



OAA COMPETITION CIRCULAR – 03.18 Oceania Cross Country Championships 2018

20 April 2018

The Oceania Athletics Association will conduct the Oceania Area Cross Country Championships on the Sunshine Coast – Maleny, Queensland, Australia on Saturday 25th August 2018. The event will be hosted by Queensland Athletics on behalf of the Oceania Athletics Association and Athletics Australia.

Race Information

Saturday 25th August

Maleny Golf Course, Maleny North – Sunshine Coast, Queensland, Australia

Funding

All Member Federations are entitled to a basic quota of one male and one female where the Member Federation conducts regular Cross Country competition with verifiable results.

The representative should be the winner of the Federation's National Cross Country Championship or the next best available athlete from that National Cross Country Championships.

If appropriate a Federation may apply to have another athlete represent them should this 'best' athlete temporarily reside in another country or is unavailable to participate in that Federation's National Cross Country Championships.

Where the National Cross Country Championships is held after the Oceania Area Cross Country Championships results from other cross country races can be taken in to account where verifiable results are available.

Final selections will be endorsed by the OAA Council.

Travel

For athletes within the quota, 100% of an economy class airline ticket from their Member Federation to the official airport in Australia (Brisbane or Gold Coast), will be paid by Oceania Athletics Association. All travel will be organized by the Oceania Athletics Association.

NB: Member Federation Quota Athletes will only be offered an airfare from their home Federation OR from where they reside – whichever is the cheapest possible option as determined by the OAA Office.

Examples:

- *Tonga Athlete living in New Zealand will receive an airfare from New Zealand.*
- *Cook Island athlete living in the USA will receive the equivalent cost of travel from the USA to Auckland - whichever is the cheapest possible option as determined by the OAA Office.*
- *Norfolk Island athlete living in Sydney will receive an airfare from Sydney.*

All domestic airfares are the responsibility of the Federation.

Airfares will only be funded from the departing International airport (listed below) in the Member Federation or from where the participant resides - whichever is the cheapest possible option as determined by the OAA Office.

The following is the departing international airport for each Federation for the 2018 Oceania Area Cross Country Championships:

Federation Airport

ASA	Pago Pago
COK	Rarotonga
FSM	Chuuk / Pohnpei
FIJ	Nadi
GUM	Guam
KIR	Tarawa
MHL	Majuro
NCL	La Tontouta International Airport
NRU	Nauru
NFI	Norfolk Island
NIU	Niue
NMI	Saipan
NZL	Auckland, Christchurch, Wellington
PLW	Koror
PNG	Port Moresby
SAM	Apia
SOL	Honiara
PYF	Papeete
TGA	Tongatapu
TUV	Funafuti
VAN	Port Vila

Accommodation

For athletes within the quota, share accommodation at OAA House (2-hour drive from race) will be offered by OAA. The number of nights will be determined by the incoming flight schedule.

Ground Transport

Ground transport for athletes in the quota will have access to ground transport for the period of the Championships.

Associate Member Federations will be offered Accommodation and Ground Transport for the period of the Championships.

Competition Venue

The Championships will be held at the Maleny Golf Course. This has hosted previous Australian national Championships.

[Maleny Golf Course Cross Country Course](#)

Visas

Athletes and officials traveling to Australia may require a visa. Visas are the responsibility of the Federation and or athlete/official.

List of countries whose Citizens do not need a Visa to enter Australia: AUS, NFI, COK, ASA, GUM, NMI, NZL, PYF

List of countries whose Citizens need a Visa to enter Australia: FIJ, FSM, MHL, PLW, PNG, SAM, KIR, NRU, SOL, TGA, TUV, VAN

Final Entries Close: 2nd July 2018

Final Entries will not be confirmed until proof of visa has been received by the OAA Office