

SELECTION POLICY

AUSTRALIAN ALL SCHOOLS TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

4 - 5 DECEMBER 2010 – MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

Event Overview

The **2010 Australian All Schools Track & Field Championships** will be held in Doncaster, Melbourne on the 4th and 5th of December. The 2010 event will follow a new format that pits state teams against each other in a two-day, team points competition.

Queensland Athletics will act as coordinator of all matters for this team, including team selections. Selections for this team will be made throughout the 2010 Queensland Secondary Schools Track & Field Championships.

For the All Schools Championships, up to two athletes will be selected in the boys and girls team for each athletics event in the Under 14, Under 16 and Under 18 age categories. More information about athlete eligibility is detailed below.

While medals will be awarded to place getters in individual events, the competition is focused on determining a champion state team. Only one of the two athletes selected for each event will score points towards the team's total. The other athlete is invited to compete as an additional competitor.

As a general guideline, the highest-placed athlete in the final of each eligible event at the Queensland Secondary Schools Track & Field Championships that is selected in the team will be nominated to Athletics Australia as the point-scoring athlete.

Eligible athletes will be provided with Team Information letters and Team Nomination forms at the conclusion of medal ceremonies during the Queensland Secondary Schools Track & Field Championships. All nomination forms, uniform orders and team payments must be finalised by Monday 1st November 2010.

All athletes selected in the Queensland Team to compete at the 2010 All Schools event will be required to stay with the team and its management. Queensland Athletics will coordinate all accommodation at La Trobe University, and will organise all meals and ground transport for the duration of the trip. Athletes will be responsible for booking their own flights to link with team management at Melbourne (Tullamarine) airport.

Eligibility Criteria

1. For the three age categories to be contested at this year's Australian All Schools Championships, athletes will be selected from the following age groups at the Queensland Secondary Schools Track & Field Championships:
 - Under 14: Athletes competing in '13 Years' events
 - Under 16: Athletes competing in '15 Years' events
 - Under 18: Athletes competing in '17 Years' events

NB: Athletes must compete in the age category that corresponds with their year of birth, and may not compete in events in age categories above their own.

2. Athletes **must** compete at the Queensland Secondary Schools Track & Field Championships, to be held from the 22nd to the 25th of October 2010.
3. Athletes **must** compete in the age category for which they are eligible to be considered for selection in the Queensland team.
4. Athletes **must** compete in the event(s) for which they wish to be considered for selection in the Queensland team.

Selection Information

- At the conclusion of each event final in the 13 years, 15 years and 17 years age groups at the Queensland Secondary School Track & Field Championships, the athletes that place 1st and 2nd in the event will be offered a place in the Queensland team for that event at the Australian All Schools Athletics Championships.
- If either of the athletes in 1st or 2nd place decide not to accept their place for that event, the athlete that finished in 3rd place will be offered the position in the team. If this athlete does not accept the position, then the athlete that finished in 4th place will be offered the position, and so on until the two places for that event are filled. If the two positions for the event cannot be filled from the athletes that finished in the first 8 places in the event, only one athlete will be selected for that event.
- Athletes that, for whatever reason, do not compete in the final of an event at the Queensland Secondary Schools Track & Field Championships, **will not** be considered for selection in that event at the Australian All Schools Athletics Championships.
- Each athlete may be selected in a maximum of 2 individual events.
- Each athlete may only compete in the age category for which they are selected. This means that an athlete cannot compete in the same event in their own age category and in the age category above their own.
- Athletes may be selected in a maximum of two relay teams at the Championships, but only within their own age category.
- Queensland Athletics will **not** be selecting athletes to compete at the Championships as relay athletes only.