

TECHNICAL RULES AND NOTES

TEAM MANAGERS AND ATHLETES ARE REQUESTED TO READ THE FOLLOWING VERY CAREFULLY

The Championships will be conducted according to the rules of the IAAF and Athletics Australia.

1. UNIFORMS:

All athletes entered in the Australian All Schools & Youth Athletics Championships may wear either the correct Member Association uniform or the uniform of his/her school. Any athlete who does not attend school or is not a registered member shall wear all white.

In relation to this rule, Member Associations may have in place mechanisms that allow an athlete to be considered a short term or special member of their Association for the purposes of this competition. As an example, an Association may charge a small additional fee to unregistered non-school athletes, thus allowing the athlete to wear the Association uniform.

2. COMPETITION NUMBERS:

Competition numbers will be given to Team Managers, who will be responsible for issuing to all athletes from their State/Territory.

The competition bib numbers issued to competitors for these Championships must be worn on the front and back of the competitor's uniform firmly attached with not less than four (4) pins, so the entire number and sponsorship information can be easily read. No part of the number shall be folded under the uniform.

ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA WILL ENFORCE IAAF RULE 143.8, WHICH RENDERS AN ATHLETE LIABLE TO DISQUALIFICATION IF S/HE TAMPERS IN ANY WAY WITH THE COMPETITION NUMBER.

Side numbers will be provided by an official either in the Call Room or at the start for events requiring them.

3. ENTRY PASSES:

Entry Passes for the All Schools will be given to Team Managers. If an athlete does not have an entry pass s/he will be required to pay admission. NO EXCUSES WILL BE ACCEPTED. Entry passes are NOT transferable.

4. ADDITIONAL HEATS/ELIMINATION ROUNDS:

If additional heats or elimination rounds are required (other than those already scheduled), all entrants for that event will be notified through their Team Manager.

5. CONFIRMATION OF ENTRIES:

All athletes are deemed to be confirmed. Team Managers are encouraged to make any scratchings as soon as possible. This should be done by the Team Manager in the Administration Room, which will be located in the ground floor of the building at the finish line, not later than **one hour (90 minutes for pole vault)** before the scheduled starting time of each event. After close of confirmation for each event, heat allocations and lane draws will be conducted for those events. Draws for all events will be posted on notice boards as soon as they become available.

6. SCRATCHINGS:

If an athlete fails to scratch from an event after confirmation or does not compete in all rounds of an event for which s/he has qualified, s/he will not be permitted to compete in any other event in the championships, including relays (IAAF Rule 142.4).

7. CALL ROOM PROCEDURES:

All athletes are required to report to the Call Room prior to their event.

In the Call Room athletes will be expected to demonstrate that their competition uniform, numbers, shoes and other equipment comply with the competition rules.

Athletes will proceed to the start of their event from the Call Room **ACCOMPANIED BY A CALL ROOM OFFICIAL**. Athletes who proceed to the event not accompanied by an official may not be allowed to start.

The **closing call entry times** at the Call Room are:

- Pole Vault 70 minutes
- High Jump, Discus, Hammer, Javelin 50 minutes
- Shot Put, Long & Triple Jump 40 minutes
- Hurdles & Relays 30 minutes
- Track Events 25 minutes

This time allows for marshalling and movements to the competition site. The remainder of the time may be used to complete the warm-up at the competition site (under the supervision of the officials), when the competition site is not in use.

If an athlete is already or likely to be competing in another event at the designated marshalling time, the Team Manager must notify the Call Room of this prior to the designated marshalling time.

8. PROGRESSION TO FINALS (TRACK):

Rules for progression and qualifying rounds are as follows. These are the numbers of athletes checked-in and over-ride the IAAF Rules, and remain subject to changes directed by the Competition Director of Athletics Australia.

- 100**/200/400 metres/Hurdles **1-8 Final only
Over 8 Two rounds only
- 800** metres 1-9 Final only
Over 9 Two rounds only
- 1500 metres Final only #
- 3/5000 metres & Steeple Final only #
- Walks Final only

* In the case of straight events, up to 10 athletes, and for 800m up to 12 athletes, may be included in some heats or finals to eliminate unnecessary rounds. If more than 30 confirmations are received for 100m or straight hurdles, and more than 24 confirmations for the 200m or 400m or 200m / 400m hurdles events, additional rounds may be programmed.

**May be conducted in two divisions, if necessary.

Progressions:

For events up to 800 metres:

- 6 heats: Winner of each heat plus next 2 fastest to final
- 5 heats: Winner of each heat plus next 3 fastest to final
- 4 heats: Winner of each heat plus next 4 fastest to final
- 3 heats: First 2 per heat plus next 2 fastest to final
- 2 heats: First 3 per heat plus next 2 fastest to final

Where it is decided that semi finals shall be conducted, adjustments to the above progressions will be made and notified either at the Technical Meeting, or as soon as practicable thereafter.

The 'next fastest' will be decided on times. If the times are equal, then the highest placing in the round will determine who will progress to the next round, unless there is more available space in the final. Reserves will not be placed in finals where a withdrawal occurs.

Where the number of entrants for a track event is such as to require the running of heats, the names of all competitors shall be listed in the program. The draw shall be made one hour before the advertised starting time of the event. Where all scheduled rounds of a competition are not required then the first round shall be cancelled, unless otherwise advised at the Technical Meeting.

9. PROGRESSION TO FINALS (FIELD):

If qualifying rounds are required in field events then a qualifying mark shall be set and all athletes who better the performance shall proceed to the final or the **top 8** athletes, whichever is the greater number. Qualifying marks will be available at the Technical Meeting.

10. STARTING HEIGHTS:

The following starting heights will apply:

	<u>Pole Vault</u>	<u>High Jump</u>
Under 14 (Men)	2.00	1.40
Under 14 (Women)	1.80	1.35
Under 15 (Men)	2.40	1.65
Under 15 (Women)	2.00	1.40
Under 16 (Men)	2.40	1.65
Under 16 (Women)	2.10	1.45
Under 17 (Men)	2.90	1.70
Under 17 (Women)	2.30	1.50
Under 18 (Men)	3.00	1.75
Under 18 (Women)	2.40	1.50

Progressions will be determined at the Technical Meeting

11. TRIPLE JUMP:

The following boards will be used in the Triple Jump:

<u>Age group</u>	<u>Board</u>
Under 14 (Men)	9/11m
Under 14 (Women)	9/11m
Under 15 (Men)	11m
Under 15 (Women)	9/11m
Under 16 (Men)	11m
Under 16 (Women)	9/11m
Under 17 (Men)	11/13m
Under 17 (Women)	9/11m
Under 18 (Men)	11/13m
Under 18 (Women)	9/11m

12. POLE VAULT RULE DISPENSATION:

AA Competition Rule 20.2.27: Rule 183.2 (a) – For the under 18 age group and lower for women and the under 16 age group and lower for men, this rule, at the discretion of the Chief Judge of the event, may not be applied to a particular trial, where in the opinion of the Chief Judge, a competitor 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.

13. PRIVATE IMPLEMENTS:

Athletes who wish to use their own throwing implements during the championships MUST lodge them with the Technical Manager at the Technical/Equipment Room located at the start line end of the track in the concrete tank, **no later than three hours** before the scheduled starting time of that particular event on the day of competition or on a previous day. The implements will be impounded until after the event or events for which they are submitted at which time athletes may collect them from the Technical/Equipment Room.

Athletes are expected to provide their own vaulting poles. The Organising Committee will not provide vaulting poles. Poles must also be lodged at the Technical/Equipment Room.

14. STARTING BLOCKS:

Starting blocks must be used for all events up to and including 400m and only those supplied by the Organising Committee may be used. Private blocks will not be permitted.

15. SPIKES:

Spikes permitted at Domain Athletic Centre are as follows:

<u>Events</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Type</u>
Track events	7mm	pyramid or needle
Long & Triple Jumps	7mm	pyramid or needle
High Jump & Javelin	12mm for heel	pyramid or needle

16. RELAY CONFIRMATION FORMS:

The Team Manager must complete relay confirmation forms. These forms must list the members of the relay team in running order and must be handed in at the Administration Room at least **two hours** prior to the start of the event. Any changes after declarations close must be supported by a medical certificate from the appointed Medical Officer (IAAF Rule 170.18). If changes are made to the running order prior to the start of the event, then they **MUST** be made on a new form. A form that has scratching-out/changes on it will not be accepted.

17. MEDAL PRESENTATIONS:

Medals will be presented as soon as possible after the final of each 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 victory ceremony. Team Managers are requested to assist in ensuring athletes are readily available and are correctly dressed.

18. PROTESTS:

All protests must be lodged initially with the Referee as per IAAF Rules. Appeals to the Jury are to be made in writing on the appropriate Appeal Form and lodged with the \$20 fee. Appeals can be made by either the athlete or the Team Manager and should be lodged in the Administration Room where forms will be available. At these Championships an approved team official may be present to assist an athlete whenever an athlete is being addressed or questioned by a Referee or the Jury of Appeal.

19. EXIT FROM THE FIELD OF PLAY:

All athletes must exit the Field of Play through the Post Event Control area, which is located near the finish line. Officials will direct athletes to this area. **Athletes MUST NOT exit the Field of Play other than through this area.**

20. TECHNICAL (TEAM MANAGERS) MEETING:

The Technical Meeting will be held at the Domain Athletic Centre on **Thursday 3rd December commencing at 7.00pm**

21. TEAM ARRIVALS:

Team Managers are asked to advise Athletics Australia: email: clare.burton@athletics.org.au, phone: 03 9820 3511 or fax: 03 9820 3544 of team arrival times, hotel accommodation and mobile phone contact details as soon as possible.

22. AFTER PARTY:

There will a party for athletes on Monday 7 December commencing at 7.00pm at UTAS. More information is available from Athletics Tasmania.