

## FAQ's | 2021 AUSTRALIAN TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

### BORDER CLOSURES AND HOTSPOTS

**Q. What impact will Domestic Border Closures have on the 2021 Australian Track & Field Championships?**

A. AA will continue to monitor all border closures and evaluate the ability to access the Championships for all stakeholders. A decision on the viability of the Championship will be made no later than four weeks prior to the commencement of the Championships.

**Q. If Sydney and in particular the Sydney Olympic Park region is identified as a hot spot within 14 days of the Australian Track & Field Championships, will the competition proceed?**

A. AA will continue to monitor the hot spots within Australia and will follow the advice of NSW Health regarding COVID-19 outbreaks. Any cancellations or changes to the competition will be communicated to the general public and stakeholders as soon as possible.

**Q. If I have been within an identified hot spot, at the time of possible transmission, will I be permitted to attend the Australian Track & Field Championships?**

A. Any person identified from a hot spot in Australia, within 14 days of the Australian Track & Field Championships and advised by their relevant State Government to self-isolate will not be permitted to attend. This will include any hot spots that are identified within NSW during the days of competition.

**Q. Will spectators be allowed to attend?**

A. Spectator access to the Australian Track and Field Championships will be permitted in line with the maximum attendance restrictions outlined by NSW Health at the time of competition. Further information on access and how to purchase tickets will be supplied closer to the event.

**Q. If I purchase a ticket for the 2021 Australian Track and Field Championships and I am unable to attend due to travel restrictions, will I get a refund?**

A. Yes, upon providing supporting documentation (if required).

**Q. What is the advice on booking travel?**

A. Athletics Australia strongly advises all attendees to only book refundable travel arrangements.

### COVID-SAFETY:

**Q. What measures will Athletics Australia implement for the Australian Track and Field Championships to ensure the competition is a COVID-safe environment?**

A. The following measures will be taken to ensure the competition is a COVID-safe environment:

- All attendees will be required to complete a health questionnaire prior to gaining access to the venue

- Daily temperature checks will be compulsory for workforce
- Masks will be supplied for workforce and encouraged for athletes and spectators.
- Personal information will be collected for Contact Tracing
- Spectators will be spaced accordingly within seated areas
- Stay Safe signage will be displayed throughout the venue
- Regular sanitisation of shared surfaces and implements will occur
- Sanitisation stations will be spaced within the venue
- Limited use of indoor spaces
- Limited interaction between athletes and officials using online platforms

Any other advice provided by NSW Health at the time of the event will also be followed.

**Q. How will personal information be collected to ensure contact tracing protocols are satisfied?**

- A. The Australian Track & Field Championships will be a fully ticketed event, contact tracing information will be collected upon securing tickets. Athletes and workforce details will be collected upon event nomination with individual passes allocated.

**Q. What will happen if someone who is a suspected or confirmed Covid-19 case has been at the event?**

- A. Athletics Australian will execute its COVID-19 Response Plan in line with advice from NSW Health. Attendees within the venue at the time of the suspected case will be contacted via SMS and email, with the advice to self-isolate and get tested.

Sydney Olympic Park will be notified immediately and will execute their own COVID-19 Response Plan containing cleaning protocols.

**Q. What will happen if someone who is a suspected or a confirmed Covid-19 case has been at the event and the event is still taking place?**

- A. Athletics Australian will execute their COVID-19 Response Plan in line with the advice from the NSW Health Department. Attendees within the venue at the time of the suspected case will be contacted via SMS and email, with the advice to self-isolate and get tested. Competition will be suspended until a full clean can be completed. The viability of the competition will be assessed with a decision to be communicated ASAP

**AUSTRALIAN TITLES & OLYMPIC/PARALYMPIC QUALIFICATION OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Q. If I am unable to attend because only some state and territories are allowed to travel to Sydney, will there be other opportunities for athletes to qualify for the Olympic and Paralympic Games?**

- A. The Australian Track and Field Championships is not the last opportunity for athletes to qualify for the Olympic or Paralympic Games, however under AA's Olympic and Paralympic nomination criteria, athletes are required to compete, unless exempted.

If you are an athlete who has nominated for the Olympic and Paralympic Games and you are unable to attend the Australian Track and Field Championships due to COVID-19 restrictions, you will need to apply for an exemption (which will be granted automatically).

**Q. If some states and territories are unable to attend, will this still be regarded as a National Championships?**

If there is significant disruption, in which border closures prevent access to the event by athletes from multiple states, Athletics Australia will review the status of the event as a national championship. If amendment to the status is required, Athletics Australia will work with World Athletics and Oceania Athletics with a view to protecting the ranking points associated with the event. If required, Athletics Australia also consider alternate competition formats.

**MEDIA**

**Q. What access will media have to athletes and to film / photograph at the Australian Track and Field Championships?**

A. Members of the media will be permitted to interview athletes from an appropriate distance, from within the dedicated media zone. Members of the media will also have to go through the same safety procedure as other attendees at the Championships.

On field photographers, with approved media accreditation, will be permitted. Photographers will be required to comply with all COVID measures outlined by Athletics Australia and any on field direction by Officials.