



**REGIONAL AUSTRALIA
Selection Policy**



MELANESIAN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Port Vila, Vanuatu

9-11 May 2018

1. Introduction

This document sets out the basis on which Athletics North Queensland in conjunction with Athletics Australia will select the Regional Australia Team for the 2018 Melanesian Regional Championships to be held in Port Vila, Vanuatu from 9-11 May.

The Team will include members in Openior and Under 18 categories. Different selection criteria (set out below) will apply to selection of the Team for athletes competing in Open Events and those competing in the Under 18 Events.

This Policy can be amended at any time by Athletics North Queensland in conjunction with Athletics Australia if they are in an opinion that such an amendment is necessary as a result of any change in the 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 Athletics North Queensland in conjunction with Athletics Australia. Athletics North Queensland in conjunction with Athletics Australia shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone as a result of any such amendment.

2. Selection Philosophy

Athletics North Queensland in conjunction with Athletics Australia sees the Melanesian Regional Championships as an opportunity to expose athletes who may not otherwise get an opportunity to participate in international competition.

The Melanesian Regional Championships provide a competition and educational opportunity appropriate for athletes who have generally not had the chance to participate in regular international level competition. This is also an opportunity to provide team experience and associated educational opportunities for enthusiastic and committed coaches and other team staff from isolated areas.

3. Eligibility

A. Only those athletes who qualify according to this clause 3A will be eligible for selection in the Team:

- ❑ Be a citizen of Australia
- ❑ Have a valid Passport (passports need to have at least 6months before the expiry date to be allowed to travel)
- ❑ **Either** have their normal place of residence (defined as being a place where an athlete is resident and/or educated) in an "athletically remote area" of Australia (defined as a being a place more than 300km from any centre at which track and field competition is held on a regular basis i.e. basically weekly or fortnightly during the track season) **or** "Northern Australia" (defined as comprising the Northern Territory and any parts of Western Australia and North Queensland, north of 26th parallel south latitude).
- ❑ Be a registered member of Athletics Australia
- ❑ Complete and submit the Application for Consideration for Selection by Wednesday 28th February at 5.00pm.
- ❑ Remain in 'good standing' with Athletics Australia and at all times comply with Athletics Australia Code of Conduct and otherwise conduct themselves in a way that does not bring their sport or the national team into disrepute.

B. In addition to meeting all of the eligibility requirements set out in 3A above, athletes seeking selection in the Under 18 events must comply with the additional requirements set out in this clause 3B.

Traveling athletes must have reached a minimum age of 15 years by the 31st December 2018.

Selection criteria

Up to three (3) Athletes will be selected in priority order of their ranking as of 28th Feb 2018, provided they have achieved the performance standard. Performances will only be considered competitions from 1st June 2017-30th April 2018.

Achievement of the standard does not give an athlete a right to selection in the Team.

4. Funding

This will be a wholly self-funded Team (travel, accommodation, levies and team uniform together with all other associated expenses).

5. Announcement of the Team

The Team will be publicly announced no later than the week beginning 5th March 2018.

7. Accommodation

It is compulsory that all athletes that are part of the Regional Australia team have to stay at the team accommodation for the duration of the Championships.