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## Athletics Auckland Cross-Country Team Selection Criteria

The Auckland Centre aims to take a full competitive team of 50 athletes and 2 managers to this event with the likely team composition to be as follows:

5 x Senior Men 5 x Senior Women 5 x U20 Men & 5 x U18 Men 5 x U20 Women & 5 x U18 Women 5 x Masters Men 35-49 5 x Masters Men 50+ 5 x Masters Women 35-49 5 x Masters Women 50+

As Athletics NZ rules allow for 8 athletes per grade to be selected for their Centre, others may be selected to complement these teams where warranted, at the discretion of the Selectors.

We endeavour to send the strongest Auckland team possible to the National Championships and performances in the Auckland Championships will have a major bearing on selection. The first placed registered Auckland Athlete in each race U18 and above at the Auckland Championships will be an automatic inclusion in that team. The Masters grades will be counted as two races for Women and Men – split as U50 and 50+.

Athletes if not selected in the Auckland Centre team may compete in the New Zealand Championships as an individual. Individuals competing wear their club uniform and be under the care of their own club.

AAI endeavours to subsidise the costs depending on funding available but please note that funding assistance can only be given to those athletes who are taking up the options of accommodation and travel with the team due to Grant funding policy. Anyone making their own arrangements will have to meet the costs themselves.

