

# Australian Cross-Country Championships

## South Australian Team Selection Policy (All Ages)

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1. Little Athletics SA and Athletics SA will be jointly responsible for selecting athletes in the age event championships and team event championships from U/14 to U/18 (incorporating Little Athletics age groups U/13 to U/17).
- 1.2. Athletics South Australia will be responsible for selecting athletes in the age event championships and team event championships from U/20 to Open.

### 2. Eligibility

- 2.1. Athletes **must** attend and compete at the **Athletics SA State Cross Country Championships** to be eligible for selection for the South Australian team.
- 2.2. All athletes must be registered with their applicable State Athletics Association and/or a member club.

### 3. Selection Criteria

- 3.1. An invitation to the State Team will be extended to athletes competing in each age group and gender.
- 3.2. For those age groups and genders where more than 16 athletes wishing to nominate for the State Team, a selection panel will deliberate on the results from the Championships and confirm which athletes are to be selected.
- 3.3. The panel will consist of 1 representative from Little Athletics SA & Athletics SA respectively, and an intermediary agreed upon by both parties.

### 4. Appeals

- 4.1. To submit an appeal please email: [development@athleticssa.com.au](mailto:development@athleticssa.com.au) or [events@salaa.org.au](mailto:events@salaa.org.au). Appeals will be considered for extenuating circumstances that prevented an athlete from reaching the selection criteria, provided they apply with all the appropriate documentation.
  - 4.1.1. Examples of appropriate appeals are; illness, injury, family grievance, and travel that prevented the athlete from meeting the criteria.
  - 4.1.2. Competition weather conditions are not deemed to be a satisfactory reason for an appeal.

## **5. Expectations and Requirements**

- 5.1. Whilst selected athletes will be representing their State they will be entering as an individual and will therefore be required to arrange their accommodation, ground transport, food, and any other costs incurred as applicable.
- 5.2. Selected athletes will be invoiced the applicable entry cost.

## **6. Team Announcement**

- 6.1. The team selection will be announced as soon as possible after the conclusion of the Athletics SA Championships.
- 6.2. Selections will be made available on the Little Athletics SA & Athletics SA websites.

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