



FAQs

Why are the events being aligned?

Aligning the championships creates a stronger, more unified experience for athletes, families, and the broader athletics community. It also streamlines operations and provides greater alignment on athlete pathways, sustainability, talent development and lifelong involvement in the sport.

Will athletes still represent their usual teams or clubs?

Yes. Athletes will continue to represent their affiliated clubs, states, or territories as they have done previously.

Where and when will the aligned championships be held?

The championships are to be hosted mid-April in Brisbane. Both organisations are working together on timings that provide the best experience for athletes, families, and officials. Further details will be announced as soon as they are confirmed.

What are the benefits for families?

Bringing the events together means less travel for families with children competing in both Little Athletics and Junior Athletics pathways. It also creates a more engaging, festival-like experience for everyone involved.

Will there still be a selection process for athletes?

Yes. Each state and its organisation(s) will continue to manage athlete selection based on the eligibility criteria set by national bodies, which may be refined to reflect the aligned event format.

What does this mean for volunteers and officials?

An aligned event will support our volunteers and officials, enhancing delivery and fostering consistency across competitions. This can also enhance officiating pathways and mentoring across both championships leveraging a larger pool of officials.

There is a strong overlap in the pool of officials who support both events, though the organisations operate independently. The championships will be delivered by experienced officials across both programs, and the existing nomination process for technical officials will remain in place.



How does this align with Brisbane 2032?

This initiative strengthens the development pipeline and national visibility of our future stars, ensuring young athletes are better supported on their journey to high performance and Olympic and Paralympic success.

Will the age group structures change?

The format is still being finalised, including how age groups and event eligibility will align across both organisations. Final details will be shared with all stakeholders well in advance.

What about event specifications such as shot-put weight or hurdle height?

The technical regulations, including implement weights, hurdle heights, and event formats, are currently under review. These will be aligned in a way that ensures fairness and safety and will be communicated once confirmed.