



## TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

(as at 25 February 2025)

The Maurie Plant Meet will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of World Athletics, Oceania Athletics Association and Athletics Australia. The Maurie Plant Meet is a World Athletics Continental Tour Gold Meet. The pre-program is the Melbourne Invitational which is a World Athletics Continental Tour Bronze Meet and is also covered by these regulations.

### 1. Venue

The competition will be held at Lakeside Stadium 33 Aughtie Dr, Albert Park, Melbourne, VIC 3206.

### 2. Entry to the Venue

The Accredited Entry will be via the Athlete Entrance. This is at the VIS Side Gate, accessed via the Lakeside Car Park, and will be the drop point for athlete transport.

Athlete names will be included in the accreditation system, all athletes will be required to provide their name on arrival to the Athlete Entrance.

Athletes will receive one (1) Athlete accreditation pass which will provide entry into the venue.

Coaches that were listed by athletes will receive one (1) Coach accreditation pass which will provide entry into the venue.

### 3. Athlete Check In

**All athletes are required to check in no later than 90 minutes** prior to the advertised start time of their event when they will also collect their bib. If you need to withdraw or after the first event you need to withdraw from any further events, please report to Competition Management ASAP so the start lists can adjusted as needed.

### 4. Competition Bibs

Athletes will receive one bib only displaying the athlete's name. In track events the bib must be worn on the front of the uniform, for field events athletes may choose to wear the bib on either the front or the back of their competition uniform 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.

Bib Collection will be at the stadium at the VIS Chill Out space. This is at Level 2 in the VIS. Athletes will be directed to this on arrival to the venue.

Athletics Australia will enforce World Athletics Rules TR 5.9 & TR 5.11, which render an athlete liable to disqualification if s/he tampers in any way with the competition bib.



## 5. Uniforms

Athletes can wear the uniform of their choice. All uniforms must comply with the World Athletics advertising regulations for invitational meets. (WA Rule C7.4, Marketing and Advertising Regulations, Clothing and Accessories)

Particular attention is drawn to the Nike Pro and similar instances with other manufacturers, where oversize branding around the top bands of lower body garments is prevalent. Athletes will not be permitted to compete in those items which do not comply with the advertising regulations. Taping or the turning down of such non-compliant items will not be allowed. To avoid stress on arrival at the Call Room athletes are asked to ensure that they are not wearing these garments for on-field warm-up or competition purposes.

## 6. Call Room Procedures

A call room will be in operation. All athletes are required to report to the Call Room before all events.

All athletes must report to the Call Room at the designated time for their event. The Call Room is located in the walkway between the warm-up area and the 1500m start.

Having previously checked in, all athletes must report to the call room on time with their competition bib attached with no less than four (4) pins. Hip numbers will be provided at the Call Room for those events that require them.

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 call times allow 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.

Field athletes advised that "Confiscated Goods" are to remain in their bags and must not be taken out on the field of play. If they do, they are in danger of receiving a yellow/red card.

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
<b>Pole Vault</b>	<b>70 minutes</b>
<b>Discus, Javelin, Hammer, High Jump</b>	<b>45 minutes</b>
<b>Long &amp; Triple Jump, Shot Put</b>	<b>35 minutes</b>
<b>Hurdles, Wheelchair Track, Seated Throws, Relays</b>	<b>20 minutes</b>
<b>All other track events</b>	<b>15 minutes</b>



## 7. Warm-up

All warmups will be conducted on the warmup track. All athletes are reminded that the warmup track is a shared facility and to be always diligent and vigilant

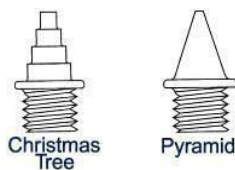
In particular please adjust the hammer gates appropriately (for safety).

## 8. Shoes and Spikes

All athletes should be familiar with World Athletics Rules relating to shoes and spikes, see the excerpts from the World Athletics Shoe regulations.

At this venue, only Christmas Tree, or Pyramid (including any similar variations) spikes are permitted. Needle spikes are banned and are not used under any circumstances. These will be checked in the Call Room.

- Track events need to be 7mm and Pyramid/Christmas Tree
- Long Jump/Triple Jump need to be 9mm and Pyramid / Christmas Tree
- Javelin/High Jump spikes must not exceed 11mm.
- All spikes must be Christmas Tree, Pyramid or Blanks as per the graphic below.





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).

## **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 below, have a sole with a maximum thickness as set out in the table in Appendix 3. 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 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 this Regulation 11.

*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.*

[See the full World Athletics Shoe Regulations.](#)



Please also note:

**New Sole Thickness Table – in force from 1 November 2024**

Event	Maximum thickness of the sole (as per Regulation 10.6 of the Regulations).	Further Requirement/Note
Track Events including hurdle and steeplechase events	20mm spike shoe or non-spike shoe	For relays, the rule applies to the distance of the leg being run by each athlete. For Track Race Walking Events, the maximum thickness of the sole is the same as that for Road Events.
Field Events	20mm spike shoe or non-spike shoe	For all Jumping Events, the sole at the centre of the athlete's forefoot must not be higher than the sole at centre of the athlete's heel referred to at Regulations 10.3 and 10.4 (i.e. at centre point of the shoe at 12% and 75% of the shoes internal length).

**9. Field Events**

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.

**Starting Heights and Progressions**

Women's High Jump	1.70, 1.74, 1.78, 1.82, 1.86, 1.89, 1.92
Men's High Jump	2.02, 2.07, 2.12, 2.16, 2.20, 2.24, 2.27



#### 10. Personal Implements

Athletes who wish to include their own throwing implements in the equipment pool (which may be used by any athlete in the same competition), must lodge them with the Technical Manager at the **Technical Room**, no later than **three (3) hours**, before the scheduled starttime of their event.

Any such implements will be impounded until after the competition when athletes may collect them from the Technical Room. If qualifying is held in field events and personal implements are lodged, and the athletes that lodged them make the final they will be impounded until the final is held.

Please note that World Athletics TR32.2 limits the number of personal implements added to the pool per person to a maximum of 2. There should be no **rough stickers** on the discus. **The ends of the hammer wire shall be covered by “clear plastic tubing to prevent the wire unravelling during competition.”**

**Athletes are to provide their own vaulting poles.** Athletics Australia will not provide poles. Poles must be lodged at the Technical Room no later than **three (3) hours** prior to the event and be clearly labelled with the athletes NAME, CONTACT NUMBER and EVENT (& AGE GROUP).

#### 11. 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 the venue can be used. Private blocks will not be permitted. The use of blocks for Para athletes is in accordance with World Para Rules for each individual classification.

#### 12. Post Event Procedures

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

#### 13. Prize Money

Prize Money will be paid to athletes **within 60 days of clearance from Sport Integrity Australia.** Clearance usually occurs in June. Athletes will be advised when we have clearance.

#### 14. Physiotherapy and Massage

NASS athletes will have access to medical services as advised.

First Aid will also be available at the finish line.



## 15. Anti-Doping

A reminder this is a National level Australian Athletics event. Sport Integrity Australia can conduct anti-doping testing at any event or competition.

It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of your obligations to clean sport.

All **Australian** athletes are required to complete online [Sport Integrity Australia eLearning](#) prior to the event:

- Anti-Doping Fundamentals
- 2025 Annual Update

All **International** athletes are required to complete equivalent Anti-Doping online [WADA online eLearning](#) prior to the event

Competitors are aware:

- of medications and supplements not allowed within competition.
- [Sport Integrity Australia App](#) & [Global Dro Australia APP](#) helps provide some product search assistance.
- testing and certification of sports supplements cannot provide athletes a 100% safety guarantee
- if they fit the criteria to apply for an in advance [Therapeutic Use Exemption \(TUE\)](#)

## 16. Withdrawal

Any athlete who is on the entry list and who for any reason is withdrawing must notify Brian Roe (meet Athlete Liaison) on +61 438 604 671 or by email [brian.roe@athletics.org.au](mailto:brian.roe@athletics.org.au).

In making the decision to not compete please be aware of [the World Athletics Continental Tour Regulations](#). These regulations clearly state “*Once an Athlete (or an Athletes’ Representative or Member Federation on their behalf) has accepted a starting place in a Meeting, and subsequently withdraws for any reason 5 days or less before the Meeting, the athlete cannot compete in a World Rankings Competition (including a Continental Tour or Diamond League meet) for 5 days following the date of the originally accepted Meeting. For the avoidance of doubt, Organisers must not invite an athlete subject to the 5-day period. If an Organiser discovers they have invited such an athlete and are still within the 5-day period, then they must withdraw their invitation.*”