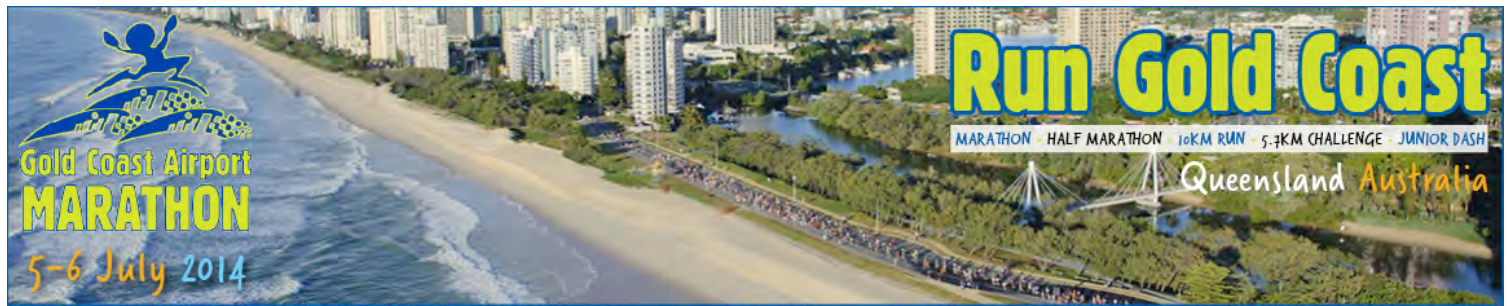




2014 Australian Marathon Championships – Assistance Program

A total of 16 athletes will be provided with complimentary race entry as well as travel and accommodation assistance to compete in the 2014 Australian Marathon Championships hosted by the Gold Coast Airport Marathon (GCAM).

Additionally, all athletes selected in their state or territory marathon team will be provided with a complimentary race entry.

To be eligible for any assistance under this program athletes must be registered with their state or territory association and eligible to compete at an Athletics Australia championship event.

The criteria for selecting the ‘top 16’ is as follows:

1. Tier 1: Guaranteed assistance is available to athletes who have achieved the following marathon qualification standards, since 1 January, 2013.

<u>Men</u>	Sub 2:25:00 (standard GCAM assistance outlined here)
<u>Women</u>	Sub 2:50:00 (standard GCAM assistance outlined here)

Debut marathoners with half marathon times sub 1:07:00 (men) and sub 1:16:00 (women) in the same time period and athletes with the above times prior to 2013 will also be considered.

2. Tier 2: Any remaining places within the ‘top 16’ will be assessed based on marathon times since 1 January, 2013 as follows:

<u>Men</u>	Sub 2:28:00
<u>Women</u>	Sub 2:54:00

3. Tier 3: In the event that less than 16 applications meet the criteria for Tier 1 or Tier 2 support, additional consideration will be given to the following athletes:

- Current National/State/Territory Marathon Champions who may not have met the above marathon times
- Half Marathon times - Men sub 1:09:00 & Women sub 1:18:00 since 1 July, 2013
- 10km times - Men sub 31:00 & Women sub 36:00 since 1 July 2013

4. Athletes who apply based on the Tier 2 or Tier 3 criteria should be aware that the assessment of the applications will also be based on:
 - A maximum of ten athletes per gender will be offered assistance
 - Maximum of six athletes per state/territory will be offered assistance
 - Assistance is to be extended to athletes from at least five different states or territories
5. Athletes offered assistance under either Tier 2 or 3 will be entitled to race entry, \$150 travel money, airport transfers & one night twin share accommodation.
6. Applications will be assessed by representatives from both the Gold Coast Airport Marathon and Athletics Australia.
7. Athletes who are offered assistance within the 'top 16' program will be automatically included in their respective state/territory team.
8. Athletes who are not offered assistance will be advised by Friday 16 May, 2014 to enable them to still enter the event prior to the early bird deadline (Wednesday 21 May, 2014). Should they subsequently be chosen for their state/territory team (final team nominations due Friday 30 May, 2014) their race entry fee will be refunded.

To apply for assistance please complete the application form [here](#)

Selection Timeline

Monday 12 th May 2014	Assistance applications to GCAM close
Friday 16 th May 2014	Athletes advised by GCAM if successful or not
Friday 16 th May 2014	MA's advised by GCAM of successful and non successful applications
Friday 30 th May 2014	Deadline for MA's to nominate additional team members
Saturday 5 th July 2014	Technical Meeting (afternoon, time TBC)
Sunday 6 th July 2014	Race Day (7:20am start time)

