



ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA SELECTION POLICY

2023 FISU WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES

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1. Overview

This selection policy (**Selection Policy**) sets out the basis on which Athletics Australia will select its representative team (**Team**) for the 2023 FISU University Games in Chengdu, China, 28 July – 8 August, 2023 (the **Event**).

This Selection Policy will, when approved by the Athletics Australia Board and UniSport Australia, constitute Nomination or Selection Criteria (as defined in the Athletics Australia By-Laws) in respect of the nomination/selection of individuals or teams for the Event.

Please note that, at the discretion of the Athletics Australia board, if the risk is deemed too great for athletes, staff, and the organisation due to government advice recommending against travel to these Championships or for any other reason, a team may not be sent to compete.

2. Selection Philosophy

- 2.1 Athletes who are eligible to be selected for the Event will be considered for selection in accordance with the Athletics Australia Selection Philosophy. AA aims to nominate the most competitive team possible to represent Australia at the World University Games and to provide opportunity to athletes with potential for success in the future.
- 2.2 AA aims to facilitate the following outcomes through the selection of athletes for the World University Games:
 - 2.2.1 Selecting athletes that are realistic top eight finishers at the World University Games;
 - 2.2.2 Providing athletes that are seen as future World Championship and Olympic top eight finishers and/or future Commonwealth Games gold medal winners with international competition experience; and
 - 2.2.3 Encouraging athletes to demonstrate that they can plan the peak of their season and demonstrate competitive ability. Athletes can demonstrate this ability by:
 - 2.2.3.1 Performing well at Australian Track and Field Championships.
- 2.3 FISU Participation Rules dictate the number of athletes that can be entered and compete at the World University Games in each event.

3. Athlete Eligibility Criteria

Only those athletes who qualify according to this clause will be eligible for selection in the Team:

- 3.1 Be a citizen of Australia. For the avoidance of doubt, Australian permanent residency is not acceptable. Athletics must hold or be eligible for an Australian passport;
- 3.2 Be eligible to be selected as an athlete in a representative team pursuant to the Athletics Australia By-Laws.
- 3.3 Be a registered member of Athletics Australia through their Member Association;
- 3.4 Satisfy all participation/eligibility rules of the governing body for the Event;

- 3.5 Meet the minimum age of eligibility as determined by the governing body for the Event;
- 3.6 Compete in the event discipline in which they seek selection in the Open division of the 2023 Australian Track and Field Championships, if applicable, with the exception of those athletes whose event is not being conducted. To meet this criterion, any athlete wishing to compete in an alternate event at this qualifying event, or seeking injury exemption from the event, must provide this request in writing for approval by the Chair of the Selection Committee in consultation with the General Manager - High Performance;
- 3.7 Complete and submit the online nomination form (which may be found at www.athletics.com.au) for each event discipline in which the athlete is seeking selection. The form must be submitted no later than 17:00 AEST, 24th March, 2023. The date for submission of the nomination form may be extended at the discretion of the Chair of the Selection Committee on the recommendation of the General Manager - High Performance;
- 3.8 Be and remain in 'good standing' with Athletics Australia and at all times comply with Athletics Australia's Code of Conduct and conduct themselves in a way that does not bring themselves, their sport or the Team into disrepute. Athletics Australia may consider past and present behavioural conduct in determining whether an athlete is in 'good standing'. If Athletics Australia determines that an athlete is not in 'good standing', Athletics Australia may in its absolute discretion choose not to select that athlete;
- 3.9 Commit to signing and/or abiding by any Athletics Australia Team Agreement, Code of Conduct and other relevant Athletics Australia policies and procedures as reasonably directed from time to time;
- 3.10 Commit to completing all reasonably expected education courses, including but not limited to Sport Integrity Australia's Anti-Doping Fundamentals and Annual Update (formerly Level 1 & 2) courses, "Competition Manipulation and Betting" e-learning (anti-match fixing) module and any other integrity education requirements Athletics Australia sets from time to time;
- 3.11 Agree to comply with any pre-Championships preparation policy that will be published by Athletics Australia's General Manager - High Performance. This policy may include the requirement to prove form and fitness to compete in the Event;
- 3.12 Have been born between 1st January 1996 and 31st December 2005; and have either been enrolled and currently studying a diploma or higher course at a University, TAFE* (*Conditions Apply) or other tertiary institution (please note that deferred students are not eligible for selection) or graduated from a university in the THREE years immediately prior to the event (i.e. graduated after 26 June 2020); and
- 3.13 Given the proximity of these Championships to 2023 World Athletics Championships, 2023 Oceania Cup, and 2023 European Under-20 Tour, athletes will not be considered for selection for the 2023 World University Games if they choose to prioritise those other Championships, unless prior approval is given by the General Manager - High Performance.

The rules of the governing body applicable to the Event can be found here:

<https://www.fisu.net/sport-events/summer-world-university-games-events/chengdu-2021-fisu-world-university-games>

4. Selection Procedure

4.1 Team Size and Event Entry Criteria

4.1.1 Pursuant to the rules of the governing body applicable to this Event, Athletics Australia may select:

4.1.1.1 In the 10000m events, three (3) athletes per event;

4.1.1.2 In the 20km Walk and Half Marathon events, five (5) athletes per event;

4.1.1.3 Two (2) athletes per all other individual Event discipline;

4.1.1.4 One (1) team in each relay comprising of up to four (4) eligible athletes. If there are athletes entered in the corresponding individual event, that athlete must also be a member of any entered relay teams.

4.1.2 An eligible athlete may compete in an unlimited number of Event disciplines as long as they have (i) achieved the Event Selection Standard set out in Appendix 1 for that Event discipline (a **Selection Standard Performance**) and (ii) been selected for that Event discipline in accordance with this Selection Policy.

4.2 Performance Standards

4.2.1 The Event Selection Standards set out in Appendix 1 of this document are the minimum qualification entry standards for all Event disciplines, however selection will be in accordance with this Selection Policy. All Selection Standard Performances by eligible athletes must be achieved within the Qualification Period.

4.3 Qualification Period

All Selection Standard Performances must be achieved between the following dates:

Events	Qualifying Start	Qualifying End
20km Walk	1 October, 2022	23:59 (Australian Eastern Standard Time) on 23 April, 2023 (period to include UniSport Nationals)
10000m	1 October, 2022	23:59 (Australian Eastern Standard Time) on 23 April, 2023 (period to include UniSport Nationals)
Half Marathon	1 October, 2022	23:59 (Australian Eastern Standard Time) on 23 April, 2023 (period to include UniSport Nationals)

All other events

1 October, 2022

23:59 (Australian Eastern Standard Time) on 23 April, 2023 (period to include UniSport Nationals)

4.4 Eligible Selection Standard Performances**4.4.1 Official Performance:**

A trial will be held for all Event disciplines except Half Marathon. The table below shows the dates for each Event discipline trial.

Event discipline	Selection Trial	Venue	Date
20km Walk	Australian 20km Race Walking Championships	Adelaide, AUS	11 February 2023
10000m	Australian 10000m Championships	Melbourne, AUS	15 December 2022
Half Marathon	N/A	N/A	N/A
All other events	Australian Track and Field Championships	Brisbane, AUS	30 March – 2 April 2023

All Selection Standard Performances (referred to below as performances) must be achieved during official competitions sanctioned by World Athletics (and provided those competitions are organised in conformity with the rules of that governing body). Athletics Australia will confirm the list of those sanctioned meets throughout Australia through the Athletics Australia website.

Special weight will be given to performances achieved at the Australian Track and Field Championships.

4.4.2 Mixed Events:

Performances achieved in mixed events, will only be accepted under the following circumstances.

4.4.2.1.1 For all field events held completely in the stadium the results will be automatically accepted if achieved at official competitions sanctioned by World Athletics (and provided those competitions are organised in conformity with the rules of that governing body), and the two events (Men's and Women's) were conducted concurrently with separate results; and

4.4.2.1.2 Never accepted for track events.

4.4.3 Wind Assistance

4.4.3.1 Wind assisted performances shall not be accepted. Outdoor performances in 100m, 200m, 100m/110m Hurdles, Long Jump & Triple Jump must be accompanied by wind gauge readings. For 100m, 200m, 100m/110m Hurdles, Long Jump & Triple Jump the

wind reading must not exceed the allowance provided for in the rules of the governing body of the Event (2.0m/s).

4.4.3.2 For Combined Events, performances will be eligible for selection provided that they meet the World Athletics criteria for acceptance. As per rule 149, this currently states performances will be valid provided that the wind speed in any single event does not exceed +4 m/s **or** the average velocity does not exceed +2 m/s.

4.4.4 Hand-Timing

4.4.4.1 Hand-timed performances for events up to and including 800m will not be accepted.

4.4.5 Indoor Performances

4.4.5.1 Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 200m and longer, will be accepted.

4.4.6 Track Size

4.4.6.1 For the running events of 200m and over, performances achieved on over-sized tracks will not be accepted.

4.4.7 Minimum Competition

4.4.7.1 Performances must be achieved in a competition where a minimum of three athletes are competing.

4.4.7.2 For throwing events, all three athletes must be competing with the same implement specifications.

4.4.7.3 For hurdle events, all three athletes must be competing with the same hurdle heights.

4.5 Automatic Selection

4.5.1 Subject to each athlete meeting all eligibility requirements set out in this Selection Policy, the following athletes will be automatically selected in the Team for the Event:

4.5.1.1 The highest placed eligible athlete at the Australian Track and Field Championships (outlined in Section 2) who has achieved the performance standard outlined in Appendix 1 within the qualifying period will be automatically selected.

4.5.1.2 There will be no automatic selection for the Half Marathon event.

4.6 Selection at the Discretion of the Selection Committee

4.6.1 Subject to the rules of the governing body of the Event relating to the number of athletes who may be selected for each class of event and for the Team overall, the Selection Committee may exercise discretion to select further athletes to the Team. This discretion will be exercised in line with the Athletics Australia Selection Philosophy. This discretion is absolute and need not be exercised.

4.6.2 In order to be eligible for discretionary selection, athletes must:

- 4.6.3 Meet the eligibility criteria set out in section 3;
- 4.6.4 Without limiting its discretion, the Selection Committee, in consultation with the General Manager - High Performance, may consider any factor, or combination of factors that in its opinion is relevant for consideration when selecting athletes for the team, including without limitation those factors listed in the Athletics Australia Selection Philosophy to identify priority athletes.

4.7 Relay Selection

- 4.7.1 If, in the discretion of the Selection Committee, the relay event is considered a strong medal chance, athletes may be selected to the Team as a member of that relay squad ahead of other athletes, as long as that individual has achieved a relevant individual Selection Standard Performance.
- 4.7.2 For the avoidance of doubt, this may mean an athlete who has a single Selection Standard Performance but is a member of the relay squad that is considered a medal chance may be selected ahead of another athlete that is not a member of any relay squad. This consideration is at the discretion of the Selection Committee. However, the Selection Committee may seek advice on relative medal chances from the General Manager - High Performance.
- 4.7.3 If a relay team is not considered a medal chance by the Selection Committee, the selection of any members of that team will be on the basis of their individual performances only. In this circumstance, should Australia not be able to select members for that relay squad on individual merits, the relay qualification may be forfeited.
- 4.7.4 If an athlete is selected in a relay squad, the relay will form an integral part of that athlete's competition. Should this not be accepted by the individual athlete and/or coach, that athlete may be withdrawn from the team.
- 4.7.5 If there are athletes entered in the corresponding individual event, that athlete must also be a member of any entered relay teams. For example, if a male athlete is entered in the 100m and Australia enters a men's 4x100m relay, the aforementioned athlete must be a member of that team.

4.8 Selection Meetings

The Selection Committee will meet to determine the athletes who will be selected in the Team for the Event as follows:

- 4.8.1 There will be one selection committee for this team, to be held the week commencing 24 April 2023.
- 4.8.2 All selections will take place at this meeting.

4.9 Selection Process

The Selection Committee will select the Team as follows:

- 4.9.1 All automatic selections will be completed first. This will be followed by any remaining discretionary selections.

4.9.2 While the nomination of any further eligible athlete and relay team is at the absolute discretion of the AA Selection Committee, athletes may be prioritised in the following order:

4.9.2.1 Most likely to finish in the top eight at a future World Championships or Olympic Games; then

4.9.2.2 The following factors in any order the Selection Committee consider relevant:

4.9.2.2.1 Repeat Qualification Standard performances;

4.9.2.2.2 Finishing order at the 2023 Australian Track and Field Championships;

4.9.2.2.3 Finishing order at the 2023 Australian UniSport Athletics Championships;

4.9.2.2.4 Head-to-head record in the Qualification Period;

4.9.2.2.5 Previous Championships record;

4.9.2.2.6 Current form and fitness.

4.10 Nomination of athletes

4.10.1 The nomination of any athlete to participate as a member of the Team for the Event is at the absolute discretion of Athletics Australia or UniSport Australia.

5. Further Obligations after Selection

Athletes selected in the Team for the Event pursuant to this Selection Policy must:

5.1 Undertake any medical assessments and testing requested by UniSport Australia, the Athletics Australia Chief Medical Officer, or their delegate, and disclose to UniSport Australia, the Athletics Australia Chief Medical Officer, or their delegate, any relevant medical history and known medical condition or issue that may be or become relevant to participation in the Team;

5.2 Adhere to all anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by applicable anti-doping rules, including the Athletics Australia Anti-Doping Policy and the anti-doping rules of the governing body of the Event;

5.3 Sign a UniSport Australia Team Agreement and the Athletics Australia Code of Conduct governing their selection in the Team and participation in the Event; and

5.4 Pay the team levy to join the team as directed by UniSport Australia. It is anticipated this will be in the range of \$5500-\$6000AUD. This estimated cost does not include any COVID related costs outside of the competition period, which may be at the cost of the athlete. Failure to pay the levy on time will result on your withdrawal from the team.

6. Removal of Athletes

- 6.1 A selected athlete may be removed from the Team for any of the following reasons:
 - 6.1.1 A voluntary withdrawal notified in writing by the athlete to Athletics Australia or UniSport Australia;
 - 6.1.2 Injury or illness certified by a medical practitioner approved by Athletics Australia;
 - 6.1.3 A violation of the athlete's Team Agreement with UniSport Australia or the Athletics Australia Code of Conduct;
 - 6.1.4 A failure to comply with any pre-Event preparation policy (including a failure to meet an agreed pre-departure standard);
 - 6.1.5 The athlete's eligibility status changes so that the athlete is ineligible to participate in the Event; and/or
 - 6.1.6 The athlete's event is removed from the Event program.
- 6.2 An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to an appeal in accordance with By-Law 8 of the Athletics Australia By-Laws.

7. Replacement of Athletes

- 7.1 Replacement athletes will be determined in accordance with the following process:
 - 7.1.1 If the replacement athlete is to be determined prior to nominating Team names, the replacement athlete will be selected based on the selection procedure set out in Section 4.
 - 7.1.2 If the replacement athlete is to be determined after nominating Team names to the governing body of the Event, the replacement athlete will be nominated subject to the eligibility and nomination rules set out by the governing body of the Event and selected based on the selection procedure set out in Section 4.

8. Selection Appeal Process

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

9. Amendment to Policy

- 9.1 This Policy may be amended at any time by Athletics Australia if it is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary as a result of any change to the participation/eligibility rules of the governing body for the Event, 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. Athletics Australia shall not be responsible or liable in any way to any one as a result of any such amendment.

Appendix 1: Athletics Australia Event Selection Standards

Men	Event	Women
10.36	100m	11.64
20.97	200m	23.70
46.40	400m	52.75
1:47.70	800m	2:02.50
3:42.75	1500m	4:14.35
14:02.65	5000m	16:06.30
29:34.00	10000m	34:16.70
1:07:30	Half Marathon	1:16:50
8:42.85	3000mSC	10:01.60
13.87	110mH/100mH	13.45
50.30	400mH	57.90
2.20	High Jump	1.82
5.40	Pole Vault	4.20
7.65	Long Jump	6.25
16.05	Triple Jump	13.25
18.75	Shot Put	16.45
58.00	Discus Throw	52.75
70.50	Hammer Throw	64.70
75.90	Javelin Throw	52.60
7325	Decathlon/Heptathlon	5485
1:26:30	20km Race Walk	1:40:00
N/A	4x100m Relay	N/A
N/A	4x400m Relay	N/A