



**Coles Australian Little Athletics
Championships**

2024 LANSW State Team Selection Policy

Under 15 Australian Championships

COLES AUSTRALIAN LITTLE ATHLETICS UNDER 15 CHAMPIONSHIPS

NSW SELECTION GUIDELINES

1. Introduction

This policy outlines the processes and procedures relating to the selection of the Under 15 Little Athletics NSW team to compete at the 2024 ALAC (Australian Little Athletics Championships).

There are two components of ALAC for Under 15 athletes in 2024. Combined event athletes compete in a seven-event (heptathlon) competition for individual medals and a team point score trophy known as the Life Members Trophy.

Individual athletes will compete in up to six events for individual medals and a team point score trophy.

It is the responsibility of potential team members and their parents/guardians to read and understand this policy document and seek further clarification from LANSW as required.

2. Definitions

Some definitions of terms used in this policy are:

LANSW – Little Athletics NSW

ALAC – Australian Little Athletics Championships

3. Selection Philosophy

LANSW is committed to selecting three boys and three girls to represent NSW at the ALAC that will display an attitude and commitment that is commensurate with the honour of being selected to represent their state.

4. Team Composition

LANSW will send one boy and one girl to compete in the ALAC Combined Events Championship.

In addition, LANSW will select the next two highest performing boy and girl athletes at the State Combined Events Championship. These athletes will have the opportunity to compete in up to six events in the Under 15 ALAC Championship.

5. Events

Events for the ALAC Combined Events Championship are:

Boys: 100m Hurdles, Discus, 100m, Long Jump, Javelin, High Jump, 800m.

Girls: 90m Hurdles, High Jump, Shot Put, 200m, Long Jump, Javelin, 800m.

6. Eligibility Criteria

- (a) All team members must be registered with LANSW in accordance with the Constitution and rules/regulations of LANSW.

- (b) All team members must be in the Under 15 age group in the 2023/24 season.
- (c) All team members must have competed at the 2024 LANSW State Combined Event Championships, wearing their registered centre uniform. The State Combined Event Championships provide an opportunity for potential team members to display their worthiness for selection on a “level playing field”. Athletes who fail to compete in the 2024 LANSW State Combined Event Championships, regardless of extenuating circumstances, cannot be considered for selection.
- (d) The second and third placed athletes at the 2024 LANSW State Combined Event Championships must also compete in the 2024 NSW State Championships.

7. Selection Criteria

- (a) Athletes will be selected based on their performances at the 2024 LANSW State Combined Event Championships*.
- (b) Selection will be determined on the events contested at the ALAC.
- (c) The point score system used to determine selections will be that of Little Athletics Australia, not that used by LANSW.
- (d) The top boy and girl who have scored the highest number of aggregate points in the events contested at the ALAC, using the LAA point score system, will be selected to represent LANSW.
- (e) The next two highest placed athletes at the NSW State Combined Event Championships who compete at the NSW 2024 State Championships will be eligible for selection in the first event in which they perform in the top four. They will be selected in further events if they finish in the top six, to a maximum of six events.

* Should one or more of the following events – 100m (boys), 200m (girls), hurdles, long jump, discus (boys), shot put (girls), javelin, high jump, 800m – not be conducted on the weekend of the 2024 State Combined Event Championships due to extraordinary circumstances, the event or events not conducted may be re-scheduled to be done at a later date, to finalise the selection process. *The decision to re-schedule cancelled events is entirely at the discretion of the selectors.* The date and venue of the conduct of any rescheduled events will be determined by LANSW. Only those athletes considered by LANSW to be in contention for State Team selection will be invited to attend. Points gained in the re-scheduled event/s will be included in the selection process, but will not alter the placings at the State Combined Event.

8. The Selection Process

Athletes’ results in the 100m (boys), 200m (girls), hurdles, long jump, discus (boys), shot put (girls), javelin, high jump and 800m are entered into the LAA point score to calculate the points aggregate that determines selections. Following this procedure, the boy and girl athletes with the highest resulting aggregate point-score, are selected to compete for LANSW at the ALAC Combined Event.

The second and third placed boy and girl, using the LAA point score, must compete at the NSW State Championships and finish in the top four to be considered for selection. They will be selected in up to six events in which they finish in the top six.

9. Implications for Selection

First, place-getters in the Under 15 competition at the 2024 LANSW State Combined Event Championships will not necessarily be chosen for the ALAC once calculations determining selection are completed.

10. Announcement of Selection

The combined event athletes' selection will be formally announced on the LANSW website as soon as their place in the team is confirmed.

The remaining four athletes will be publicly announced at 5pm on Monday 25 March via the LANSW website and relevant social media.

11. Selection queries

In the period immediately after the team announcement, any queries or concerns relating to the selection of the team should be directed to the LANSW office. The query will be directed to the person most capable of providing an accurate and informed response.

12. Requirements after selection

Following the selection of the athletes as set out in this policy, all members of the team will be required to comply with additional requirements. Their place on the team is conditional on the following:

- (a) All team members are expected to meet minimum standards of behaviour while assembled, travelling or training as part of the team. Any team member who does not meet that minimum standard of behaviour *in the assessment of the team management* will be dismissed from the team.
- (b) All team members or parents/guardians of team members must immediately inform the team management of any illness or injury that could reasonably impact on the athlete's ability to perform at the level expected of the athlete at the ALAC.
- (c) If at any time prior to the departure of the team for the ALAC any team member is assessed as injured, ill or unfit, that team member may be withdrawn from the team at the discretion of Little Athletics NSW.
- (e) LANSW may request a medical/fitness test for any team member with a healthcare professional nominated by LANSW. Failure to comply with the request in a reasonable time will result in the athlete being withdrawn from the team.
- (f) Team members are required to attend all scheduled team activities including the pre-championship camp from Friday, 5 April to Sunday, 7 April 2024. It is the responsibility of potential team members and their parents/guardians to make themselves aware of, and available for, these commitments. 100% attendance is expected. It is expected that team members will take their selection seriously and display an attitude and commitment to the team that is commensurate with this honour. Team members must remember that they have been selected to represent their state and are part of a team and therefore should be prepared to forego most matters in respect of meeting that commitment. Except in the case of what the team selectors consider to be extreme extenuating circumstances, failure to attend all or part of a scheduled team activity will result in the athlete being withdrawn from the team. Appeals for consideration of extenuating circumstances must be submitted in writing to LANSW as soon as practicable after the extenuating circumstances arise. A medical certificate must be produced in the case that a team member's attendance at a team activity is affected by

illness. A decision in each case about whether to accept a claim of extenuating circumstances as an excuse for non-attendance at part or all of a team activity will be made by the team selectors on an individual basis. *The discretion of the selectors is absolute.* Regardless of extenuating circumstances, an athlete who misses or will miss more than one team activity will automatically render themselves ineligible.

- (g) The team levy must be paid by due dates. The amount of the levy and the due dates for installments will be well publicised.
- (h) Team members and parents will need to formally agree that they will abide by a "Conditions of Selection" and a team member "Code of Conduct". Failure to do so will result in the athlete being withdrawn from the team.

13. Replacement of team members

A team member who does not or cannot meet one or more of the conditions listed under "Requirements after selection" will be withdrawn from the team and may be replaced by a reserve.

14. Reserves

Reserves are identified by the selectors in the case that a team member does not or cannot meet one or more of the conditions listed under "Requirements after selection".

Reserves will only be contacted if they are needed to replace an originally-selected team member.

Reserves that are called onto the team will be bound by all conditions in this document.

15. Power to Amend this Policy

This policy can be amended at any time by Little Athletics NSW if it is of the opinion that:

- Such an amendment is necessary as a result of any change in the Little Athletics Australia Guidelines;
- To give effect to the policy following discovery of a drafting error or oversight;
- For any other reason determined to be in the best interests of LANSW

LANSW will not be responsible or liable to anyone as a result of any such amendment.

16. Further Information

For further information, contact the LANSW office on (02) 9633 4511 or admin@lansw.com.au.