



Team Victoria Selection Policy

2022 AUSTRALIAN CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Oakbank Racecourse, Adelaide, South Australia

Saturday 27th August, 2022

For all pre-departure team enquiries, please contact Tom Gamble, State Team Leader at Athletics Victoria on (03) 7032 8406 or via email tom.gamble@athsvic.org.au.

1. Selection Criteria

POLICY OF SELECTION

There will be an Athletics Victoria Selection Committee established to carry out the selection of the Victorian Cross Country team

The selection committee will operate under the selection policy listed, making amendments where deemed necessary to maintain the best interests of Athletics Victoria and to remain in line with any changes drafted by Athletics Australia.

The AV Selection Committee and Athletics Victoria will have final say over selection, appeals will be directed through State Teams manager Tom Gamble: tom.gamble@athsvic.org.au

1.1 Selection Criteria

1. Individual championships will be contested in U14, U15, U16, U17 and U18 – in addition to U20 and Open, with 10 male & female athletes selected per gender, per age group. No Limit for U20, Open and ALL Para athletes.
2. U15 and U16 championships will be conducted as a combined race for men and the same for women; teams' championship will be U16 – teams may include U15 and U16 athletes

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3. The Victorian Cross Country Championships on July 23rd (Bundoora Park) will be the selection trial for this team, athletes who do not compete at this event will not be considered for selection, unless qualifying criteria detailed in point 4 are met.

4. Athletes who are unable to compete at the trial due to illness/ national representation (World U20 Athletics Championships and/or Commonwealth Games)/ extenuating circumstances will need to provide a written application with supporting documentation to be considered.
5. **It is necessary to submit the nomination form, completed on the laptops available at the Athletics Victoria tent located near the finishing line, to be considered for selection.** Athletes will only be considered for the AV team if they have completed the nomination form. In the unusual case that an age group has insufficient nominations to fill an age group bracket of 10 athletes, the next best placed athlete will be contacted.
6. 20 athletes will be selected for each age group, 10 male, 10 female. Selection is determined by athlete finishing order, thus if the first 10 athletes to cross the line in a race select to represent AV, those 10 individuals will be selected if appropriate selection documentation is completed.
7. All selections will be confirmed via email/AV website
8. Emergencies will be named and offered places in the team if/when any selections are declined.

1.2 Age Qualifications

Athletes may only enter in only one age group only. Except for open, this must relate specifically to their year of birth:

- **Under 14** - athletes must be born in **2009** or **2010**
- **Under 15** - athletes must be born in **2008**
- **Under 16** - athletes must be born in **2007**
- **Under 17** -athletes must be born in **2006**
- **Under 18** - athletes must be born in **2005**
- **Under 20** - athletes must be born in **2003** or **2004**
- **Open** - athletes must be born no later than **2006**
- **Para** - age groups will be **Under 15** (born 2008-09-10), **Under 17** (born 2006-07), **Under 20** (born 2003-04-05) and **Open** (in addition to SSA 10-12 years)

Under 23 athletes must be born in 2000, 2001 or 2002 and will enter and compete the Open age division.

Athletes MUST turn 12 in the year of competition to compete in these Championships.

1.3 Para-Athlete Selection Guidelines

There is no entry limit for Para athletes at Cross Country.

All para-athlete entries must have a current provisional or full National Level Classification or higher to qualify for entry into an Athletics Australia event. If the Athlete's National Classification (or higher) is past its review date, entry will be at the discretion of Athletics Australia. An athlete should be competitive at the State Championships/Selection Trial.

1.4 Event Entry Fee

Individual entry to the Australian Cross-Country Championships is **\$35.00** (inc. GST)

Nominations Open **Saturday 23rd July 2022**

Nominations Close **Monday 8th August 2022 (5.00pm)**

Individuals will be notified progressively as nominations are so that travel arrangements can be made.

1.5 Late Entries

Late entries can be submitted after 8th August, but no later than 15th August. Athletes entering via late entries will not have guaranteed acceptance and may not be printed in the official program.

Late entries MUST provide the following information: first name, surname, team, date of birth ****(mm/dd/yyyy)****, age group, event, and personal contact details (mobile phone and email address). Late entries that do not provide this information cannot be processed and will not be accepted.

Late Entry Fees: All entries received after 5:00pm 15th August 2022 will be subject to a late entry fee of **\$60.00** (includes GST) per athlete.

1.6 Shoe Declaration

All athletes in the U20 (including SSA 18/19 Boys/Girls) and Open Men/Women races will need to declare their shoes prior to Monday 22nd August. You must complete this using the form below.

Link <https://www.athletics.com.au/events/106179/>

Shoe List – can be found <https://worldathletics.org/about-iaaf/documents/technical-information> under manuals and guidelines.



1.7 Team Travel

The Australian Cross Country Championships is an individual travel event, as Athletics Victoria will not be supplying team accommodation or travel options. Therefore, athletes are required to organise their own transportation and accommodation.

2. Competition Date

The 2022 Australian Cross Country Championships are conducted by Athletics Australia (AA) and will be held on Saturday 27th August 2022. The Championships include both the Australian All Schools events for junior age categories (including U20's) and Athletics Australia Open & U20 events.

3. Competition Venue

The Championships will be held at Oakbank Racecourse, Adelaide approximately 34kms from Adelaide's city center. This could be up to a 40-minute car trip if staying in the city, public transport may extend this trip to an hour and a half. The course map and loop variations will be made available closer to the race date via Athletics Australia.

4. Participating Teams

The Championships will be contested by teams from the Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, Western Australia, Queensland, Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania.

5. 2022 State Team Management

Athletics Victoria will be providing team management services for the weekend of events. Tom Gamble, State Team Leader, will travel to the 2022 National Championships to facilitate administrative duties on the race day, including competition bib collection and distribution.

A mobile contact number will be provided closer to the event.

5.1 Victorian Team Levy

A Team Levy will be compulsory to facilitate entry process, administration and on the day management duties.

For All Victorian athletes, a team/administrative levy fee of **\$55.00** (inc. GST) will be charged per athlete.

5.2 Team Meeting

There is no pre-departure team meeting for the 2022 Australian Cross Country Championships, all relevant state team and competitor information will be included in subsequent emails. Also, check the Athletics Victoria website on a regular basis for updated information.

6. Uniform

Compulsory Uniform for this trip includes male and female options listed:

- Competition singlet or crop top (male or female)
- Competition briefs, boy leg briefs, shorts, or half-tights (male or female)

All athletes are required to wear the official and current Athletics Victoria competition uniform. Athletics Victoria's uniform supplier is Project Clothing, their online store is available to order and purchase all necessary items of uniform.

Link - <https://projectclothing.com.au/collections/athletics-victoria>

7. Timetable

A draft timetable can be viewed here:

<https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/cups/aa/files/eg1pzkyjgwryy8gd.pdf>

Any timetable updates will be released via the event page on the Athletics Australia website in the future.

8. Athletics Australia COVID Policy for Competition

As of 1 July 2022 the Athletics Australia Competitions Covid Policy is as follows:

1. Athletics Australia will observe and apply on any day on which it conducts a competition, the Covid-19 Guidelines then:

- (a) in force by any state/territory government within whose jurisdiction the event is being conducted; and/or
- (b) required by the operator of any venue(s) it is using for the competition.

2. Athletics Australia strongly recommends that for any of its competitions all participants and spectators over 5 years of age are at least double vaccinated.

8.1 COVID Restrictions

Should the current capacity permitted for South Australia (and as applicable the venue) be reduced, the following may be implemented, pending the level of restriction imposed and associated risks:

- Spectator restrictions
- Timetable changes
- Events relocated to an alternate venue
- Postponement or cancellation of Championships

9. Further Information

Please check the Athletics Victoria website regularly (www.athsvic.org.au) for the latest team news and event updates. If you have any concerns with any of the information in this bulletin, please don't hesitate to contact Athletics Victoria on (03) 7032 8400, or via email, tom.gamble@athsvic.org.au.

GOOD LUCK, AND GO BIG V!!!