



TTGLAC Relay Team Selection Policy

“Competitive Model”

Registration Cut-Off

All eligible athletes must be registered by the date specified by the SALAA.

Team Composition

The Team Composition is constrained by SALAA Event Specific Rules. SALAA rules specify that the Track Relay team must be filled before the Field Relay team and that an athlete selected for a Track Relay team cannot participate in the Field Relay team. In addition to this, wherever possible the TTGLAC Field Relay team will be comprised of a minimum of three athletes. SALAA rules specify that this may be reduced to two athletes (two events per athlete) and no more than four (one athlete per event).

Rationale: A third athlete provides a fallback in the event of a no-show in either the Track Relay and/or the Field Relay. It also allows an additional athlete to participate in and experience the State Relay Championship.

Team Selection

Team selection is performed by a sub-committee of the TTGLAC consisting of the Team Manager, a Club Coach and another Committee Member.

There are two factors that impact team selection. These are:

- Team fill order, and
- Athlete performance ranking.

Teams and events will be filled in the following order:

1. Track Relay: 4x100m
2. Track Relay: 4x200m
3. Track Relay: Medley
4. Field Relay: High Jump
5. Field Relay: Discus
6. Field Relay: Shot Put
7. Field Relay: Long Jump

Rationale: The Track Relay is prioritised over the Field Relay reflecting the SALAA rules. The decision to prioritise the 4x100m over the 4x200m and Medley is arbitrary. The Field Relay events are prioritized in terms of their perceived level of technical difficulty. It is acknowledged that these are open to debate however please note that there are 24 different permutations.

Athlete performance ranking is derived from performances in the relevant event during the course of the current season up to and including four (4) weeks prior to the date of the State Relay

Championship. The performance ranking is determined by the average of the athlete's best three performances across the current season.

Rationale: This method attempts to reward both speed/height/distance and consistency. It is acknowledged that in some cases the sample set may be small in which case the experience and the discretion of the Selection Committee may be applied.

Teams will be announced no later than three (3) weeks prior to the relay championships and there is an expectation that those chosen in the Track Relay team will make themselves available for team training. Athletes are to inform the Team Manager AS SOON AS POSSIBLE if they are unable to compete at the championships.

Precedence

In the event of any errors or discrepancy in this policy, the rules provided by SALAA take precedence.

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