

**Athletics Australia
Memorandum**

To: Member Associations, Athletics New Zealand, and Oceania Athletics
From: Michelle James, National Competitions Manager, Athletics Australia
Re: Entry Procedures for Australian Junior Athletics Championships
14-18 March, Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre, Sydney
Date: 20th October 2017

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

Member Associations of Athletics Australia and National Athletic Federations recognised by the IAAF are invited to enter teams in the 2018 Australian Junior Athletics Championships, to be held at Sydney Olympic Park, Sydney, from March 14th till 18th, 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.

1. ENTRIES

- a. **Entries will close at Athletics Australia at 5:00pm on 23 February, 2018**
- b. **Entry Fee:** In 2018 the entry fee will be \$30 (includes GST) per athlete per event.
- c. **Late Entries:** Late entries can be submitted after 23 February, but no later than 2 March. Athletes entering via late entries 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 achieved the entry standard.

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

Late Entry Fees: All entries received after 5pm 23 February 2018 will be subject to a double entry fee of \$60 (includes GST) per athlete per event.

- d. **Submission of Entries:** Entries may only 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. NO individual entries will be accepted.
- e. **Entries via Meet Manager:** Entries from Member Associations and Federations should be made via Meet Manager. Athletics Australia will send each Member Association and National Federation via email, the 2018 Australian Junior Athletics Championship Meet Manager file.

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**.

Note: for 2018 you are required to enter your state/territory (eg. NSW, TAS, ACT) into the "team code" field of Meet Manager.

For para athletes, please list their respective classification after their surname

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 are GUIDELINES for use by each Member Association. Each Member Association will be the sole selector of their team; no entries will be taken directly by Athletics Australia. (other than international entries).

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 selection guidelines specifically to support local priorities.

Entry Guidelines – 2018 Australian Junior Athletics Championships

Rule (1) Entry via Achieving Entry Standard

- a. Any athlete who achieves the 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. Performances can be achieved at a wide range of events, including those organised by State Associations, athletics clubs and school sport competitions. We will also allow for the U14 age group performances from designated Little Athletics competitions (details in Appendix 2) or primary school sport competitions at regional or state championships level.
- d. A Member Association must select the competitions at which an entry standard may be achieved. A list of recognised competitions should be available on each Member Association website.
- e. Hand times, with appropriate correction (details included with entry standards,) are accepted. Wind readings may be up to 4 m/s.
- 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 State Championships is automatically qualified for the National Championships. This can be at either the State All Schools Championships held before Christmas or at the State Junior Championships conducted by Member Associations post Christmas.
 - h. In the application of this rule it will apply to the first 3 athletes from the home state.
 - i. For All Schools the home state will be defined by the school attended.
 - j. For State Junior Championships the home state will be defined by the first claim registration status of the athlete.
 - k. In the case of the All Schools (pre Christmas) athletes will automatically qualify up; that is to say the first three in the 2017 State All Schools U15 100 metres would be qualified for the 2018 U16 100 metres. For athletes in events where the implement weight or hurdle height changes post 1 January, the "Entry by Place" rule still applies.
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 or Territory and only attend via Member Association state teams. Entries will be taken via Member Associations, including the U20 age group. No Australian athlete will be accepted directly by Athletics Australia.
 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.
 6. Athletes may only enter an individual event in a maximum of two age groups. No athlete may enter the same or similar events within (U15 and U16) or (U17 and U18) age groups.

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

Please ensure that the following is applied when selecting your team and nominating athletes for these championships:

- **Under 14** - athletes must not have their fourteenth birthday on or before 31st December 2018 (ie must be born in **2005 or 2006**)
- **Under 15** - athletes must not have their fifteenth birthday on or before 31st December 2018 (ie must be born in **2004 or later**)
- **Under 16** - athletes must not have their sixteenth birthday on or before 31st December 2018 (ie must be born in **2003 or later**)
- **Under 17** - athletes must not have their seventeenth birthday on or before 31st December 2018 (ie must be born in **2002 or later**)
- **Under 18** - athletes must not have their eighteenth birthday on or before 31st December 2018 (ie must be born in **2001 or later**)
- **Under 20** - athletes must not have their twentieth birthday on or before 31st December 2018 (ie must be born in **1999 or later**)

Para-athlete age groups will be U16 and U20

Please note: Athletes MUST turn 12 in the year of competition in order to compete in these Championships.

4. EVENT GROUPS

Athletes may enter in multiple event age groups if an athlete has bettered the relevant entry standard.

This rule is subject to the following criteria as set out under the following rules:

Provided an athlete has bettered the relevant entry standard for a higher age group than their own, the athlete may be entered in an individual event for such age group, subject to the following:

- Athletes may only enter events in a maximum of two age groups.
- No athlete may enter the same or similar events within the U15 and U16 age groups.
- No athlete may enter the same or similar events within the U17 and U18 age groups.
- Para-athletes may enter the same or similar events in U16 and U20 age groups.

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

The list of events to be contested in each age group and the relevant specifications are shown on the attachments.

Athletes may enter events across the different age groups.

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

5. REPRESENTATION

For the Australian Junior 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 described entry rules may compete in the Australian Junior 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** athletes entered in the Australian Junior Athletics Championships must wear their correct Member Association uniform.
- All **overseas** athletes entered in the Australian Junior Athletics Championships must wear their correct National Federation/State or Club uniform.

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

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