



# Selection Policy Information Session

Information Session for interested parties related to the Selection of the  
Australian Team for the 2024 World Under 20 Championships  
Lima, Peru

# CAVEAT

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- Any discussion in this forum or any statements within the presentation or any other discussion/presentation cannot be taken as stand alone information regarding selection. All selections are based on the published 2024 World Under 20 selection policy and that policy only - which must be understood in full.
- Only the Chair of Selectors may speak on selection matters, others passing comments (including AA staff) have no standing on selection.

# WHAT HAS CHANGED? (compared to WJC 2022)

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- Qualification Standards have not changed.
- The 3,000 metre events will not be at the Australian Championships in Adelaide and therefore there is no trial. Run the Sydney Track Classic (open 3,000m Championships and Zatopek and other state 3000m races to provide the selectors with insights of your relative level of performance).

# THE POLICY - MAIN POINTS

- Responsibility
  - To avoid any possible miscommunication, the only person who can provide valid advice in relation to the policy is the Chair of Selectors, any other advice is invalid.
- Team Size
  - There is no restriction on team size and we anticipate a large team considering the entry requirements (standards and maximum two per nation)
- Aim
  - Team selection is guided by the desire to achieve the highest finishing position for both individuals and teams.
- Selection process:
  - There is only one selection meeting and announcement. This will be in late April 2024 after the end of the Australian Track and Field season.
  - No additional athletes will be considered after that time although substitutions are possible depending on timing.
  - Athletes will be advised of their selection or non-selection prior to any public announcement.

# RECOMMENDED PATH TO SELECTION

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- Achieve the qualifying standard in your event
- Compete at the Australian Under 20 Track and Field Championships in Adelaide in your preferred event (except 3000m)

# THE POLICY - OTHER POINTS

- The criteria should NOT be read as a way to exclude athletes from selection. That is not the intent (nor what will happen). Athletics Australia is striving to select the best and biggest teams competing internationally while at the same time supporting the growth of the sport so future generations enjoy the same opportunities.
- Special conditions
  - There are special conditions to allow for the selectors to have some flexibility (flights/sickness/COVID etc) if needed.
- How do I nominate?
  - Team nomination is available via the AA website.

# Q & A - PART 1

- I have not included any questions which are not directly related to the task of the selectors in nominating the team as other matters are outside of our scope.
- What Role do the National Team Coaches have in Selection?
  - National team coaches have never had a role and do not have a role in selection going forward. All personal coaches are able to provide updates on their athlete's status and preparation (or indeed the athletes themselves) to the selectors for consideration, however this is only as information.
- Who are the selectors?
  - Nicole Boegman-Stewart
  - Shaun Creighton
  - Chris Erickson
  - Peter Hamilton (Chair)
  - Marian O'Shaughnessy
  - Caitlin Pincott

## Q & A – PART 2

- Where can we find the Qualifying Standards and can you be considered for multiple events?
  - The standards are available on the World Athletics web site. Yes, athletes can be considered in more than one event but consider the rules for young athletes (Maximum 3 track events and only 2 over 200m including relays).
- Athletes living overseas (school in US for example) and can't return to nationals in 2024, what do we do?
  - That is the athlete choice. Obviously these athletes will not be considered in an automatic place but are still eligible for discretionary selection.
- Specifics regarding ageing up at national championships. Is it possible to age up to U20 in the 800m, but still run 1500m in U18 division?
  - Yes but performances in Under 18 events will not be considered in selection, target Under 20 in events where you are seeking selection.
- Will there be flexibility with numbers taken in the team?
  - There are no specific restrictions on the team size.



## Q & A – PART 3

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- For 3000m athletes who cannot go to Zatopek then what advice can you suggest?
  - If possible run the open 3000m Championship in Sydney and any other quality 3000m events.
- Do all meets with World Permits allow us to register qualifiers before nationals, or do we have to do special meets?
  - All World Permit meets count.
- What is the qualification standards please and is it top 2?
  - Only two per nation
- How does the selection process work if there are multiple people jumping the qualifying standards?
  - Following the criteria, eligible winner of nationals plus one considering all available data.

## Q & A – PART 4

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- Please can you clarify the meaning of "highest ranked eligible athlete" in 4.5.1? It would suggest that this is the winner of the U20 event at the Selection Trials but is confusing as elsewhere in the document (e.g. 4.5.2) it suggests that the term is used to describe athletes' ranking as published and updated on the AA website.
  - Foreign athletes, for example, are ineligible. It is first Australian who has nominated and qualified etc.
- What advice do you have regarding running open or Under 20 nationals?
  - Generally is it better to only contest the Under 20 Championships unless there is one or more higher level athletes who would benefit from running open, consider Law and Murphy in 2022. Please make special request if clearly dominant.

## Q & A – PART 5

- For section 4.5.2, What is taken into account for the selectors to decide at their discretion that there is no trial for that event? I ask this because the World walking teams champs is only 9-10 days after the Australian Championships race/trial (for the walkers).
  - On request of the walking fraternity the National Walks will be at the start of the program so athletes are expected to participate if they are seeking selection for Lima.
- Is attendance at the National track and field championships required if you have already achieved the qualifying time.
  - It is possible to have an exemption but it is recommended to compete to improve your chances. You can only be considered for any discretionary selection that may be available and considered alongside all other athletes eligible for that discretionary selection.

## Q & A – PART 6

- Please explain the process of selecting the non automatic spots in each event (the discretionary selections)
  - In considering discretionary selection the selectors will look at all available data. Athletes are in a better position if they competed more frequently against (and beaten) their main rivals. More competition is better to allow the selectors to select the athletes most likely to compete well at the Championships.
- Could you give some clarification on the policies 4.8.2.1 and 4.8.7.1. Would a competition be valid if boys and girls results are on the same sheet (one competition)? Would the competition be valid if there are less than three U20s in the competition (and results sheet) but the jumping was completed with multiple age groups resulting in more than three athletes?
  - The usual practice in Australia is the field events are recorded separately for men and women using two recording sheets and results reported separately. This is no issue for athletes. The three athletes is intended to mean in total, not by age group.

# RESOURCES

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- [Australian Team Information](#)
- [Australian Selection Policy](#)
- [Qualification System](#)
  
- Further Questions?  
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