

**SELECTION RULES FOR THE AUCKLAND TEAM TO THE
2026 NZ TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS U16 - OPEN
#2 ARENA MT SMART STADIUM, PENROSE, AUCKLAND
5-8TH MARCH 2026**

1. Athletes who have in the unanimous opinion of the selectors shown themselves capable of representing Auckland with distinction will be notified of their inclusion in the Auckland Team. **Athletes who are selected may enter any events for which they have achieved the Athletics NZ Entry Standard for the 2026 Championships.**
2. The selectors have discretionary power to select athletes taking into consideration season's performances, national rankings, current form and **performances at 2026 Auckland Championships.**
3. Qualifying Performances must be recorded either between October 1st 2025 and February 22nd, 2026 or representing New Zealand in major International competitions. The selectors expect selected athletes to maintain a good competitive form leading up to the championships.
4. **Only performances achieved by athletes at official competitions conducted or approved by Athletics Auckland or held by any other Centre will be considered.** Wind-assisted performances will not be considered for selection. Athletes must be registered with an Auckland Club on the Athletics Auckland database at the time of the performance and, unless resident overseas, have competed for that Club at Centre meetings prior to the 2026 Auckland Championships to be considered for inclusion in the Auckland Team.
5. All athletes who wish to be included in the team are expected to compete at the **2026 Auckland Championships** unless they are competing at an international event on the same date. **If athletes are unable to compete at the Auckland Championships they must notify the selectors in advance, giving their reasons, or be competing at an international meet.**
6. All selected athletes are expected to be available for relay teams if required.
7. The team will be finalised and the complete list of names posted on the Athletics Auckland website following the close of entries to the NZ Championships. Athletes achieving the guideline may be advised prior to the 2026 Auckland Championships; however, they would still be required to compete at the Auckland Champs.
8. All Athletes are responsible for making make their own entries, using the Athletics New Zealand on-line entry system.
9. Athletes wishing to protest their non-selection have 48 hours from the publication of the final selection announcement on the Athletics Auckland website to lodge their protest in writing with the Convenor of Selectors. Appeals against the protest decision would thereafter be considered by the Chairman of the AAI Track & Field Committee.
10. Minimum age for competing in U16 grades is 14 years as at December 31, 2026

Selectors: Sue Potter (Convenor) Murray Free, Richard Kee, Murray McKinnon, Thelma Teesdale