

**Athletics Australia  
Memorandum**

**To:** Member Associations, Athletics New Zealand, and Oceania Athletics  
**From:** Michelle James, National Competition Manager, Athletics Australia  
**Re:** Entry Procedures for Australian Athletics Championships, February 15-18, 2018  
**Date:** 12 October 2017

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The following entry guidelines are applicable to all athletes (both para and able) in the Australian Athletics Championships.

Member Associations of Athletics Australia and National Athletic Federations **within the Oceania Region** recognised by the IAAF are invited to enter athletes in the 2018 Australian Athletics Championships, to be held at Carrara Stadium, Gold Coast, from 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2018

**PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS MEMO TO THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR TEAM ENTRIES.**

Please find attached the **draft** timetable for the championships (It is also available on the Athletics Australia website). This timetable can be provided to all interested parties as the working version, which is subject to changes required due to entry numbers. However, the more likely solution where large entries are received in field events is to conduct, where possible, two simultaneous pools.

The final timetable will be prepared after the receipt of entries. Once received, please ensure that the **final** timetable is distributed to your team management for the championships. The final timetable will also be published on the Athletics Australia website: [www.athletics.com.au](http://www.athletics.com.au).

**1. ENTRIES**

- a. **Entries will close at Athletics Australia at 5:00pm on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2018**
- b. States who are hosting their State Championships on 2-4 February must submit all Qualifying Performance entries by 5:00pm 29<sup>th</sup> January. Only entries via the Top 3 rule will be automatically accepted from the 2-4 February events. These entries must be submitted by 5:00pm 5<sup>th</sup> February.
- c. **Entry Fee:** In 2018 the entry fee will be \$50 for first event and \$30 for every subsequent event (includes GST) per athlete per event.
- d. **Late Entries:** Late entries can be submitted after 29<sup>th</sup> January, but no later than 5<sup>th</sup> February. Athletes entering via a late entry will not have guaranteed acceptance into the field, may not be printed in the official program or obtain a name bib.

**For late entries to be considered, athletes must have satisfied the entry criteria**

Late entries MUST provide the following information: first name, surname, team, date of birth **\*\*(mm/dd/yyyy)\*\***, age group, event and qualifying performance (including date and venue). Late entries that do not provide this information will not be processed.

**Late Entry Fees:** All entries received after 5:00pm 9 January 2018 will be subject to a \$30 late fee per event (includes GST) per athlete per event. (eg. First event \$80, subsequent events \$60 per event)

- e. **Submission of Entries:** Entries will be submitted by Member Associations or in the case of overseas athletes by National Federations or organisations approved by them. All overseas athletes must have met the entry standards.

**All entries must be verifiable by Athletics Australia. Any entry that has not fully satisfied the selection criteria will not be accepted.**

Member Associations and Oceania Federations will be provided with an entry template to submit their entries on. Meet Manager submissions will not be accepted as this program is not compatible with the Timing, Results & Scoring platform for this Championship.

Associations and Federations will be required to enter all athlete details, including athlete's name, date of birth, events in which athletes are to be entered **and their qualifying performance (including date & venue)**, no entry will be accepted without the entry qualifying mark and details.

f. **Relays**

All states/territories/federations will be entered in every relay by Athletics Australia. Withdrawal of teams from a relay will be completed by the Team Manager at the Technical Meeting. States/territories/federations will not be required to confirm their athletes in each relay team until the day of the event.

Any athlete chosen in his/her states/territories/federations relay team who has not qualified in their own right to compete in an event at the championships may compete, upon entry and payment of the individual entry fee (\$30) in the normal way, in the 100m individual event (if in the 4x100m state relay team) or 400m individual event (if in the 4x400m state relay team) only in his/her own age group, without the need to have qualified.

**When entering such athletes, please place an asterisk (\*) after the last letter of their surname in order to indicate that they are entered under this rule.**

**2. ENTRY RULES (Athletics Australia Member Associations only)**

The entry rules must be adhered by each Member Association/ Oceania National Federation and entries outside of the entry rules below will not be accepted.

Athletics Australia reserves the right in exceptional circumstances to accept national entries. Athletics Australia will accept International entries directly

**Entry Criteria**

*Rule (1) Entry via Achieving Entry Standard*

- a. Any athlete who achieves the open entry standard (s) as set out in the Athletics Australia Entry Standards Document (Appendix 1) within the qualifying period is automatically qualified for the Championships.
- b. An athlete must achieve the standard with the correct implement weight or hurdle height.
- c. Only athletes born in 1999, 1997 and 1998 are eligible to qualify under the Under 23 qualifying standards. Athletes who qualify through U23 will compete in the Open division.
- d. Qualifying performances can only be achieved at a National Permit meet **or International Permit Meet**. A list of National Permit Meets is listed on the Athletics Australia website
- e. Hand times, with appropriate correction (details included with entry standards,) are accepted. Wind readings may be up to 2m/s for all events
- f. Beam (or Gate) times are considered hand times

### Rule (II) Entry via Place at Championships

- g. Any athlete who places in the first three at their home 2018 State Open Championships is automatically qualified for the Australian Athletics Championships:
- h. For State Championships the home state will be defined by the first claim registration status of the athlete.
2. Athletes must be registered members of a Member Association of Athletics Australia or be eligible under IAAF rules to represent a member country of the IAAF before entry into the event.
3. All athletes must have competed at least once in a competition sanctioned and conducted by a Member Association. (As selectors, Member Associations may apply discretion to this rule – based on injury, illness or geographical isolation. A list of qualifying competitions available for athletes will be made available by State Associations on their web site.
4. All athletes will be representing their State, Territory or Country for international entries
5. The Member Associations are the team selectors and may, at their discretion, and after due consultation with Athletics Australia, impose additional criteria if required to support local strategies.

A Member Association **must not** select athletes that fall outside the qualification guide lines, however they **may choose not to select** individuals or to impose additional requirements on an athlete in order to best support local objectives.

Some examples:

- A Member Association must not select an athlete that has not met the requirements of either rule (I) Entry via Achieving Entry Standard or by rule (II) Entry via Place at Championships.
- A Member Association may choose to not select an athlete who has qualified via place (on the grounds that the athlete is currently well below an appropriate standard)
- A Member Association may choose to impose additional qualification requirements.

### 3. AGE QUALIFICATIONS

Athletes must be turning 12 on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 (ie must be born in **2006 or later**)

Under 23 athletes born in 1996,1997 or 1998, can use the U23 qualifying standard to qualify, however they will compete the Open age division.

Athletes 12 or 13 years of age are not permitted to enter the Steeplechase event.

**5. REPRESENTATION**

For the Australian Athletics Championships, athletes will represent the Member Association with which they have first claim registration.

**6. PARA-ATHLETES CLASSIFICATION**

All para-athlete entries, must have a current

1. National Level Classification or higher to qualify for entry into an Athletics Australia event.
2. If the Athlete's National Classification (or higher) is past its review date, entry will be at the discretion of Athletics Australia.

**7. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE IN AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Any athlete who has met the above entry criteria may compete in the Australian Athletics Championships. It is an exclusive requirement for an athlete to be a member of a Member Association or National Federation.

**8. UNIFORMS**

All **Australian** open athletes entered in the Australian Athletics Championships may wear Club/State/National or Sponsorship uniform in line with the Athletics Australia Uniform Guidelines

All **international** athletes entered in the Australian Athletics Championships must wear their correct National Federation/State or Club uniform.

We wish you all the best for a successful 2018 Australian Athletics Championships.

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