



## **Selection Policy for SSACT 12&U and 13&O State Teams for School Sport Australia Cross-Country Championships**

### **12 Years and Under State Team Selection Process**

Team members are selected on performance at the SSACT 12&U ACT Cross Country Championships and must be turning 10, 11 or 12 years old in the year of the School Sport Australia Championship.

The top 6 place getters in each event at the ACT Championships can be offered a place on the ACT Cross Country team to compete at the SSA National Championship. Please note – placing in top 6 does not automatically guarantee a place in the team.

Students wishing to be considered for selection must complete the nomination process as outlined on the School Sport ACT website and pay the online registration fee by the date specified.

**The Selection Trial for places in the SSACT team to compete at the School Sport Australia Championships is the School Sport ACT 12&U ACT Cross Country Championship.**

If a student does not compete at the SSACT 12&U ACT Cross Country Championship, they are ineligible for team selection regardless of the reason.

### **13 Years and Over State Team Selection Process**

The ACT 13yrs & Over team has a maximum size of 60 students, which does not include places that can be offered for eligible Multi-Class students (previously referred to as Athletes with Disabilities). This is a School Sport Australia rule for Cross Country.

The age groups covered by the 13yrs & Over team are:

- **Under 14** (turning 13 years of age in the year of the competition),
- **Under 16** (turning 14 years or 15 years of age in the year of the competition),
- **Under 18** (turning 16 years or 17 years of age in the year of the competition) and
- **Under 20** (turning 18 years or 19 years of age in the year of the competition).

There is no mandated requirement from School Sport Australia to include a minimum, or maximum, number of athletes in any specific double-age group, or any single age within a double-age group, as long as the total team size does not exceed 60.

**The Selection Trial for places in the SSACT team to compete at the School Sport Australia Championships is the School Sport ACT 13&O ACT Cross Country Championship.**

If a student does not compete at the SSACT 13&O ACT Cross Country Championship, they are ineligible for team selection regardless of the reason.

Students wishing to be considered for selection must complete the nomination process as outlined on the School Sport ACT website and pay the online registration fee by the date specified.

After the nomination period closes, the State Team Selectors will offer places to students under the following criteria:

- Students who finished in the first 5 of the Selection Trial for each double age group (as specified above) will automatically be offered a place in the team subject to them having completed the nomination process. This selection process will result in up to 40 places being automatically offered from the Selection Trial.
- The first two students from each single age, within a double-age race, will automatically be offered a place in the team if they finish outside the first 5 but within the first 16 in the Selection Trial, subject to them having completed the nomination process. This means that each age group, within a double-age group, will have at least two students selected. This selection process could result in up to 12 additional places being automatically offered from the Selection Trial.

**Selector’s Discretion:**

**Top 50 Standard**

For places still available in the team, further students will be considered for the offer of a place in the team under the following criteria:

- Students who race in the Cross-Country Selection Trial and have met the following Standards will be considered for places in the team.

Age Group	National XC Distance	Time
13-year Male	3k	11:00
13-year Female	3k	12:00
14-year Male	4k	14:30
15-year Male		14:00
14-year Female	4k	16:00
15-year Female		
16-year Male	6k	21:00
17-year Male		
16-year Female	4k	16:30
17-year Female		16:00
Under 20 Male	8k	21:00* (6k at ACT Championships)
Under 20 Female	6k	16:00* (4k at ACT Championships)

- If less places are available than the number of students who qualify under the Standards above, then students will be ranked based on their how far inside the Standard they are.

If places are still available after Selector’s Discretion, additional places may be offered based on how close students are to the Top 50 Standard.

Notwithstanding anything set out in this document, the Selectors have an overriding discretion to name any athlete in the Team if they believe it is in the best interests of School Sport ACT to do so.