

**Auckland Team selection for Relays at the
2024 New Zealand Track & Field Championships
GRADES U16, U18, U20, Open Men and Women**

During the season up until close of entries to the National champs, consideration will be given to:

AAI & NZ Ranking lists, and recent results including Auckland Champs 2024: Note that only legal performances are being recorded on the AAI ranking list.

Interest in Relays: The athlete or coach has indicated to the Relay Manager and Selectors that they are keen to be part of an Auckland relay squad. The athlete submits an interest in the relays on their Auckland selection form when returned to the Auckland Centre.

Team players In addition to the athlete's ability, the selectors identify athlete/s that would "thrive" in a team environment and would commit to the team, whatever age group or running order they have been selected for.

Athlete's programme at National champs: The selectors will gain an understanding of the athlete's workload at Nationals and the timing of their individual events in comparison with the timing of the Relay races.

Injury issues: The selectors will take into account recent injury issues, if known to them. The athlete's coach is encouraged to keep the Selectors up to date with any issues leading up to the National champs.

Developmental opportunity: The selectors may identify an athlete or athlete's that would "greatly benefit" their athletic development by been selected in a relay team, based on work ethic and commitment to the sport.

Relay clinics: If these opportunities arise, the athlete takes part in any skill learning clinics that are held in Auckland by Athletics NZ or Athletics Auckland.

Note: Ideally the Relay coach or Relay manager will communicate prior to the National championships, which athletes are in an age group squad from which the relay team will finally be chosen. This could range from 4 to 8 athletes.

On the day of the Relay event at Nationals:

#1: Reporting: The athlete (or coach) reports to the Auckland team management during the morning session and confirms their availability to be selected for a team. A team of 6 will be finalised the previous evening or during the morning and relay runners will all be personally informed (face-to-face, or by phone) of their place in the team . A Team declaration list including the running order (4 runners and 2 reserves) will be submitted to TIC at least 2 hours before the race.

#2: Relay Coach: The relay coach for a particular age grade will be appointed by the Relay manager. They will select the final 4 runners and the running order on the day. If there is not a dedicated relay coach appointed, then the Relay Manager and Team Managers will undertake this role.