

2027 VIRTUS ASIA - OCEANIA GAMES

24 February – 3 March 2027

Bangkok, Thailand

Sport Specific Selection Criteria ATHLETICS

The selection criteria for the Australian team for the Asia Oceania Games in Bangkok Thailand will recognise both athlete development and high-performance objectives as key priorities.

The Thailand team will primarily focus on athlete development and international experience. Selection may prioritise athletes who demonstrate future performance potential and who would benefit from exposure to international competition as part of their progression within the international pathway.

In addition to performance outcomes, selectors may consider:

- Long-term athlete development potential.
- Readiness for international competition.
- Capacity to contribute to future national team success.
- Previous international experience
- Potential for IPC Classification.

Selection Criteria

To be considered for selection you must meet the following criteria:

- a) You are a registered, financial member in good standing of an Australian Athletics affiliated club; and
- b) You meet all conditions as set out in the General Selection Criteria; and
- c) You meet the Athletics qualifying standards detailed below; and
- d) Hold a current Virtus II-1, II-2, or II-3 International eligibility; and
- e) Except in exceptional circumstances athletes must turn 16 prior to 1 February 2027.

In order to be selected you must also be able to cover the costs of your participation.

Virtus International Eligibility

It is important that if you don't have a 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 estimated costs for athletes will be between \$6500 and \$7000 (this is dependent on final details), this includes:

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| • Delegation Uniform | • Accommodation |
| • Flights from capital cities | • Ground Transport in Bangkok |
| • All Meals | • Entry Fees |
| • Virtus Levy | • Staff and Administration contribution |

Sport Inclusion Australia will be working hard to access external funding to reduce this amount.

Competition uniforms are in addition to the above.



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Flights will be arranged from Capital cities.

Any additional flights/travel will need to be organised by the athlete.

Athletes will need some spending money for snacks, merchandise and some sightseeing.

All other costs whilst in Thailand are covered by the Games organisers.

Athlete Application

If you would like to be considered for selection, please complete the online application available at:

<https://sportinclusionaustralia.supporterhub.net.au/pages/2027virtusaogamesapplication>

Applications should be submitted by no later than: **COB Friday 15 August 2026.**

If you require further information please contact the SIA Australian Team Coordinator at

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Thank you

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Selection Policy

1) Background

- a) For the purposes of this Selection Policy:
 - i) the Team is the **Australian AO Games Team**;
 - ii) the Competition is the **Virtus Asia-Oceania Games**;
 - iii) the Competition will take place from **24 February to 3 March 2027** in **Bangkok, Thailand**;
 - iv) athletes must meet the minimum entry standard for at least one event;
 - v) athletes may be pre-selected based on performances within the qualifying period;
 - vi) the team will be selected **1 September 2026**;
 - vii) the **Qualifying Period** is **1 October 2025 to 15 August 2026**;
 - viii) where space exists athletes may be added to the team following the initial team selection.
- 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.
- c) SIA is not required to select the maximum number of athletes.

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 Australian Athletics 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 above.
- 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) equals or betters the SIA qualifying standard for that event listed in Appendix 1.
- d) If the number of qualifying athletes is greater than three, the selection panel will rank athletes to be selected
- e) If no athlete equals or betters the SIA Qualifying standard for a specific individual event, then no athlete will be selected to the Team based purely on that specific Individual event. However, athletes selected to the Team for other Individual events may be nominated to compete in another specific individual event.
- f) Relay Events will be filled by eligible athletes who have been selected for individual events.

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Appendix 1. Athletics Qualifying Standards AO2027.

Australian Qualifying Standards for the 2027 AO Games

	II1		II2 – Additional Physical		II3 - Autism		Youth (II-1)	
EVENT	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Boys	Girls
100m	12.30	15.00	16.50	21.50	13.20	15.30	Open	Open
200m	25.00	31.50	34.30	52.00	30.00	35.00	Open	Open
400m	57.00	75.00	1:40.00	2:40.00	62.00	78.00	Open	Open
800m	2:12.00	2:45.00	4:00.00	5:30.00	2:24.00	3:00.00	Open	Open
1500m	4:45.00	5:50.00	8:30.00	10:00.00	5:30.00	6:15.00	Open	Open
3000m		13:30.00				16:00.00		
5000m	17:30.00	22:30.00			21:00.00			
10,000m	42:00							
100m/110m Hurdles	22.00 (110mH)	21.50 (100mH)						
400m Hurdles	77.00	89.00						
3k Steeplechase	12:45.00	14:40.00						
Race Walk	32:00.00 5000m	36:50.00 5000m	14:10.00 1500m	15:00.00 1500m				
Pole Vault	1.80m	1.60m						
High Jump	1.60m	1.15m					Open	Open
Long Jump	5.70m	4.00m	3.00m	2.00m	5.00m	2.75m	Open	Open
Triple Jump	10.50m	8.00m					Open	Open
Shot Put	10.00m (7.26kg)	8.00m (4kg)	5.00m (4kg)	4.00m (3kg)	7.00m (7.26kg)	6.00m (4kg)	Open	Open
Discus	22.00m (2kg)	15.00m (1kg)	14.90m (1kg)	10.50m (750gm)	15.00m (2kg)	12.00m (1kg)	Open	Open
Javelin	30.00m (800g)	16.00m (600g)	12.90m (600gm)	9.00m (400gm)	20.00m (800g)	15.00m (600g)	Open	Open
Hammer	20.00m	20.00m						
4x100m Relay	1 x country	1 x country	1 x country	1 x country				
4x200m Mxd Relay	1 x country							
4x400m Relay	1 x country	1 x country						
Multi	Open	Open	Open	Open				

Hurdle Heights: 100m (0.84m), 110m (0.91m), 400m Men (0.84m), 400m women (0.76m)

Steeple Heights: 2000m 0.762 (women), 3000m 0.914m (men);

Multi Events: II1 – Heptathlon (100m H/110mH, High jump, Shot put, 200m, Long jump, Javelin, 800m),
II2 – Triathlon (100m, long jump and shot put)