



## National Schools Challenge (NSC) 2022

The Athletics Australia NSC is a team-based competition for school students which would be conducted in 2022 as a National Final – with some states and territories conducting preliminary qualifying competitions. Three divisions will be contested for each sex - junior (U15); intermediate (U17) and senior (U19). Competitors' age is taken as at 31 December 2022.

State and Territory qualifying competitions may take any format as decided by the applicable AA Member Association.

- If the national final format is used, team results will be determined in each division using the AA NSC scoring tables. The first two eligible teams in each division will be offered places in the National Final unless a team has indicated it does not wish to be considered. Any such vacant places will be offered in order down the overall results list of each division.
- If any other format is used, the relevant Member Association will determine how the two teams will be nominated for each division.
- The relevant Member Association shall determine the number of teams a school may enter in any division.
- Students may only however compete in only a single team and in a single division (ie students may not compete across two or more teams in the same division; or compete in two or more divisions).

Where a Member Association decides to select and nominate teams for the NSC Final, these must be submitted to the Competitions Manager of Athletics Australia by no later than 12noon on Monday 24 October 2022.

Member Associations will be provided with information packs to distribute to the top two teams in each division, confirming their place in the NSC Final. Information packs will also be provided to distribute to third and fourth "placed" teams, outlining the wildcard process.

### DIVISION RULES, SPECIFICATIONS AND TEAM COMPOSITIONS

#### **Junior (U15) Teams - born 2008/2009/2010**

- Teams may fill 8 positions across the 6 individual events + 1 relay
- Teams consist of a minimum of 5 and maximum of 6 athletes
- Athletes can do a maximum of two individual events
- Athletes must do a minimum of 1 individual event
- All team members must be bona fide students of their designated school in 2022.

#### ***Junior events are and team composition is:***

Track	100m (2 per team)
	200m (1 per team)
	800m (2 per team)
	4x200m relay
Field	Shot Put (1 per team)
	Long Jump (1 per team)
	Javelin (1 per team)

#### ***Junior specifications for throws events***

Implement weights are:

Boy's	4kg shot put	700gm javelin
Girl's	3kg shot put	500gm javelin

### **Intermediate (U17) born 2006 to 2010 Teams**

### **Senior (U19) born 2004 to 2010 Teams**

- Teams may fill 11 positions across the 8 individual events + 1 relay
- Teams consist of a minimum of 7 and maximum of 9 athletes
- Athletes can do a maximum of 3 individual events
- Athletes must do a minimum of 1 individual event
- All team members must be bona fide students of their designated school in 2022.

#### ***Intermediate events are and team composition is:***

Track	100m (2 per team)
	200m (2 per team)
	400m (1 per team)
	800m (2 per team)
	Swedish relay (100m, 300m, 200m, 400m)
Field	Javelin (1 per team)
	Shot Put (1 per team)
	High Jump (1 per team)
	Long Jump (1 per team)

#### ***Intermediate specifications for throws events***

U15/ U16 national specifications will be used:

Boys	4kg shot put	700gm javelin
Girls	3kg shot put	500gm javelin

#### ***Senior events are and team composition is:***

Track	100m (2 per team)
	200m (1 per team)
	400m (2 per team)
	1500m (2 per team)
	Medley relay (200m, 200m, 400m, 800m)
Field	Javelin (1 per team)
	Shot Put (1 per team)
	High Jump (1 per team)
	Long Jump (1 per team)

#### ***Senior specifications for throws events:***

U17/ U18 national specifications will be used:

Boys	5kg shot put	700gm javelin
Girls	3kg shot put	500gm javelin

### **National Final Qualification Process and Conduct**

- The NSC final will be held on the Monday 12 December in Adelaide SA following the completion of the Australian All Schools Track and Field Championships.
- The national final for Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions, for both boys and girls, will consist of a maximum of 16 teams, with notionally two representatives from each state/territory. Where at the close of entries on Monday 31 October there are team vacancies the Athletics Australia General Manager – Event Delivery will at their discretion offer available places to any other teams that have expressed a wish to be considered.
- These Wild Card entries will be offered by Athletics Australia by no later than Friday 4 November.
- Schools may select students who did not compete in any State/Territory round that has been conducted, to fill their team in the National Final.
- There is no prize-money nor travel assistance funding available to teams competing in the National Final. The entry fee is \$150 per team (including GST) which will be invoiced by AA to each competing school according to the number of teams it has taking part.
- Initial entries by name shall be submitted by each competing school team to the Competitions Manager of Athletics Australia by no later than 12noon on Monday 28 November 2022. Name changes will be permitted until one hour before the start of competition.
- Students may only compete in only a single team and in a single division (ie students may not compete across two or more teams in the same division; or compete in two or more divisions).
- There will be three trials for each athlete in long jump, shot put and javelin. Set starting heights and progressions will apply in high jump. Athletes who do not believe they can clear the starting height may request the bar be set at one lower height in order to record a valid performance. Where there is more than one such athlete, such height shall be the lowest requested.
- The National Final will however be scored on place. 1<sup>st</sup> = X points according to the number of teams competing in that division decreasing by one point to last placing with a valid result. If an athlete or relay team is DNS, DNF, NM or DQ no placing points shall be scored.

*[as at 10 September 2022]*