



ATHLETICS TASMANIA

Tasmanian Team Selection Criteria

Australian Marathon & Half Marathon Championships

Introduction

This is an Athletics Tasmania policy document that details the conditions under which an athlete can qualify for selection in the Tasmanian Team to compete in the Australian Marathon and Australian Half Marathon Championships for 2019.

Athletics Tasmania Selection Objective

Athletics Tasmania's selection philosophy is to select athletes in Tasmanian teams whose current results indicate that the athlete is capable of being competitive at the national level and will be a worthy representative of Tasmanian athletics.

EVENT DETAILS

Australian Marathon Championship

Date:	Sunday 15 th September 2019
Venue:	Sydney, NSW
Event Website:	http://sydneyrunningfestival.com.au/
Distance:	42.195km
Individual Championship:	Yes
Teams Championship:	Yes

Assistance Packages: All State and Territory MA's are invited to send up to six (6) male and six (6) female athletes to contest the Australian Marathon Championship. The following assistance packages will be available:

- Free race entry
- Use of the Elite Athlete facilities on race day
- An elite start at the front of the field
- 1 night shared accommodation (Saturday) for top 3 selected Male & Female
- Other details to be advised

Australian Half Marathon Championship

Date:	Sunday 4 th August 2019
Venue:	Sunshine Coast, QLD
Event Website:	https://www.sunshinecoastmarathon.com.au/
Distance:	21.1km
Individual Championship:	Yes
Teams Championship:	Yes

Assistance Packages: All State and Territory MA's are invited to send up to six (6) male and six (6) female athletes to contest the Half Marathon Championship. The following assistance packages will be available:

- Free race entry
- Use of the Elite Athlete facilities on race day
- An elite start at the front of the field
- 1 night shared accommodation (Saturday) for top 3 selected Male & Female
- Other details to be advised

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

All nominations are to be sent to the Chairman of Selectors (jg2464@bigpond.net.au) by **COB on Friday 31 May 2019.**

The information required for each nomination is:

- Full Name
- Gender
- Contact email address
- Contact phone number
- Event nominating for
- Relevant PB race results (include your performance, date and race location)
- All athletes must be 2018-19 Athletics Tasmania OOS registered prior to lodging nomination

Each athlete will be contacted independently to arrange their race entry.

The selection committee aim to name the team (including up to 2 reserves) no later than 3 June and reserve the right to add team members later should all positions not be filled, or athletes withdraw prior to competition. This can be done up to the day of competition, so athletes who are not selected are encouraged to advise the Chairman of Selectors if they still intend to compete in the event.

Qualifying Standards

To qualify for the Tasmanian Marathon Team, applicants will be expected to have completed the marathon distance in less than 3 hours and 10 minutes (male) and 3 hours and 30 minutes (female) after the 1st of January 2018. (See Note 2)

To qualify for the Tasmanian Half-Marathon Team, applicants must have completed the half marathon distance in less than 1 hour and 25 minutes (male) and 1 hour and 35 minutes (female) after the 1st of July 2018.

The current Tasmanian Champion in each event, provided they have renewed their registration, shall be automatically selected provided their Cadbury winning time was within the above standards.

Please note that all selected athletes will be required to compete in a "Project" Tasmanian singlet. Due to the nature of this event, selected athletes are encouraged to arrange this at the earliest possible opportunity to enable familiarisation with the singlet.

Note 1; *Athletes who are close to the selection standard, are invited to also express interest, detailing how close they are, and performances in events over alternative distances (i.e. 14/15km runs or first half of a marathon as a nomination for the Half Marathon) which selectors may consider as acceptable.*

*Athletes who are close to the selection standard may also be considered if enough individual qualifiers have already been selected to make up a team, to strengthen the chance of team representation, however it is unlikely that an athlete outside the selection standard will be selected as an individual competitor. **Please note that Athletics Australia have now also implemented a minimum standard for selection (Male 3:30/1:30, Female 3:40/1:40, Half Marathon since 1/7/18, Marathon since 1/1/18) so even taking discretion into account, this is the minimum for selection as a team member.***

Note 2; *Due to the qualification period having been extended to include the Tasmanian Championship (Cadbury) the previous year, Selectors will take into account the age of the qualifying performance, as well as events done in the interim period. For example, a female who ran 3.28 at Cadbury 2018, and had no recorded results of significant distance in the time since, would not necessarily be selected. Selectors must be confident that all selected athletes are capable of achieving the standard at the time of selection and the time of the Championship.*

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