QUEENSLAND TEAM SELECTION by QUEENSLAND SCHOOL SPORT for the
School Sport Australia & Athletics Australia
National Cross Country Championships
KEMBLA GRANGE, NEW SOUTH WALES – 23rd – 26th August, 2019

The 2019 National Cross Country Championships will be conducted in Kembla Grange, New South Wales. In 2019, Athletics Australia and School Sport Australia will conduct this event. The individual events will be held at Kembla Joggers on Saturday, with the relay events held on Monday. An athlete can be selected for the National Championships by participating in the 2019 Queensland School Sport 10-19 Years Cross Country Championships conducted by Queensland School Sport in Darling Downs Region (Highfields Sport & Recreation Park) from July 20-22.

SELECTION

The major criterion for selection will be the performance of the athlete at the Queensland School Sport 10-19 Years Cross Country Championships. Areas of performance considered will include:

- The placing and time recorded by the athlete in the qualifying event.
- The attitude and behaviour of the athlete as a member of the team.

The selections will be announced at the State Championships at Highfields Sport & Recreation Park on Monday 22nd July. All selected athletes must collect appropriate paperwork from the team managers on Sunday or Monday 21st/22nd July, and submit a uniform order form (even if no uniform is required) to confirm selection in this team. Athletes accepting selection in this team must be present on all days at the National Championships in Kembla Grange, from Friday 23rd August to Monday 26th August, and participate in all programmed activities as required by the team managers. Failure to do so may jeopardise selection in future QSS teams.

TEAM SIZE

10-12 Years Athletes
Six (6) runners from each age group and gender will be invited to attend the School Sport Australia Cross Country Championships. Two (2) runners per age group will be listed as reserves. Should athletes be withdrawn, reserves will be invited to join the team.

13-19 Years Athletes
A maximum team size of 60 athletes will be selected. Athletes will be selected in each age group (13 years, 14/15 years, 16/17 years, 18/19 years) in both boys’ and girls’ divisions, provided that the performance of the athlete in the championships warrants selection in the event. In addition to the team of 60 athletes, a squad of reserve athletes (the next best-performed athletes participating in the championships) will be named by the selectors. These will be announced in alphabetical order, regardless of gender or age. In the event of an athlete withdrawing from the team of 60, the selectors will name an athlete from the reserve squad, deemed to be the next best-performed athlete, to be added to the team. This athlete may not be of the same age or gender as the withdrawn athlete, and will be notified of their eligibility as soon as a position becomes available. In the event of late withdrawals, reserves may not necessarily be appointed as replacements.

Multi-Class Athletes
Each state/territory is entitled to enter three (3) athletes in each age/gender division in the 10 years, 11 years and 12 years and 13 years, 14/15 years, 16-19 years MULTI-CLASS events provided the qualifying standards and classification standards have been met. In the event that an age/gender division does not have three (3) qualifying athletes, athletes in another age/gender division may be selected if they meet the qualifying standard to make a total of 18 athletes across 10–12 years and 18 athletes across 13–19 years teams.
NOMINATION

All athletes wishing to be considered for selection in the Queensland School Sport Cross Country team are required to nominate by completing the Online Nomination Form.

Nominations must be submitted by 11.59pm on Thursday 18th July, 2019 at the following link:

https://queenslandschoolsport.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Pages/Cross-country-nomination-form.aspx

PARTICIPATION

When in Kembla Grange, all team members are required to:

- attend the course inspection and opening ceremony on Friday 23rd August;
- compete in an individual event on the second day of competition (Saturday 24th August) and be eligible for medals in the individual event and the team event scored from this event;
- attend the educational excursion on the third day of competition (Sunday 25th August);
- compete in a relay event or a time trial on the fourth day of competition (Monday 26th August);
- participate in the closing ceremony and presentation of medals until approximately 2pm (Monday 26th August).

Participation in all aspects of the Championships is compulsory.

TRAVEL

- Athletes may arrange their own transport to and from Kembla Grange. If travelling independently, athletes will be responsible for the organisation of their own transport in Kembla Grange.
- Athletes must guarantee to arrive in Kembla Grange in time for the team meeting on Friday 23rd August, and not leave the championship venue on Monday 26th August until after the closing ceremony and presentation of trophies. These details will be advised in a newsletter, which will be available at the State Championships at Highfields Sport & Recreation Park.
- Athletes unable to arrange their own transport will travel with the Team Managers to Kembla Grange on Friday 23rd August and return to Brisbane on Monday 26th August after the completion of the medal presentations and closing ceremony.
- Air travel will be booked on behalf of athletes requiring travel with Queensland School Sport Officials. The cost of the fare is TBA.
- Team flights have yet to be booked.
2020 SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

In 2020, School Sport Australia will send a team to the World School Cross Country Championships in Slovakia, the date for which is yet to be confirmed. Athletes wishing to gain selection for these Championships may choose from the following pathways:

INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION

3.2 (b) Representative Team Selection – from School Sport Australia Cross Country Rules & Guidelines

Only students in the School Sport Australia member body teams will be eligible for selection in the School Sport Australia Cross-Country team. The first six (6) runners eligible by age to complete the 16/17 years events at the School Sport Australia Cross Country in the year prior to the ISF World Cross-Country Championships will be invited to represent School Sport Australia at the ISF World Schools Cross-Country Championships in the year following selection.

Implications for Queensland athletes

Athletes must turn 14, 15, 16 or 17 in 2019 and must still be enrolled at school in 2020. Athletes choosing this pathway must compete in the 16 or 17 years age group race from District level onwards.

SCHOOL TEAM PARTICIPATION

Expressions of interest are sought from schools interested in competing for selection in the individual school division of the School Sport Australia Cross Country Team to compete in the ISF World School Cross Country Championships in 2020. To gain selection, a school team must compete at the School Sport Australia Cross Country Championships in Kembla Grange, New South Wales from 23-26 August 2019.

Schools competing at the Australian Championship must give an assurance to:

- represent Australia at the ISF event in Slovakia in 2020 if they win the Australian event for school teams
- be governed by the School Sport Australia Policies and Guidelines
- meet all costs associated with participation in the tour
- be accompanied by a teacher who will become a part of the Australian Team management.
- attend the Queensland School Sport Cross Country Championships on Monday July 22 at Kearney Springs for the Queensland Team announcement and fitting and ordering of Queensland team uniforms.

To compete in the 2019 Queensland selection event the following will apply:

- The team must be made up of 4 to 6 runners.
- Athletes must turn 14, 15, 16 or 17 years of age in 2019. 17 Year olds must still be at school in 2020.
- All runners must compete over the following distances - Girls 4 km, Boys 6km.
- Nomination Form should be forwarded by Wednesday June 19 2019 to Andrea Field (QSS 13-19 Years Athletics Committee Chair) in the manner stated on the attached nomination form. Participating schools will be invoiced for their registration fee by Nicky Barrie (Treasurer).

If only one team nominates for the Queensland trial, that team will automatically be nominated for the Australian event. If more than one team nominates in either the Boys’ or Girls’ division, the teams will be required to compete as part of the QSS 10-19 Years Cross Country Championships in the 16 Years Individual event on Sunday July 21.

Implications for Queensland athletes

Students who are 14, 15, 16 and 17 years old in 2019 should compete as individuals in their age-eligible event at District and Regional Championships. Schools seeking to nominate a team for selection to the SSA Championships must identify to Regions which of their students are also in contention for participation as part of the school teams’ event.

Following regional championships, Regions will nominate selected school team athletes from 14, 15, 16 and 17 years as part of their 16 years team. These athletes will be identified as WC (World Championships), compared to AC (Additional Competitors) in the competition database and 14-16 year old athletes will remain eligible for
race medals and regional points in the 16 years event at the QSS State Championships. In this event only, Regions will be awarded points based on their first 6 runners across the line, except where any of these runners are Additional Competitors as per the competition procedures or 17 years of age. Regions may complete their 14, 15 and 17 Years age group teams with their next best-performed athletes at the regional championships in team places vacated by athletes running out of their age group in the 16 Years event.

Athletes in school teams who are also part of the regional team must run in their regional uniform and will be identified with a coloured wrist band for the benefit of other competitors. Athletes in school teams who are not a part of the regional team must run in their school running uniform and will also wear a coloured wrist band.

14, 15, and 17 year old athletes who have been selected in their regional team through the appropriate QSS pathway may still be considered for selection in the Queensland team for the SSA Championships in their eligible age group should their school team be unsuccessful in the team trial.

Please view the current School Sport Australia Selection Policy (as at November 2018) at the following link:


Schools are requested to complete the attached nomination form and return a signed and scanned copy to Andrea Field via qssathschair@gmail.com by Wednesday June 19, 2019.

Nomination fee of $50 exc GST will be invoiced by Nicky Barrie (Treasurer) upon receipt of a completed nomination form.
NOMINATION FORM
2019 QSS Team Selection Trial for the 2020 School Sport Australia Cross Country Team

Please read the accompanying information relating to this event before completing this form. In submitting this form the school agrees to meet all requirements as outlined earlier in this document.

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