

INFORMATION FOR ATHLETES AND COACHES

AUCKLAND TEAM TO THE N.Z. TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS #2 ARENA MT SMART, PENROSE, AUCKLAND MARCH 5-8th, 2026

The 2026 Auckland Team will be selected from athletes competing in U16, U18, U20 and Open Grades over the course of the 2025-26 NZ Track & Field season. Athletes who are selected during the season will be notified by email.

The final Team will be announced following the close of entries to the 2026 NZ Championships. U16 athletes will be selected from U16 Grade performances only (not from the results of age-graded children's athletic competitions).

The Auckland Team Selection Guideline and the Selection Rules are posted on the Athletics Auckland website. The Selection Guidelines are provided to give athletes and coaches a performance indicator. **They are guidelines ONLY, and not rigid standards.**

The Selectors will be looking at all performances by Auckland Registered athletes in Grade U16 - Open competitions throughout the T&F season, and making additional selections on the basis of performance, current form and rankings.

Pathways to Selection

- **Bettering a performance guideline** within the qualification rules will gain automatic selection to the Auckland Team.
- **Regularly competing in Athletics Auckland Meets** (McKinnon Shield) during the 2025-26 Track & Field Season.
- **Gaining a high rank** on the 2025-26 Athletics Auckland and/or Athletics New Zealand ranking lists.
- **Competing at the 2026 Auckland Track & Field Championships.**
- **Expression of Interest:** If you are keen to represent Auckland at the NZ Championships - or wish to recommend an athlete for consideration - talk to one of the Selectors, or email them an expression of interest. **Athletes do not have to wait until they are selected to the Auckland 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.

Information for Selected Athletes

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. **All athletes will need to enter themselves & pay the applicable entry fees when entries open on the Athletics NZ website.**

Athletes who are selected to the Auckland Team will be required to buy the official Team competition uniform singlet or crop top (if they do not already own one) available for purchase at the Athletics Auckland office.

Athletes can also buy on-line a range of other (non-compulsory) Athletics Auckland Team Wear which complement the uniform - short & long-sleeved performance tees, leggings, jackets, trackpants and hoodies. The link to the on-line Team Wear can be found here: <https://www.sas.co.nz/product-category/athletics/athletics-auckland/track-and-field-sportswear-range/>

Orders are collated at the end of the month. The delivery window for this range can take up to 6 weeks from the end of the month of ordering, so athletes who want items to wear at the Championships should order early.

**2026 AUCKLAND TEAM
SELECTORS**

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