

Takapuna Amateur Athletics Club Junior Relay Selection Policy (Track and Field)

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Preamble:

The Takapuna Athletics Club has a proud history of performing well in Athletics Auckland, Central North West (CNW) and Colgate Games Relay competitions. In a sport often catering for individual events the relays present the most prestigious opportunity to be part of a team to achieve a common goal. The opportunity to compete with those people you have met on Club nights form an important basis for the selection of the teams to represent the club. A demonstrated commitment to the club by participating on club nights in addition to performance are considered the main criteria for the selection policy outlined below. This policy is divided into track relays and field relays.

Track Relay Criteria:

1. Initial and final selections will be made by a committee member or designated person(s) appointed by the committee.
2. The fastest four runners in each grade and gender (e.g. 7 year old boys) will be selected for the relay team (plus two reserves).
3. The times recorded on a Wednesday club night will be used to inform the selectors who the fastest athletes in each distance are over the required distances (e.g. 100m, 200m and 400m).
4. In exceptional circumstances times recorded in events outside club nights can be used for selection purposes. These circumstances may include a lack of data to make informed selections (e.g., cancellations of club nights due to bad weather, technical errors when timing or selecting place getters).
5. If exceptional circumstances are required to select teams, only competitive comparable times will be used for selection (e.g. the nature of the track (rubber/grass), competition standard).
6. Prior to exceptional circumstances being considered athletes will be invited to run in timed races run specifically on a club night or on a Monday practice night to obtain further data.
7. Once teams are selected, the selector will consult the age group convenor (if there is one) to get feedback on the athletes as an additional source of information.
8. Teams will be finalised by the selector after the discussion with the age convenor.
9. Selected athletes are to confirm their availability for the selected event – in the case of unavailability the nominated reserves will be asked to compete.
10. Further selections can be provided by the selector due to athlete withdrawal.
11. A new selection process will occur for different events (e.g. the CNW relays and Auckland Relays and any subsequent event).
12. The appointed grade/team manager along with the club relay/sprint coach can determine the running order of the team.

Field Relays:

The selection Policy will be as above however, the selector will nominate athletes to compete in each field discipline (e.g. Long jump, Shotput, Discus). The objective will be to give the team the best

chance of placing in the relay. This may mean that an athlete competes in their less preferred or not their strongest discipline to increase the chance of team success.

Exceptional circumstances can also be applied for selection with results held at other competitive meetings being considered.

Colgate Games:

Relay teams can be entered into the Colgate Games with a mix of genders, ages and distances being catered for. The manager of the Takapuna team for the games will be the sole selector for these teams. There are no field relays in the Colgate Games.