

# METROPOLITAN NORTH SCHOOL SPORT SELECTION POLICY

## 10 – 19 Years Cross Country – Regional Teams

### 1.0 CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF REGIONAL TEAMS

- 1.1 The major criterion for selection will be the performance of the athlete at the Regional championships/trials.  
Areas of performance considered should include -
  - 1.1.1 The placing and time recorded by the athlete
  - 1.1.2 The attitude and behaviour of the athlete as a member of the team
- 1.2 An athlete who is ill or injured at the time of the Regional Championships/Trials may be considered for selection provided that a medical certificate is supplied.
- 1.3 An athlete who is representing Queensland Athletics or another school sport at a higher level competition at the time of the Regional Championship/Trials may be considered for selection.

### 2.0 REGIONAL TEAM

- 2.1 A team of up to six (6) athletes for each age division for male and female will be invited to join the Regional team.
- 2.2 The first five (5) athletes to finish will be automatically invited to join the team.
- 2.3 The sixth position will be at the discretion of the selectors.
- 2.4 Reserve runners will be named in case of withdrawals.
- 2.5 A maximum of three (3) total additional competitors may be approved by the selection panel.

### 3.0 SELECTION PANEL

- 3.1 The number of selectors will be three (3), one of whom shall be the Regional chief manager.
- 3.2 The Regional chief manager will be the Chairman of the selection panel.
- 3.3 Applications for the position of Managers, and Convenor must be submitted on the official form and must be received by the Regional School Sport Officer in Term 4 of the preceding year of competition.
- 3.4 The appointment of selectors will be conducted prior to the trials by the Meet Director (RSSO).
- 3.5 Where insufficient officials nominate, the Meet Director (RSSO) will invite suitable persons to fulfil the role.

### 4.0 SELECTION PROCEDURES

- 4.1 The selectors must meet on a regular basis on the day of the competition.
- 4.2 Team managers may submit a written report to the selectors for consideration.
- 4.3 The selectors should maintain a written report/assessment sheet of each event viewed for selection purposes.
- 4.4 An athlete must compete in an event for which their age makes them eligible.
- 4.5 In a year in which School Sport Australia selects a representative school team to compete in the International School Sport Federation Cross Country Championships, athletes from 14 years, 15 years and 17 years age groups who form part of a school team may compete in the 16 years event in order to be considered for selection as the school team representatives for Queensland. Students who are part of a school team but are not also a member of the regional team may compete in the 16 years event for the purpose of their school gaining selection, but will not be considered for points towards the regional result or for selection in the Queensland Team.

## 5.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE METROPOLITAN NORTH TEAM

- 5.1 The selectors must submit the final team to the Meet Director (RSSO) for ratification prior to the announcement.
- 5.2 The Metropolitan North team and reserves announced at the close of the day.

## 6.0 MULTI CLASS ATHLETES

The following additional notes apply to all athletes competing in multi-class events.

- 6.1 Classification details, including approval for classification, must be received by the advertised date. Queensland School Sport — 10-19 years Cross Country Competition Procedures  
**Note:** At the regional meet Multi Class athletes may compete without classification. However classification should be underway.
- 6.2 Athletes of all ages and disability categories will run in a combined event over a distance of 2km (10-12 years) and 3km (13-19 years).
- 6.3 The following disability categories will be able to compete in the championships:
  - Intellectually Disabled ID: T20
  - Hard of Hearing/Deaf HI: T01
  - Visually Impaired VI: T11, T12, T13
  - Physically Impaired PI:
    - Physical impairment categories are restricted to:
    - Cerebral Palsy : T35, T36, T37, T38
    - Amputee: T44, T45, T46
    - Short Stature: T40
- 6.4 Qualifying times according to ages and disability categories will be determined annually and disseminated by the organising committee prior to the championships.
- 6.5 The athlete's place in the event and medal allocations will be determined using the multi-disability standards (MDS) formula. The athletes' times for the event will be calculated as a percentage of the national multi-disability standard 1,500 metre time for their classification. The athlete with the highest percentage will be placed first, etc.
- 6.6 An athlete will not be able to compete unless the classification has been approved and documented by an authorised organisation (as per the [Queensland School Sport website](#)).
- 6.7 Information and forms regarding classification is on the [Queensland School Sport website](#)