



**INFORMATION FOR ATHLETES/COACHES ABOUT QUALIFYING
FOR THE AUCKLAND TEAM
to the New Zealand Track & Field Championships, Nga Puna Wai,
Christchurch
March 8-10th, 2019**

THE AUCKLAND TEAM will be selected over the 2018-19 summer NZ Track & Field season, **inclusive of the Auckland Championships, February 2019**. Athletes will be personally notified of their selection by the Auckland Centre and will be provided with an information pack including forms, which must be signed and returned to the Centre. The Team selections will also be posted on the Athletics Auckland website in early February.

ATHLETES NEED TO BE REGISTERED WITH AN AUCKLAND CLUB to be eligible for selection. **An automatic qualifying performance will only be accepted if it is done by an athlete registered on the Athletics Auckland database at the time of the performance.** The performance must be at a competition conducted under IAAF Rules and sanctioned by Athletics Auckland. However, performances at the 2018 NZ Secondary Schools Athletics Championships will be accepted, providing the athlete is registered to an Auckland Club at the time. Athletes wishing to represent Auckland are expected to compete at the **2019 Auckland Championships** unless injured or committed to an international event.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN QUALIFYING for the Auckland Team to the 2019 Championships **please notify the selectors that you are available** or get a coach/parent/Club to put your name forward for consideration. Do this as early as possible in the season. If you are resident overseas or suffer an injury or illness which prevents you from competing during the season, or at Auckland Championships, please let the Selectors know, so that they are aware of the reason for your absence from regular competition.

COMPETING REGULARLY at Athletics Auckland interclub competitions, **and especially at the 2019 Auckland Championships**, will give the Selectors the best opportunity to recognize your achievements and potential. A single, isolated, qualifying performance will need to be backed up with supporting performances at other competitions. A high-ranking result at the Auckland Championship is especially important, and strong performances at those Championships will be taken into consideration by the Selectors.

THE AUCKLAND TEAM SELECTION GUIDELINES AND SELECTION RULES are posted on the Athletics Auckland website.

*These **Selection Guidelines** are not hard-and-fast standards, or the only criteria for selection, but are guides used by the Selectors to help them decide which Auckland athletes have the potential to do well at the Nationals.

*The guidelines are based on a top-half of a finals finish in each event, averaged over the last three years of New Zealand T&F Championships results, excluding international visitors.

*These guidelines also give the athletes themselves a good indication of the quality of performance that they can expect to encounter when they compete at the Nationals.

*Willingness to compete at interclub and national level, commitment to the sport, and ability to perform under pressure are all qualities which are taken into account by the Selectors.

* New Zealand titleholders from the 2018 NZ Champs can expect to be included in the Team, providing they have competed during the current season in the grade in which they won the title, and proved themselves to be in good form.

ALL ATHLETES WILL NEED TO MAKE THEIR OWN FLIGHT/TRAVEL

ARRANGEMENTS - so athletes who want to go to the Nationals, either as members of the Auckland Team or Club athletes, are advised to make their flight bookings well in advance. There will be a limited amount of Team Accommodation available to athletes selected to the Auckland Team, comprising a three-night motel package including accommodation at a Riccarton motel, airport pickups and daily transport to and from the Nga Puna Wai Athletic Track. Athletes available for selection and interested in taking up the Team Accommodation Package should give an early indication to the Team Manager.

ALL ATHLETES MUST MAKE THEIR OWN ENTRIES & pay the applicable entry fees using the Athletics New Zealand on-line entry system.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL YOU ARE SELECTED TO THE TEAM TO ENTER THE CHAMPIONSHIPS. If you enter event/s as a Club athlete and are later selected to the Auckland Team your accreditation will be automatically transferred from your Club to Auckland.

MINIMUM AGE FOR ENTRY is 15 years as at December 31, 2019. Athletes who are younger than this are not eligible for selection to the Auckland Team, unless they have applied direct to Athletics NZ for an age dispensation and have succeeded in their application.

SELECTED ATHLETES ARE FREE TO ENTER ANY EVENTS THEY WISH, providing they have achieved the Athletics New Zealand entry standard for the grade in which they intend to compete. (Those entry standards will be posted on the Athletics NZ website).

If you have any queries, feel free to ask one of the Selectors, or contact the Auckland Centre office@athleticsauckland.co.nz.

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