

CHEMIST WAREHOUSE AUSTRALIAN ALL SCHOOLS TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

9 TO 11 DECEMBER 2022

SA ATHLETIC STADIUM – MILE END, ADELAIDE

TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

It is important that all participating athletes and team officials as well as where relevant parents, coaches and para-guides/support personnel take the time to read and adhere to the rules and regulations below, to allow smooth conduct of the Championships.

These Championships will be conducted according to the rules of World Athletics, World Para Athletics, and Athletics Australia.

1. <u>Uniforms</u>

All athletes entered in these Championships must wear their approved MemberAssociation uniform – and any variations or transition arrangements agreed between AA and each MA. Where MA uniform is unavailable, under-age athletes should wear the uniform of their School.

2. <u>Athlete Check In</u>

All athletes are required to check in for their event. Check in will be via an online portal. Athletes will be sent a link to their mobile phone on the day prior to the first day of competition for that event.

Athletes are required to check-in no later than 90 minutes prior to the advertised start time of their event. Check-in is only required for the first round of <u>each</u> individual event (not any subsequent rounds – e.g. Semi Final or a Final).

The portal will be available for check in from 5:00pm on the day prior to the first round of each event and athletes are encouraged to check in at their earliest convenience.

Any competitors who have difficulty with the check in, please report to notify the Technical Information Centre (TIC) / Competition Management as soon as possible to assure your participation in the competition.

Teams in relays must be confirmed in writing by team managers 120 minutes before the competition using the appropriate form provided by TIC.

3. <u>Scratching from an event</u>

If an athlete fails to participate in an event after confirmation or does not compete in all rounds of an event for which s/he has qualified, s/he may not be permitted to compete further as outlined in World Athletics Rule TR 4.4. This rule does not apply to an athlete who having confirmed, then withdraws before the closure of the confirmation time for the first round of that event.

4. <u>Competition Bibs</u>

<u>All</u> athlete Competition Bibs will be provided to the Team Manager of the Association through which the athletes was entered. Athletes must therefore report to their Team Manager immediately upon arrival at the venue unless the Team has made other provision for the distribution of Bibs. Team Managers may collect the Bibs at the Technical Meeting (7pm Thursday) or during the day at the Stadium

The competition bibs issued to athletes for the Championships must be worn on the front and back (except for jumping events where athletes may choose to wear the bib on either the front or the back) of their competition unform firmly attached with no less than four (4) pins. The entire bib including sponsorship information must be always visible and no part of the bib shall be folded under the uniform.

ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA WILL ENFORCE WORLD ATHLETICS RULE TR 5.9 & TR 5.11, WHICH RENDER AN ATHLETE LIABLE TO DISQUALIFICATION IF S/HE TAMPERS IN ANY WAY THE COMPETIITON BIB.



5. <u>Entries</u>

Athletes may be selected and entered by their MA in the same or a like individual event in one age group only – which may be their own or, provided they are eligible, a higher one. [For example, an MA could select an athlete in the U15 shot put and the U16 javelin.]

Athletes who are to be entered in a single individual event only may also be entered in the same or similar event** in no more than one higher age group for which they are eligible provide that then remains the only individual events in which they are entered. Where this occurs athletes may not so be entered in both U15 and U16 or U17 and U18. [This allows where an MA wishes to do so and has space to include an athlete who is a one event specialist to have a second event].

For under 15 and under 17 events in Para Athletics. These events may not be entered and will not be conducted unless three or more athletes enter in the under 20 age group who are eligible for under 15 or under 17 then the respective under 15 and/or under 17 event will be conducted. The same principle will apply on confirmation – if the confirmed number is below three then age groups will be combined.

6. Accreditation

Unless a Team makes an alternative arrangement and collects the team accreditation cards in bulk (in which case the team is responsible for the distribution to athletes), accreditation cards will be collectable from the accredited entry point outside the main gate. Athletes must always wear their accreditation.

Accreditation passes are not transferable. Athletes will not be granted entry to the stadium without an accreditation pass for any reason.

Current financial Accredited Coaches may purchase a three-day pass for \$15 here:

https://www.revolutionise.com.au/coachaustralia/events/163887/

These may be collected at the same location. See site plan – appendix 5.

7. Gate Entry

Purchase of tickets is available ONLY online – both in advance and on competition days:

https://www.ticketebo.com.au/athletics-australia/2022-chemist-warehouse-australian-all-schools-trackand-field-championships/

Cost of tickets

| Adult | \$17 per day | |
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| Concession* | \$10 per day | |
| Accompanied Child (5 years and under) | \$0 | |
| Family (2 adults and 2 children 6-15 years) | \$45 per day | |
| *Concession applies to $6 - 15$ yrs and concession card holders. | | |

Note 1: Two and Three-Day passes are also available for general purchase.

Note 2: For currently financial Accredited Coaches see above.

8. <u>Warm-up & Training</u>

All Warm-up and training must be conducted at the adjacent Warm-up Track except for long throws when the Warm-up area is in use for competition – care must be taken during these times.



9. <u>Call Room Procedures</u>

There will be a call room in operation. All athletes are required to report to the Call Room before all rounds of all events.

The call room is located beyond the 200m start area between the main track and the warm-up area.

Having previously checked in, all athletes must report to the call room on time with their competition bibs attached with no less than four (4) pins on the front and back of their competition uniform (except for jumping events where athletes may choose to wear the bib on either the front or the back).

In the Call Room, athletes will be expected to demonstrate that their competition uniform and bibs, shoes and other equipment comply with the competition rules. Track athletes will leave the Call Room ready to run.

In exceptional circumstances competition management may allow track athletes to take warm clothing to the start line. If this is allowed, it will be advised at the Call Room and the athletes will be responsible for retrieving their own clothing from the start line.

Athletes will proceed to the start of their event from the Call Room accompanied by a Call Room Judge, Starter's Assistant or Field Event Official. Athletes who proceed to the event not accompanied by a judge or an official may not be allowed to start.

The final entry time to the Call Room are as follows (times are prior to the scheduled start time).

| Event | Entry time to call room |
|--|-------------------------|
| Pole Vault | 70 minutes |
| Discus, Javelin, Hammer, High Jump | 45 minutes |
| Long & Triple Jump, Shot Put | 35 minutes |
| Hurdles, Wheelchair Track, Seated Throws | 20 minutes |
| All other track events | 15 minutes |

This time allows for marshalling and movement to the competition site. The remainder of the time may be used to complete the warm-up at the competition site (where the competition site is not in use). Warm-ups are only to be conducted under the supervision of officials.

If an athlete is already or likely to be competing in another event at the designated call time the athlete or someone on his/her behalf must notify the Call Room prior to the designated call time.

Please note that Para Wheelchair athletes will not be able to take their day chairs into the Call Room (except for those in seated throws).

10. AA Start Rule Dispensation - World Athletics Rule TR 16.7 & TR 16.8

Any competition (or part thereof) conducted exclusively for athletes competing in the under 14 age group and younger, one false start per race (not each athlete) shall be allowed without disqualification of the athlete making the false start. Any athlete(s), making further false starts shall be disqualified from the race. Where an athlete eligible for such an age group competes in an older age group, he/she will be subject to the rules applied to the older age group.

The effect of this dispensation for the Championships is that:

- a) For the Under 15 to Under 18 events inclusive, the World Athletics Rule will be applied.
- b) For the Under 14 age group the above dispensation will apply
- c) For the U15, U17 and U20 Para events, the start rule will be applied as per individual classification standards.



11. Progression Rules

Rules for progression and qualifying rounds are as follows. These are the numbers of athletes checkedin and over-ride the World Athletics Rules and remain subject to change by competition management.

| Event | Confirmed athlete | Rounds |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------|
| 100m | 1-10 | Final only |
| 90m/100m/110mHurdles | 11-30 | Two rounds |
| 200m | 1-8 (8 lane track) 1-9 (9 lane track) | Final only |
| | 9-24 (8 lane track) 10-27 (9 lane track) | Two rounds |
| 400m | 1-8 (8 lane track) 1-9 (9 lane track) | Final only |
| | 9-24 (8 lane track) 10-27 (9 lane track) | Two rounds |
| 200mHurdles, | | Timed Finals only |
| 400mHurdles and 800m | | |
| 1500m, 2000m SC, 3000m. | | Final only |
| Race Walks, Relays | | |
| Field Events | | Single round |

At the discretion of the competition management the above regulations may be modified to suit the local requirements.

12. Track Progressions

For events up to and including 400 metres.

3 heats: First 2 in each heat plus the next 2 fastest to the final

2 heats: First 3 in each heat plus the next 2 fastest to the final

The 'next fastest' will be decided on times to 0.01 second. If the times are equal and there is space available, then both or all such athletes will be advanced. Where there is no space available then the highest placing in the round will determine who will progress to the next round. If athletes are still equal and no spare lane is available, the photo finish will be re-read to 0.001 second if possible. If further ties remain then there will be a coin toss.

The draw shall be made **80 minutes** before the advertised start time of the event. Where all scheduled rounds of a competition are not required then:

• the first round will be cancelled for events with two rounds.

13. Preferred lanes

The preferred lanes for events from 100m to 800m inclusive (including hurdles) are:

- 8 lane tracks: as per World Athletics rules, TR20.4.2
- 9 lane tracks: 4, 5, 6, 7 for the highest ranked, 8, 9 for the fifth and sixth ranked and 2 and 3 for the lowest ranked athletes (where 8 athletes progress).



14. Foreign entries

No foreign entries will be accepted for this competition.

15. Field Events

In throwing events (other than seated throws) and the horizontal jumps in the **U14**, **U15**, **U16**, **U17** and all para, age groups, all athletes will have three (3) trials. At the conclusion of the three (3) trials, the top eight (8) athletes will have **one (1)** further trial. The competition order will be changed after round 3.

In the **U18** age group, all athletes will have three (3) trials. At the conclusion of the **3 trials**, the top eight (8) athletes will have **three (3)**, further trials. The competition order will be changed after round 3 only.

The take-off boards to be used for triple jumping events are set out in Appendix 1.

16. Vertical Jumps

The starting heights and progression for vertical jumping events are set out in Appendix 2. Where an entering Association has entered an athlete who it does not believe can achieve the listed opening height, the Association must provide a request for the AA Competitions Manager by no later than 1 December 22 for one additional height to be added below the listed starting height.

Pole Vault Rule Dispensation

For the Under 18 age group and lower for women and the U16 age group and lower for men, at the discretion of the Chief Judge at the event, a trial may be deemed valid where the athlete made a reasonable attempt to push the pole back in the direction of the runway, but the wind then caused the bar to be dislodged by the pole.

This dispensation shall apply for the relevant age groups at all meetings held in Australia.

Jump-Offs

Jump offs for the Championships will be conducted under World Athletics Rule TR26.9. The Technical Delegate can terminate the jump-off if the prevailing weather or light conditions justify the termination of the competition at that point.

17. <u>Race Walking - Penalty Zone</u>

The Penalty Zone will be in place for the race walking events at 5000 metres. Therefore, the penalty zone will apply to all race walking events in Under 17 and Under 18.

18. <u>Personal Implements</u>

Athletes who wish to include their own throwing implements in the Championships equipment pool (which may be used by any athlete in the same competition), must lodge them with the Technical Manager at the **Technical/Equipment Room**, no later than **three (3)hours**, before the scheduled start time of their event on the day of competition or on a previous day if the event starts prior to 10.00am.

Please note that World Athletics TR32.2 limits the number personal implements added to the pool per person to a maximum of 2.

The implements will be impounded until after the competition (meaning the last applicable event in which the athlete is competing) when athletes may collect them from the Technical/Equipment Room.

Athletes are to provide their own vaulting poles. Neither Athletics Australia nor the host association will not provide poles. Poles must be lodged at the Technical/Equipment Room no later than three (3) hours prior to the event.



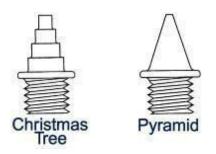
19. Starting Blocks

For able bodied events, starting Blocks must be used for all events up to and including the 400m and only those supplied by Athletics Australia can be used. Private blocks will not be permitted. The use of blocks for Para athletes are in accordance with World Para Athletics Rules for each individual classification.

20. Shoes and Spikes

All athletes should be familiar with World Athletics Rule TR5.2 and World Athletics Shoe Regulations 10 and 11 (the most relevant provisions of which are set out below).

At this venue only Christmas Tree or Pyramid spikes are permitted. Needle spikes are banned and are not used under any circumstances. These will be checked in the Call Room. Spike length is a maximum of 7mm for track and 9mm for Javelin and Jumps.



10. Technical Requirements for Athletic Shoes

10.1 Unless specifically agreed by the Chief Executive Officer (or their nominee) in writing, any Athletic Shoe worn in Applicable Competitions must, at the points set out in Regulations 10.3 and 10.4, have a sole with a maximum thickness as set out in the table in Appendix 3 of the Regulations. For the avoidance of doubt, the maximum thickness of the soles excludes the thickness of an additional inner sole, other insertion or addition that are inserted in accordance with Regulation 7.

10.2 The sole of the shoe (including the part beneath the heel of the Athletic Shoe) may have grooves, ridges, indentations, or protuberances, provided these features are constructed of the same or similar material to the basic sole itself.

11. Athletic Shoes: Spikes

11.1 The sole of the shoe (including the part beneath the heel of the Athletic Shoe) may be so constructed as to provide for the use of up to 11 spikes.

11.2 Any number of spikes up to 11 may be used, but the number of spike positions must not exceed 11.

11.3 For the purpose of the Championships at SA Athletics Stadium, Spike length can only be 7mm for Track events and 9mm for Throws and Jumping events (as set by the manufacturer and operator of the venue).

That part of each spike which projects from the sole or the heel will not exceed 9mm (for indoor 6mm) except in the High Jump and Javelin Throw, where it must not exceed 12mm. The spike must be so constructed that it will, at least for the half of its length closest to the tip, fit through a square sided 4mm gauge. If the track manufacturer or the stadium operator mandates a lesser maximum, or prohibits the use of certain shaped spikes, this will be applied, and the Athletes notified accordingly. The surface (outdoor or indoor) must be suitable for accepting the spikes permitted under Reg 11.



Inserts and Additions to the Shoe - Athletes may not use any appliance, either inside or outside the shoe, which will have the effect of increasing the thickness of the sole above the permitted maximum, or which can give the wearer any advantage.

For clarity, adding inner soles, other insertions and additions to an Athletic Shoe is allowed but only in the following circumstances:

(a) the additional inner sole or insertion is a removable Orthotic (i.e. it cannot be permanently fixed inside the shoe); or

(b) the addition is a heel raise or heel cap (e.g. to jumping shoes) or a brace or strap (e.g. to thrower shoes).

For the avoidance of doubt, the use of an Orthotic, a heel raise or heel cap as above does not fall within the maximum thickness for soles set out in the table in Appendix 3 of the World Athletics Shoe Regulations, with the intent that any other type of additional inner soles, insertions or additions are not permitted.

The full World Athletics Shoe Regulations can be accessed here:

https://www.worldathletics.org/about-iaaf/documents/book-of-rules

21. Physiotherapy and Massage

Teams may have their own Physio etc. set up in their team tent.

22. <u>Timetable Changes</u>

The timetable and any changes in the timetable or these regulations are available on the Athletics Australia website <u>https://www.athletics.com.au/events/142166/</u>

23. Post Event Procedures

At the conclusion of each event (including field events, heats, and semi-finals) athletes must report immediately to **Post Event Control** located near the finish line end of the track. Doping control may be carried out. If athletes have other events or duties (such as interviews or presentations) they should sign the acknowledgement and ask the chaperone to wait.

24. Medal Presentations

After finals, medal presentations will be made as soon as possible after the event. All placegetters are asked to assist with this procedure by going with an official at the completion of the event. Each athlete must wear either their competition singlet or tracksuit top for the presentation.

All medals (gold, silver, bronze) will only be awarded if three (3) or more athletes/teams participate in the event.

Where two athletes/teams participate then only the gold medal will be awarded.

There will be no medal awarded where only one athlete participates.

25. Protests & Appeals

These must be lodged initially with the relevant Referee as per World Athletics Rules (WA TR8).

Appeals to the Jury can be made after a Protest to the Referee is dismissed, are to be made in writing on the appropriate form and lodged with the \$50 fee. Appeals may be lodged by either the athlete or athlete's representative (usually the Team Manager) and are to be lodged in the TIC.

26. Para Athletics - Classification

An athlete intending to compete in a Para Athletics event must have a formally recognised National Level Classification.



27. Para Athletics - Baseline Performances

Baseline provides a simplified way for athletes, administrators, and coaches to compare performances in multi-class events across all athletes with an eligible classification. Baseline uses a base time/distance/height in each class for each contestable event and measures this as a percentage against the individual athletes' performance to generate a percentage score.

Athletics Australia (AA) may change or amend the Baseline guidelines and associated resources (including base performance) at any time. Baseline has replaced MDS for scoring for all events.

For further information on Baseline performance and the Baseline performance template please head to the Athletics Australia website.

28. Deaf Athletes

Starting lights systems are regarded as personal equipment, however, Athletics Australia will have access to a system supplied by Deaf Sports Australia. The entering Member Association must notify Athletics Australia at the time of submission on entries that this system will be required – listing the applicable athletes. Athletes must in turn notify TIC officials at the time of competitions (no later than three hours before each applicable race) if they require starting lights.

29. Para Athletics - Guides

T11-12 Guide Runners, all athletes in the T11 classification run with a guide and are blindfolded, T12 athletes have the option to use a guide. F31-33 and F51-54 can have one "guide" per athlete per event.

F11 – Can have two (2) guides for jumping events. F11-12 – Can have one (1) guide for throwing events.

30. Para Athletics - Secured Throws

All athletes in the secured (seated) throws will do their throws consecutively (four in each age group).

Athletes will be allowed the allocated time to set their frame prior to their first throw.

- 4 minutes for F32-34 and F54-57
- 5 minutes for F31 and F51-53

All athletes will be allowed a re-adjustment time of 2 minutes after the completion of three (3) throws.



Appendix 1

Take-off Boards for Triple Jumping Events

The following boards will be used for these Championships and will <u>not</u> be changed.

| Age Group | Board |
|-----------|---------------|
| U18 Women | 9m or 11m |
| U17 Women | 9m or 11m |
| U16 Women | 9m or 11m |
| U15 Women | 9m or 11m |
| U14 Women | 7m, 9m or 11m |
| U18 Men | 11m or 13m |
| U17 Men | 11m or 13m |
| U16 Men | 9m or 11m |
| U15 Men | 9m or 11m |
| U14 Men | 7m, 9m or 11m |



Appendix 2

Starting heights and progressions for vertical jumping events

| Age Group | Pole Vault | High Jump |
|-----------|------------|-----------|
| U18 Men | 2.70m | 1.60m |
| U17 Men | 2.60m | 1.55m |
| U16 Men | 2.00m | 1.50m |
| U15 Men | 1.80m | 1.45m |
| U14 Men | 1.50m | 1.35m |
| U18 Women | 2.30m | 1.50m |
| U17 Women | 2.10m | 1.45m |
| U16 Women | 1.80m | 1.40m |
| U15 Women | 1.70m | 1.35m |
| U14 Women | 1.50m | 1.25m |

Pole Vault - Women - Progressions

U14 – 1.50m, 1.70m, 1.90m, 2.05m, 2.20m, 2.35m, 2.50m, 2.65m, 2.80m, 2.90m, 3.00m U15 – 1.70m, 1.90m, 2.10m, 2.25m, 2.40m, 2.55m, 2.65m, 2.75m U16 – 1.70m, 1.90m, 2.10m, 2.25m, 2.40m, 2.55m, 2.65m, 2.75m U17 – 2.00m, 2.20m, 2.40m, 2.60m, 2.75m, 2.90m, 3.05m, 3.20m, 3.35m, 3.45m U18 – 2.00m, 2.20m, 2.40m, 2.60m, 2.75m, 2.90m, 3.05m, 3.20m, 3.35m, 3.45m

Pole Vault - Men - Progressions

U14 – 1.50m, 1.70m, 1.90m, 2.05m, 2.20m, 2.35m, 2.50m, 2.65m, 2.80m, 2.90m, 3.00m U15 – 1.80m, 2.00m, 2.20m, 2.40m, 2.55m, 2.70m, 2.85m, 3.00m, 3.10m U16 – 1.80m, 2.00m, 2.20m, 2.40m, 2.55m, 2.70m, 2.85m, 3.00m, 3.10m U17 – 2.60m, 2.80m, 3.00m, 3.20m, 3.40m, 3.55m, 3.70m, 3.85m, 4.00m, 4.15m, 4.25m U18 – 2.60m, 2.80m, 3.00m, 3.20m, 3.40m, 3.55m, 3.70m, 3.85m, 4.00m, 4.15m, 4.25m

High Jump - Women - Progressions

U14 - 1.25m, 1.35m, 1.40m, 1.45, 1.48m, 1.52m, 1.55m, 1.58m, 1.60m U15 - 1.35m, 1.40m, 1.45m, 1.50m, 1.54m, 1.58m, 1.61m, 1.64m, 1.66m U16 - 1.40m, 1.45m, 1.50m, 1.55m, 1.59m, 1.63m, 1.66m, 1.69m, 1.71m U17 - 1.45m, 1.50m, 1.55m, 1.60m, 1.64m, 1.68m, 1.71m, 1.74m, 1.76 U18 - 1.50m, 1.55m, 1.60m, 1.64m, 1.68m, 1.71m, 1.74m, 1.77m, 1.79

High Jump - Men - Progressions

U14 – 1.35m, 1.45m, 1.50m, 1.55m, 1.59m, 1.63m, 1.67m, 1.71m, 1.74m, 1.76m U15 – 1.45m, 1.55m, 1.60m, 1.65m, 1.70m, 1.74m, 1.78m, 1.81m, 1.84m, 1.86m U16 – 1.50m, 1.60m, 1.65m, 1.70m, 1.75m, 1.79m, 1.83m, 1.86m, 1.89m, 1.91m U17 – 1.55m, 1.65m, 1.70m, 1.75m, 1.80m, 1.84m, 1.88m, 1.91m, 1.94m, 1.96m U18 – 1.60m, 1.70m, 1.75m, 1.80m, 1.84m, 1.85m, 1.89m, 1.93m, 1.96m, 1.99m, 2.01m



Appendix 3 – Entry Guidelines

1) ENTRY REGULATIONS

The entry regulations should be used by each Member Association while selecting their team but may not apply procedures that are more lenient than those outlined here. As there are significant differences in competition structures, transition strategies and cross-organisational relationships in each state or territory, Athletics Australia has created flexibility into these regulations specifically to support local priorities.

- a) Athletes must be a bona fide school student at a school (including home schooled) within the geographical jurisdiction of the entering Member Association of Athletics Australia before entry into any event. As long as the athlete is age eligible it does not matter whether the school they attend is classified as primary or secondary in their state/territory.
- b) All athletes should have competed at least once in a competition sanctioned and conducted by a Member Association since 1 January <u>2021</u>. (As selectors, Member Associations may apply discretion to this regulation based on injury, illness, or geographical isolation etc.).
- c) There are no entry standards set by AA, but MAs may impose any reasonable criteria to determine their selected athletes and teams, such as placings in certain events or the attaining or minimum times. To be clear however the various state/territory all schools track and field championships are <u>not</u> qualifying meets for entry into this championships – although entering Associations may choose to use them in any way they wish.
- d) The Member Associations are the team selectors and may, at their discretion, ad after consultation with AA, impose additional criteria if required to meet local strategies.
- e) In each age group a maximum of two (2) athletes of each sex may be entered by each MA.
- f) Athletes may be entered in any relay event for which they are age eligible and may compete in relays in more than one age group. Entering associations must use care and responsibility when including athletes in multiple relay events.
- 2) AGE QUALIFICATIONS

Please ensure that the following is applied when selecting your team and nominating athletes for these championships - always subject to all other age restrictions contained herein:

- a) Under 14 athletes must not have their fourteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2022 (i.e. must be born in 2009 or 2010)
- b) Under 15 athletes must not have their fifteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2022 (i.e. must be born in 2008 or later)
- c) Under 16 athletes must not have their sixteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2022 (i.e. must be born in 2007 or later)
- d) Under 17 -athletes must not have their seventeenth birthday on or before 31 December 2022 (i.e. must be born in 2006 or later)
- e) Under 18 athletes must not have their eighteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2022 (i.e. must be born in 2005 or later)
- f) Para age groups will be Under 15 (born 2008-09-10), Under 17 (born 2006-07), Under 20 (born 2003-04-05)

Athletes MUST turn 12 in the year of competition (2022) to compete in these Championships always subject to all other age restrictions contained herein.



3) EVENT GROUPS

Athletes may enter in multiple event age groups subject to the following criteria as set out under the following regulations:

- a) Athletes may be selected and entered by their MA in the same or a like individual event^{**} in one age group only which may be their own or, provided they are eligible, a higher one. [For example an MA could select an athlete in the U15 shot put and the U16 javelin.]
- b) Athletes who are to be entered in a single individual event only may also be entered in the same or similar event** in no more than one higher age group for which they are eligible provide that then remains the only individual events in which they are entered. Where this occurs athletes may not so be entered in both U15 and U16 or U17 and U18. [This allows where an MA wishes to do so and has space to include an athlete who is a one event specialist (typically walkers and pole vaulters) to have a second event].
- c) Subject to the above rules is no limit on the number of individual or relay events in which each athlete may be entered but Associations and their team staff are required to exercise appropriate discretion when asking athletes to compete in multiple relay events outside their age group.
- d) An athlete must turn at least 14 years of age in 2022 to be entered in the 2000m steeplechase.
- e) Para-athletes may compete the same or similar events** in one under under-age group only. Entries for para-athletes in under-age events will be accepted in a universal age group. Where there are at least three athletes confirmed for an age group in any event a separate championship event will be conducted. Where this means an athlete would be competing out of their age group, throwing implement weights will be based on their age.

** Same or Similar event means 80/90/100/110m hurdles; 200/400m hurdles; 3000/5000metres and 1500/3000/5000m walk and each of the throwing events (regardless of change in weight of implements).

- 4) **REPRESENTATION**
 - a) As per the current Athletics Australia by-laws, athletes will represent the Member Association in which they currently attend school.
 - b) Any uncertainty on what state/territory an athlete represents under the by-laws is to be adjudicated by AA General Manager Sport Delivery.
 - c) As these Championships are for athletes entered by AA's Member Associations and Athletics North Queensland, athletes who do not have Australian citizenship will be considered as eligible to represent the Association through which they are entered.