

## Nowra Athletics Club Financial Assistance Policy – Team Events

The Nowra Athletics Club Financial Assistance Policy for teams is to provide financial assistance for members to participate in Club team events, with a focus on promoting active participation, dedication to the Club, and community engagement.

### Financial assistance

Nowra Athletics Club may fund participation in team events where the Club is officially represented. Funding will typically cover race entry fees.

Funded team events may include (but is not necessarily limited to):

- NSW State Relay Championships
- NSW Cross Country Relay Championships
- NSW Road Relay Championships

### Application process

No application from individual members is required for financial support when competing as part of a Club team.

### Eligibility

Members selected for Club team events by the Club will be considered eligible.

To be eligible for team events, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- **Active Membership:** Applicants must be registered and active members of Nowra Athletics Club.
- **Presentation:** Applicants must compete in team events in the Club uniform unless Club uniform is substituted for a State or National uniform, as required under respective event rules.

Selection in team events will be based on athlete performances, age, and availability.

### Expectations of successful applicants

If a Club member accepts selection into a team, it is most important that they attend and compete, as failure to do so will likely result in other team members being unable to compete also.

The Club expects that where a member has been selected for a Club team in which the Club is providing financial assistance, that each participating member adheres to the following principles:

- **Adherence to Fair Play:** Members are expected to uphold the principles of fair play and integrity, and be 'a good sport' on and off the track/field.
- **Compliance with Athletics Rules:** Members must adhere to the rules and regulations set forth by the governing sports bodies (eg Athletics NSW, Athletics Australia) in all competitions and events.
- **Positive Representation:** Members receiving financial assistance are ambassadors of Nowra Athletics Club and are expected to represent the Club in a positive and respectful manner at all times. Interactions with fellow athletes, officials, spectators, and the broader community, should contribute to a favourable image of the Club.
- **Social Media Representation:** All references to the Club and sporting achievements through social media should be positive and respectful. Athletes should positively promote

themselves and their achievements, and reference the Club's role in their journey and the support received. They should promote pride in representing the Club as an athlete.

### **Limitations of financial assistance**

- Where financial assistance has been allocated to support a team to attend a given event then no individual funding will be given to a Club member to attend this event. Any member who wishes to compete in a team event to which financial assistance has been allocated but has not been selected for this event should discuss with the Committee the possible options for inclusion.
- All financial assistance provided by Nowra Athletics Club is entirely at the discretion of the Committee.
- Providing financial assistance will always be dependent on the availability of Club funds.