

Ballarat Harriers Relay Selection Policy for the 2021/22 Track and Field Season

Track and field relay selection remains the duty of the current Track Managers, Liam Ray and James Oro. Liam and James may be assisted by a nominated Proxy if they are otherwise engaged. The decisions of the Track manager are final, and it would be appreciated if others do not attempt to influence their selections.

Due to the Open scoring system introduced by BRAC for the 2021/22 AVSL season, it is in the club's best interest to select one Men's and one women's relay team that is most likely to score the greatest number of Athletics Australia points. This estimate will be based on athlete's best time at the relay distance.

Subsequent teams will be chosen with an effort to place Junior and Masters athletes in their age group divisions.

Selection of athletes in these subsequent teams will be based on a seeding system. An athlete's seeding is determined predominantly by times that the athlete has run over that distance in the previous rounds of the AVSL and Athletics Victoria sanctioned championship events in that season. If an athlete has not competed at the relay distance, the previous season's results can be used to calculate the seeding.

In AVSL Competition

-The first relay team chosen will consist of athletes that the Track Managers believe will score the highest number of AV points as the BRAC Open team.

Subsequent teams will be selected with the remaining athletes placed in their age group teams with the fastest seeded athletes chosen first.

-If a younger age group does not have enough athletes to make up a team, the available athletes will automatically be promoted to the age group above and be included in the selection process.

-If any athlete misses selection in any age group, they will qualify for selection in an older age group.

-The same system is used in selecting Masters age group teams with any athletes missing selection in their usual age group being considered for selection in younger age groups.

In Championship Events

-These include Victorian Country Championships, Victorian Championships and Victorian Relay Championships (if all members are from Ballarat Harriers).

-The fastest seeded athletes who qualify for an age group can be selected for the team, even if it is not their usual age group, to create the fastest possible team.

-Athlete who miss selection in their usual age group are eligible for selection in higher age groups.

-Masters athletes again are eligible for younger age group selection if they miss selection in their usual age group.