Athletics Australia Selection Policy
2014 Commonwealth Games

ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA
SELECTION POLICY
COMMONWEALTH GAMES
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Athletics Australia (AA) will use this policy to nominate athletes to the Australian Commonwealth Games Association (ACGA) for selection to compete at the 2014 Commonwealth Games (the “Games”). The ACGA have the sole jurisdiction to ratify the nominations.

1 Aims

The aim of AA’s Selection Policy for The Games is to nominate a quality team to represent Australia. The policy is aligned with the Australian Institute of Sport Winning Edge Program. Specifically the policy aims to facilitate the following outcomes:

Finishing first on the Games athletics medals table,

Finishing first on the Games athletics points table,

Prioritising those athletes who demonstrate that they can plan the peak of their season and demonstrate competitive ability. Athletes can demonstrate this ability by:

- Performing well at AA’s 2014 Australian Athletics Championships,
- Performing well at other AA 2014 Australian Athletics Tour (AAT) meetings, or
- Having previously achieved a final (top 8) place in a recent Olympic / Paralympic Games or World Championships.
2 Standards, criteria and athlete numbers

AA’s Qualification Standards, listed in Appendix 1, were determined per event based on previous Games results as follows:

- In Paralympic events the 2013 IPC World Championships “A” standard has been used. For all other events the “A” standard is set at the harder of the 2013 IAAF World Championships “B” standard and a realistic Commonwealth Games medal performance.

- In Paralympic events the 2013 IPC World Championships “B” standard has been used. For all other events the “B” standard is set at the easier of the 2013 IAAF World Championships “B” standard and a realistic Commonwealth Games top eight performance.

2.1 AA will nominate up to three athletes per individual event\(^{(1)}\).

\(^{(1)}\) The men’s Para discus is a combined F42/F44 competition and the women’s Para long jump is a combined T37/T38 competition so, even though there are two sets of Qualification Standards per competition, a maximum of three athletes will be nominated for each of those events.

2.2 AA will restrict combinations of athletes holding “A” and “B” standards to the permutations below. (Each letter in the group represents an athlete holding an “A” or a “B” standard. For example “AB” below means one athlete holding an “A” standard and a different athlete holding a “B” standard).

- Three athletes nominated: “AAA” or “AAB” or “ABB”
- Two athletes nominated: “AA” or “AB” or “BB”
- One athlete nominated: “A” or “B”

2.3 To be nominated athletes must meet the Athlete Eligibility Criteria (see Section 5).

2.4 All “A” and “B” performances must be achieved within the Qualification Period (see Section 6) and must meet the Performance Eligibility Criteria (see section 7).
3 Automatic Nomination and Nomination Priority

Special weight will be given to performances achieved at the Australian Athletics Championships & Commonwealth Games Selection Trials (the “Nationals”), the 10,000m Australian Athletics Championships & Commonwealth Games Selection Trials (the “10,000m Nationals”), the marathon at the 2013 IAAF World Championships and in the Australian Athletics Tour (“AAT”) meetings.

3.1 Australian Athletics Championships (all events except 10,000m and marathon)

3.1.1 To be eligible for automatic nomination for an event athletes must meet the Athlete Eligibility Criteria (section 5) and compete at all of the AAT meetings in which that event is held. (For the avoidance of doubt athletes may compete in any event at the relevant AAT meeting[s]. For example an athlete seeking automatic nomination in the 800m must compete at each AAT meeting that includes the 800m, but may choose to run in the 1500m at one of those AAT meetings.)

The AAT meetings are:

- Perth Track Classic
- Summer Down Under International Wheelchair Racing Series (Sydney meeting)
- Sydney Track Classic
- Melbourne World Challenge (IAAF World Challenge)

The dates of these competitions and the other 2014 National Athletics Series competitions are in Appendix 2.

3.1.2 The first athlete at the Nationals will be automatically nominated in the initial selection meeting (held during the week following the Australian Athletics Championships) provided that they are eligible (section 3.1.1) and have achieved at least a “B” standard from the start of the Qualification Period (section 6) up to and including the date of the Nationals. (For the avoidance of doubt the “B” standard could be achieved at the Nationals.)

3.2 Marathon

3.2.1 Eligible athletes who finish in the top twenty-four at the 2013 IAAF World Championships will be automatically nominated in the initial selection meeting (held during the week following the Australian Athletics 10,000m Championships) provided that they are eligible (section 5) and have achieved at least a “B” standard after the start of the Qualification Period (section 6) up to and including the date of the relevant IAAF World Championships marathon. (For the avoidance of doubt the “B” standard could be achieved at the IAAF World Championships marathon.)
3.3 **Australian Athletics 10,000 metres Championships**

3.3.1 The first athlete at the 10,000m Nationals will be automatically nominated in the initial selection meeting (held during the week following the Australian Athletics 10,000m Championships) provided that they are eligible (section 5) and have achieved at least a “B” standard after the start of the Qualification Period (section 6) up to and including the date of the 10,000m Nationals. (For the avoidance of doubt the “B” standard could be achieved at the 10,000m Nationals.)

3.4 **2014 Australian Athletics Tour**

3.4.1 Athletes achieving an “A” standard in the Nationals or in one of the AAT meetings, but who do not win the Nationals, will be considered for nomination in the initial selection meeting (held during the week following the Australian Athletics Championships) but with no guarantee of nomination.

3.4.2 Athletes achieving a “B” standard in the Nationals or in one of the AAT meetings, but who do not win the Nationals, will have priority consideration at the final selection meeting if spaces remain for the event (see Sections 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 & 2.4). See Section 9 for full details for how athletes will be prioritised.

3.5 **All other meetings**

3.5.1 Performances set at other eligible meeting not listed above (see Section 7) will be valid for consideration for Games nomination in the final selection meeting.

3.5.2 For the avoidance of doubt, performances set in these meetings, while valid for Games nomination, do not qualify an athlete for nomination at the initial selection meeting.
4 Relays

4.1 AA will enter teams into all four relays at the Games (W 4x100m, W 4x400m, M 4x100m and M 4x400m).

4.2 Athletes entered in the individual 100m and 400m will be automatically included in the relevant Relay Team.

4.3 Relay Team members not picked automatically may be added to the team and do not need to achieve “A” or “B” standards.

4.4 The first three eligible athletes in the Nationals 100m and 400m will be automatically included in the Australian Athletics Domestic Relay Squad (the “Domestic Squad”). The Domestic Squad for each relay discipline will consist of at least eight athletes. The Domestic Squad will meet immediately after the Nationals (dates and venue TBC) to work with the National Relay Coaches.

4.5 The Commonwealth Games Relay Teams will consist of up to six athletes per relay discipline, drawn from the Australian Athletics Domestic Relay Squad plus any additional automatic Relay Team members (point 4.2).

4.6 The Commonwealth Games Relay Team members will be nominated to create the most competitive possible team based on applicable relay skills, team cohesiveness and compliance with the AA relay program. Results in individual events (eg 100m, 200m or 400m), while important, will not be the sole criteria for nomination to the relay teams.

4.7 The Commonwealth Games Relay Team members will be confirmed at the final selection meeting.

4.8 The nomination of the travelling Relay Team members is at the absolute discretion of AA selectors.

4.9 For the avoidance of doubt:

4.9.1 Membership of the Domestic Squad does not guarantee nomination to the Commonwealth Games Relay Teams (and does not guarantee any travel outside of Australia).

4.9.2 At the Games any athlete on the Team may be chosen to compete in the relays; being a member of the travelling Relay Team does not guarantee competing in the relay at the Games. The choice of athletes and their running order will be made by the Head Coach in consultation with the High Performance Director and the relevant team relay coach(es).
5 Athlete Eligibility Criteria

In order to be eligible for nomination to the AGCA for selection to compete at the 2014 Commonwealth Games athletes must:

5.1 Satisfy all Commonwealth Games Federation's eligibility, nationality and 2014 Commonwealth Games Participation Rules.

5.2 Hold Australian citizenship at the time of nomination to the ACGA.

5.3 Be a registered member of Athletics Australia through their Member Association.

5.4 In the case of Para-athletes, hold a permanent international IPC classification.

5.5 Complete and submit the online Application for Consideration for Selection form (which can be found at www.athletics.com.au) for each event in which the athlete is seeking nomination. The form must be submitted no later than the first day of competition of the Nationals (or the morning of the day of the 10,000m Nationals for 10,000m and Marathon athletes). The date for submission of the Application for Selection may be extended at the discretion of the Chairman of Selectors on the recommendation of the Director of High Performance.

5.6 Complete and sign the 2014 Australian Commonwealth Games Team Agreement, Entry and Eligibility Conditions form and any other related paperwork required by the ACGA. These forms to signed and returned to the ACGA before the ACGA will appoint any member to the 2014 Commonwealth Games Team.

5.7 Be and remain in ‘good standing’ with AA and at all times comply with AA’s Code of Conduct and conduct themselves in a way that does not bring themselves, their sport or the National Team into disrepute. AA may consider past and present behavioural conduct in determining whether an athlete is in ‘good standing’. If AA determines that an athlete is not in ‘good standing’ with AA, in its absolute discretion AA may choose not to nominate that athlete to the ACGA.

5.8 Agree to comply with a pre-Games preparation policy that will be published by AA’s High Performance Director. This policy may include the requirement to prove form and fitness to compete in the 2014 Commonwealth Games prior to the final AA selection date (1st June 2014). Failure by a previously nominated athlete to prove form and fitness will, at the discretion of the High Performance Director, result in an athlete who has been named by AA at an earlier date not being nominated to the ACGA (and therefore the athlete will not compete at the Games).

5.9 Once ACGA has selected the team they (the ACGA) may withdraw an athlete from the team as detailed in the 2014 Australian Commonwealth Games Team Agreement, for example due to injury, illness or if they engage or it comes to light they have engaged in activity that will bring the Team into disrepute.
6 Qualification Period

6.1 All qualification performances must be achieved between the following dates:

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<th>Qualifying Start</th>
<th>Qualifying End</th>
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<td>All Track &amp; Field Events (except 10000m, Combined Events &amp; Wheelchair (T54) events)</td>
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<td>Marathon, 10000m</td>
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7 Eligible Performance Criteria

7.1 Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by IAAF, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations. Results achieved at university or school competitions must be certified by Athletics Australia or the National Federation of the country in which the competition was organised.

7.2 Performances must be achieved during an official competition organised in conformity with IAAF Rules.

7.3 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”. Athletics Australia operates 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.

7.4 Performances achieved in mixed events, on the track and completely in the Stadium, shall not normally be accepted. 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.

7.5 Wind-assisted performances, beyond legal readings recognised by the IAAF, will not be accepted.

7.6 Hand-timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 110m/100m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles and 4x100m relay will not be accepted.

7.7 Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 400m and longer, will be accepted.

7.8 Junior athletes (any athlete aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December 2014) may compete in any event except the Marathon.

7.9 Youth athletes (any athlete aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December 2014) may compete in any event except the Decathlon, 10,000m and Marathon. Male youth athletes may not compete in the Throws.

7.10 Athletes younger than 16 years on 31 December 2014 CANNOT be entered in any event.

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8 **Selection Meetings**

There will be four selection meetings to determine the athletes who will be nominated to the ACGA for selection to the 2014 Australian Commonwealth Games Team.

8.1 **Initial nomination of Marathon and 10,000m** athletes will be the week after the Australian National 10,000m Championships & Commonwealth Games Selection Trials (the “10,000m Nationals”) which is the **week commencing 16th December 2013**;

8.2 **Final nomination of Marathon and 10,000m** athletes will be on **Monday 12th May 2014**;

8.3 **Initial nomination of athletes for all remaining individual events** will be the week after the 2014 Australian National Championships and Commonwealth Games Selection Trials (the “Nationals”) which is the **week commencing 7th April 2014**;

8.4 **Final nomination of athletes for all remaining individual events and the relay squads** will be on **Monday 2nd June 2014**.

9 **Prioritising athletes**

Where the selectors have a choice between two or more athletes for nomination for a particular individual (non-relay) event then they will prioritise nomination in the following order:

9.1 Potential to win a medal at the 2014 Commonwealth Games,

9.2 Potential to finish in the top eight at the 2014 Commonwealth Games,

9.3 Potential to finish in the top eight at a future Olympic Games or IAAF World Athletics Championships or to win a medal at a future Paralympic Games or IPC World Athletics Championships.

9.4 If two or more athletes are considered equally likely to meet one of the criteria above (e.g., if the selectors consider that two or more athletes are equally likely to finish in the top eight) then the selectors will prioritise in the following order:

9.4.1 Head to Head performance at the Nationals,

9.4.2 Athletes who achieved one or more “A” standards in an AAT meeting or the Nationals,

9.4.3 Athletes who achieved one or more “B” standards in an AAT meeting or the Nationals,

9.4.4 Recent form and fitness.

9.5 For the avoidance of doubt only athletes who have met the Eligibility Requirements may be nominated subject to the application of Sections 2 and 4. Furthermore the nomination of any athlete is at the absolute discretion of AA.
10 Appeal Process

The appeal process can be found in the Athletics Australia By-Laws (section 8) available at www.athletics.com.au.

11 Amendment to Policy

This Policy can be amended at any time by AA if it is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary as a result of any change in CGA / ACGA ’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 AA.
### Appendix 1 – Nomination Standards

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<td>12.60 (T37), 13.10 (T37)</td>
<td>13.50 (T12), 14.30 (T12)</td>
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<td>200m</td>
<td>A: 20.40, B: 20.70</td>
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<td>45.30</td>
<td>51.60, 52.35</td>
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<td>800m</td>
<td>A: 1:46.20, B: 1:47.35</td>
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<td>5000m</td>
<td>A: 13:20.00, B: 13:35.00</td>
<td>A: 15:10.00, 15:47.50</td>
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<tr>
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<td>A: 27:50.00, B: 28:31.25</td>
<td>A: 32:00.00, 33:24.00</td>
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<td>3000mSC</td>
<td>A: 8:20.00, B: 8:35.00</td>
<td>A: 9:40.00, 10:02.00</td>
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<td>110mH / 100mH</td>
<td>A: 13.50, B: 13.91</td>
<td>A: 13.10, 13.33</td>
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<td>400mH</td>
<td>A: 49.20, B: 50.15</td>
<td>A: 56.00, 57.35</td>
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<td>Pole Vault</td>
<td>A: 5.60, B: 5.25</td>
<td>A: 4.50, 4.10</td>
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<td>Long Jump</td>
<td>A: 8.10, B: 7.70</td>
<td>A: 3.85 (T37), 3.80 (T38)</td>
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<td>Shot Put</td>
<td>A: 20.10, B: 18.15</td>
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<td>A: 38.00 (F42), 38.50 (F44)</td>
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<td>Hammer Throw</td>
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<td>A: 8000, B: 7350</td>
<td>A: 6000, 5600</td>
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These standards must read in conjunction with the requirements set out in Section 2 of Athletics Australia’s 2014 Commonwealth Games Selection Policy.
### Appendix 2 – Domestic Competitions

The Australian Athletics Tour (AAT) Meetings and Australian Athletics Championships & Commonwealth Games Selection Trials details are as follows:

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<td>TBC</td>
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There are a number of additional athletics meetings that comprise the National Athletics Series. All athletes are encouraged to compete in all these additional meetings in which their events are held.

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**NOTE:** ALL OF THESE COMPETITION DATES ARE SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION AND MAY CHANGE – SEE ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA WEBSITE FOR UP-TO-DATE LISTS WHEN AVAILABLE