



INVITATION – CROSS COUNTRY

To: II-1 (T/F20), II-2 (T/F21) and II-3 Athletes
From: Virtus World Cross Country Australian Team Coordinator
CC: Robyn Smith – Sport Inclusion Australia
Date: 23 August 2022
Subject: Virtus World Cross Country Championships 2022 - Expression of Interest

Event Outline

The Virtus World Cross Country Championships is being in San Diego, USA **16-21 November 2022**. Sport Inclusion Australia is working in partnership with National Sporting Organisations to coordinate the Australian Team. This event will feature 2 races (short and Long Course) for athletes in the II-1, II-2 and II-3 groups.

14 November team departs for San Diego
15 November Familiarisation
16 November Transfer to the Championship Village
17 November Training
18 November Opening Ceremony
19 November Short course race
20 November Long course race
21 November Team departs

Expression of Interest Criteria

This invitation is extended to you by Sport Inclusion Australia based on you meeting the following criteria;

- a) You are a registered, financial member in good standing of an Athletics Australia affiliated club; and
- b) You expect to meet the performance standards outlined in the attached Selection Policy; and
- c) Hold a current Virtus II-1, II-2, or II-3 eligibility.

In order to be selected you must be willing to cover costs of your participation as outlined below.

Eligibility

It is important that if you don't have an Virtus Eligibility number, that you start the process as soon as possible. The forms can be downloaded <https://sportinclusionaustralia.org.au/eligibility/> (II-1, II-2 and II-3).

Costs

The cost for athletes will be \$6,000 – \$6,500 (depending on final details), this includes:

- Uniform
- Transport
- Meals
- Virtus Levy
- Accommodation
- Insurance
- Entry Fees
- Staff and Administration contribution



Athletes will need some spending money for snacks, merchandise and some sightseeing. Due to the availability of cheaper airfare the team may travel on the 14th of November and will spend two nights in San Diego before checking into the World Championships accommodation. All meal and incidental costs during this time are in addition to the above. From the 16th of November when the team moves into the Championship Village all costs will be covered by the Games organisers.

If you would like to compete, please complete the attached Expression of Interest form and return to Games Coordinator no later than: **COB FRIDAY 2 September 2022.**

If you require further information please contact Michael Thomson on 0414 733 339 or sport@siasport.org.

Thank you
Michael Thomson



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - ATHLETICS

Virtus World Cross Country Championships
San Diego, USA
14-21 November 2022

To Michael Thomson
Virtus World Cross Country Australian Team Coordinator
Sport Inclusion Australia

I am interested in competing in the Australian team to compete at the Virtus World Cross Country Championships in San Diego, USA from 14-21 November 2022.

Signed Date

Name:

Address :

Suburb..... Post Code

State

Email address

Telephone Contact

Please provide overview of Cross Country performances in 2022, please also indicate if you have competed at your state Championship and intend to compete at the National Championships in August.

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Please send to Sport Inclusion Australia as soon as possible on either:

Email: ggcoordinator@siasport.org

Post: 4 Lowry Place, Benalla VIC 3672

COB FRIDAY 2 September 2022.





Selection Policy

1) Background

- a) For the purposes of this Selection Policy:
 - i) the Team is the **Australian Cross Country Team**;
 - ii) the Competition is the **Virtus World Cross Country Championships**;
 - iii) the Competition will take place on **14-21 November 2022 in San Diego, USA**;
 - iv) There is no specific selection competition for this team, however performances at State and National Cross Country Championships will be prioritised;
 - v) Where space exists athletes may be added to the team following the close of the selection period;
 - vi) the **Selection Period** is **1 May 2022 to 31 August 2022**.

- b) This Selection Policy details the process and criteria by which SIA will select athletes to the team to compete at the Competition.

2) Team composition and size

- a) When selecting the Team, SIA will select the Team in accordance with this Selection Policy.
- b) The final composition of the Team is to be determined by SIA

3) Athlete Selection Process and Criteria

Eligibility for selection

- a) To be eligible for selection athletes must meet the following criteria;
 - i) You are an Australian citizen; and
 - ii) You are a registered, financial member in good standing of SIA and Virtus; and
 - iii) You are a registered, financial member in good standing of an Athletics Australia affiliated club; and
 - iv) Hold or be in the process of obtaining a current Virtus International II-1, II-2 or II-3 eligibility.
- b) In addition, to be selected you must be willing to meet the costs of your participation as outlined in the attached EOI.

- c) athletes must achieve a suitable performance that is:
 - i) achieved at one or more of the Athletics Australia State or National sanctioned competitions; and
 - ii) Demonstrate the athlete's ability to compete and their commitment to Cross Country running

4) Events

Long Course: Women – 4km, Men 8km

Short Course: Women – 2km, Men 4km