



## **AUSTRALIAN LITTLE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS – SELECTION POLICY**

### **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY LITTLE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION**

#### **AIM:**

1. The aim of this document is to outline by guidance and direction the process for selecting and naming the Australian Capital Territory Little Athletics Association (ACTLAA) Team for the Australian Little Athletics Championships (ALAC).

#### **BACKGROUND:**

2. The ALAC comprises a competition for the Australian Teams Championship (ATC) and the Multi-event Championship (AMEC).
3. The ATC is a team's competition where each athlete gains points from events towards a total team point score.
4. The AMEC is an individual competition with each athlete competing in seven (7) events. Points are based on the best performance in each event and totalled to determine the overall places.
5. The conduct of the ALAC is determined by regulations to be found in the Standard Rules for Competition of Little Athletics Australia.
6. For the purpose of selecting the ACTLAA ALAC Team, a panel of selectors is either mandated or elected in accordance with ACTLAA By-Law A09/2.
7. ACTLAA By-Law A09/3 lists the criteria for the selection of the ACTLAA ALAC Team.

#### **SELECTION PROCESS:**

8. Upon completion of the final Sunday event of the ACTLAA Championships, the selectors will meet as soon as possible that evening to choose the ACTLAA ALAC Team.
9. The selectors will be provided with two spreadsheets with one to show the performances in accordance with Paragraph 3 of ACTLAA By-Law A09/3 for the athletes who have nominated for the ACTLAA ALAC Team and the other the performance result tables for the last four ALAC.
10. If required, noting the possibility of illness or injury invoking Paragraph 6 of ACTLAA By-Law A09/3, the selection panel is also to have access to the performance results from other ACTLAA Carnivals for all the nominated athletes.
11. The selection of athletes for the AMEC will be solely based on ACTLAA Multi Event Heptathlon performance results noting the requirement of Paragraph 10 of this process.
12. The selection of athletes for the ATC will be based on a tiered methodology. Initially the athletes are selected by performance to cover the ATC events allowing for the specified competition limits on the allowable number of events per athlete. Program clashes that preclude an athlete from competing in an event or vacancies in an event due to a lack of nominations for the event are then to be addressed by the selection of an alternative athlete. The selection of an alternative athlete is to be based on performance that best balances the team to achieve maximum points.

13. Every endeavour is to be made to ensure the selection of the maximum number of athletes allowed under the ALAC regulations.
14. Where possible, the selection panel is to develop a reserve list of athletes for the ATC and AMEC Teams.
15. The Head Selector is to document the proposed team and provide a copy on Sunday night to the ACTLAA Executive Officer (EO LAACT). The EO LAACT is also to document the selection methodology used by the Head Selector.

**RATIFICATION OF ACTLAA ALAC TEAM:**

16. In accordance with ACTLAA By-Law A09/2, the proposed team list and methodology is to be endorsed on the Monday immediately following the Sunday selection process by the ACTLAA Board of Management.
17. Following the endorsement, selected athletes are to be individually informed of their selection and are to advise the EO LAACT by close of business Tuesday of their acceptance of their nomination.
18. If all selected athletes accept their nomination, the ACTLAA ALAC Team is publicly announced no later than close of business Thursday.
19. In the advent of a non-acceptance of a nomination/s, the selection panel is to meet on Tuesday night and the revised team list to be endorsed by the ACTLAA President on Wednesday and affected athletes asked to individually confirm their acceptance by close of business Wednesday. If all selected athletes accept their nomination, the revised ACTLAA ALAC Team is publicly announced no later than close of business Thursday.
20. The process of revision to the selected team list may be subject to several iterations and in no case is the Team to be publicly announced until all nominations are accepted and the team list endorsed by the ACTLAA President.