 only are also those U14 athletes born in October, November & December 2005, who have applied in writing advising that they wish to be considered for selection in the 2019 State Team. Note: The size of the U13 team will revert to a team of twenty-six (26) in 2020 and beyond and will not include any U14 athletes.

5. Events at the ALAC

- (a) There are 13 individual events contested by both boys and girls, being: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 80m hurdles, 200m hurdles, 1500m walk, 4 x 100m team relay, long jump, triple jump, high jump, shot put, discus and javelin.

NOTE: The 3000m is NOT contested at the ALAC and therefore performances in this event at the LANSW State Championships is generally not taken into consideration when selecting the team.

- (b) Each Association may enter up to three athletes in each individual event and one team in each relay event.
- (c) Each athlete may compete in a maximum of five events.
- (d) All athletes competing in a laned track event will compete in a heat and final/consolation final. The heat and final/consolation final are deemed to be one event.

6. Eligibility/Selection Criteria

- (a) All team members must be registered with LANSW in accordance with the Constitution and rules/regulations of LANSW.
- (b) All team members must be born between 01 October 2005 to 31 December 2006.
- (c) All athletes vying for selection must compete at the LANSW State Track & Field Championships. Athletes who fail to compete in the above Championships, regardless of extenuating circumstances, cannot be considered for selection.
- (d) The selectors will name 32 athletes who, *in their opinion*, have the ability to gain maximum team points for NSW. *The discretion of the selectors is absolute.*
- (e) Athletes are chosen from their performances recorded at the LANSW State Track & Field Championships. If required, to fill any event vacancies, the selectors may also view performances done by already-selected athletes at the LANSW Region and LANSW State Combined Event Championships.

7. Implications for Selection

The selection committee must attempt to fill 84 available event spots with a combination of 32 athletes that potentially has the greatest chance of gaining maximum team points for NSW. Therefore:

- (a) There is no guarantee of being selected.
- (b) Winning an event at the LANSW State Track & Field Championships does not necessarily ensure selection.
- (c) A good second or third place at the LANSW State Track & Field Championships with a back-up event may be more attractive to selectors with reference to the ALAC program of events.
- (d) Athletes need not necessarily win a medal at the LANSW State Track & Field Championships to be selected. E.g. Two or more top eight placings may be attractive to selectors with reference to the ALAC program of events.
- (e) Athletes, generally, will need to perform well at more than one event. Single event specialists who appear to have no obvious “back up” events may be selected, but only when it is the best team option.

- (f) The points scoring ability of an athlete is more important than their potential to win individual medals. An athlete's potential to achieve a medal-winning position is not a factor in selection.
- (g) In an effort to fill all event vacancies, athletes may be selected to compete in events at the ALAC in which they did not compete in at the LANSW State Track & Field Championships and/or would prefer not to do e.g. High Jump athlete competing in the Walk event. An athlete's acceptance and good attitude towards this situation is essential if they are to retain their position in the team.

8. The Selection Process

This takes place during the LANSW State Track & Field Championships and will be finalised on the Monday after these Championships.

During the State Track & Field Championship weekend, the selectors record, track and highlight the Under 13 results on a master sheet. Taking into account all of the previously mentioned considerations and guidelines, the selectors then gradually narrow down the list of potential athletes until the most satisfactory list is finalised. The process is completed and checked during a final meeting of the selectors on the following Monday.

9. Announcement of the team

Team members will be advised of their selection via telephone by 9pm on Monday following the LANSW State Track & Field Championships. A State Team Selector will contact all those selected in the team, so it is essential that potential team members remain contactable up until 9pm. Athletes who have not received a phone call by 9.00pm can assume that they have not been initially selected.

As it is important to finalise the team as quickly as possible, selected athletes will have until 4.00pm the next day to accept or decline their place in the team. Should an athlete decline their place in the team another athlete will be selected to fill the vacant position and be contacted accordingly. If a selected athlete has neither accepted nor declined their place in the team by the deadline, the position will be assumed as vacant and another athlete will be selected to fill the position.

The team will be publicly announced on the Monday night via the LANSW website and other relevant social media as soon as possible after all team members have been informed of their selection.

10. Selection queries

In the period immediately after the team announcement, any queries or concerns relating to the selection of the team should be directed to the LANSW office.

11. Requirements after selection

Following the selection of the team as set out in this policy, all members of the team will be required to comply with additional requirements. Their place on the team is conditional on the following:

- (a) All team members are expected to meet minimum standards of behaviour while assembled, travelling or training as part of the team. Any team member who does not meet that minimum standard of behaviour *in the assessment of the team management* will be dismissed from the team.

- (b) All team members or parents/guardians of team members must immediately inform the team management of any illness or injury that could reasonably impact on the athlete's ability to perform at the level expected of the athlete at the ALAC.
- (c) If at any time prior to the departure of the team for the ALAC any team member is assessed as injured, ill or unfit, that team member may be withdrawn from the team at the discretion of Little Athletics NSW.
- (d) LANSW may request a medical/fitness test for any team member with a healthcare professional nominated by LANSW. Failure to comply with the request in a reasonable time will result in the athlete being withdrawn from the team.
- (e) Team members are required to attend all scheduled team activities including both pre-championship camps. These dates will be well publicised and it is the responsibility of potential team members and their parents/guardians to make themselves aware of, and available for, these commitments. 100% attendance is expected. It is expected that team members will take their selection seriously and display an attitude and commitment to the team that is commensurate with this honour. Team members must remember that they have been selected to represent their state and are part of a team and therefore should be prepared to forego most matters in respect of meeting that commitment. Except in the case of what the team selectors consider to be extreme extenuating circumstances, failure to attend all or part of a scheduled team activity will result in the athlete being withdrawn from the team. Appeals for consideration of extenuating circumstances must be submitted in writing to LANSW as soon as practicable after the extenuating circumstances arise. A medical certificate must be produced in the case that a team member's attendance at a team activity is affected by illness. A decision in each case about whether to accept a claim of extenuating circumstances as an excuse for non-attendance at part or all of a team activity will be made by the team selectors on an individual basis. *The discretion of the selectors is absolute.* Regardless of extenuating circumstances, an athlete who misses or will miss more than one team activity will automatically render themselves ineligible.
- (f) The team levy must be paid by due dates. The amount of the levy and the due dates for installments will be well publicised.
- (g) Team members and parents will need to formally agree that they will abide by a "Conditions of Selection" and a team member "Code of Conduct". Failure to do so will result in the athlete being withdrawn from the team.

12. Replacement of team members

A team member who does not or cannot meet one or more of the conditions listed under "Requirements after selection" will be withdrawn from the team and replaced by a reserve.

13. Reserves

Reserves are identified by the selectors in the case that a team member does not or cannot meet one or more of the conditions listed under "Requirements after selection".

Reserves will only be contacted if they are needed to replace an originally-selected team member.

Reserves that are called onto the team will be bound by all conditions in this document.

14. Power to Amend this Policy

This policy can be amended at any time by Little Athletics NSW if it is of the opinion that:

- Such an amendment is necessary as a result of any change in the Little Athletics Australia Guidelines;
- To give effect to the policy following discovery of a drafting error or oversight;
- For any other reason determined to be in the best interests of LANSW.

LANSW will not be responsible or liable to anyone as a result of any such amendment.

15. Further information

For further information, contact the LANSW office on (02) 9633 4511 or admin@lansw.com.au.