

**Auckland Team selection for Relays at the
2026 New Zealand Track & Field Championships**

Expression of Interest: Athletes who have been selected for the Auckland Team and who have expressed an interest in being in a relay team on the application form included in their selection letter will form the basis of the teams.

During the season and up until close of entries to the National Championships, the Selectors may also give consideration to:

Position on AAI & NZ Ranking lists, and recent results including Auckland Champs 2026: (Only legal performances are recorded on the AAI ranking lists.)

Athlete's programme at Nationals: The Selectors will take into account the athlete's workload at Nationals and any clash between their individual events and relays on the programme schedule.

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

Team Players: In addition to the athlete's ability, the Selectors may 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.

Developmental opportunity: The selectors may identify an athlete or athletes 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.

Relay Coaches: The relay coach for a particular age grade will be appointed by the Auckland Team Relay Manager.

Named Squads: The wider squad for each relay team will be confirmed prior to the National Championships by email. The athletes will also be informed by email of the preferred running team and reserves (subject to fitness and injury).

On the day of the Relay event/s at Nationals:

Reporting: The athletes (or their coaches) must report to the Auckland team management **prior to 10.00am** to confirm their availability to run. The Team Management will select the final team, running order and the reserves ranked in order and the Relay Manager will provide the named lists to the team coaches. **The team running order and order of reserves will be finalised in the morning of the event and relay runners will be informed via TeamReach of their place in the team.** Any changes to the relay team during the day will be communicated to athletes via **TeamReach**.

Auckland Team Relay Manager: Chris Day