



Athletics
Western Australia



WA ATHLETE INFORMATION PACK

**95th Australian Athletics Championships
CARRARA STADIUM, GOLD COAST, QLD
15th – 18th FEBRUARY 2018**

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The 2018 Australian Athletics Championships will be held at the Carrara Stadium, Gold Coast, QLD from 15 – 18 February 2018. This event is the nomination trials for the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

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Event Details

The following information is provided to assist WA athletes entering the 95th Australian Athletics Championships to be held at Carrara Stadium, Gold Coast, Queensland.

COMPETITION DATES:

15th – 18th February 2018

VENUE:

Carrara Stadium, Gold Coast, Queensland

EVENT DETAILS AND PROGRAM OF EVENTS:

Visit the Athletics Australia website for the current event information:

<http://athletics.com.au/Compete/Events/2018-australian-athletics-championships-nomination-trials-1>

The following entry guidelines are applicable to all WA athletes aiming for selection for the 2018 Western Australian State Team to compete at the Australian Junior Athletics Championships.

ONLINE ENTRIES:

- Online entries will **open on Friday 19 January 2018.**
- Entries will **close at 5:00pm on Friday 26 January 2018.**
- Entry will be via the Athletics WA online portal:
<https://2018australianopenathleticschampionships.eventdesq.com>
- No late entries will be accepted.
- Athlete levy for all athletes is \$100.00.
- Entry fee is \$50.00 for first event (the additional \$20.00 is included in the levy) and \$30.00 for subsequent events.
- Athletics WA will submit all entries and payments to Athletics Australia.

ATHLETE LEVY:

Athletics WA will charge all athletes attending the Australian Athletics Championships a levy that includes team management services, administrative costs (meet entry processing fees), access to Physiotherapist and Massage Therapist, and relay team management. The levy for all athletes is \$100.00.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible to compete, athletes must be a current member of Athletics WA.

HOW DO I QUALIFY?

To qualify to compete in the 2018 Australian Athletics Championships, athletes must satisfy at least one of the following criteria:

1. Achieve the Athletics Australia Entry Standard (Automatic Qualification), or
2. Achieve entry via a place (1st, 2nd or 3rd) at WA State Championships

ENTRY GUIDELINES:

Athletes who achieve the qualifying standards for the nominated event during the period 1st January 2017 to 21st January 2018 automatically qualify for the 2018 Australian Athletics Championships in that event. Entry standards (Para-athletes and Able-Bodied) can be found on the Athletics Australia website below:

<http://www.athletics.com.au/Compete/Rules-Technical-Information/Entry-Standards>

DRAFT TIMETABLE:

The draft timetable can be found on the Athletics Australia website. Click here:

<http://www.athletics.com.au/Portals/56/2018%20Australian%20Athletics%20Championships%20-%20Draft%20Timetable.pdf>

UNIFORM:

All Western Australian athletes competing at the 2018 Australian Athletics Championships may wear Club, State, national or sponsors uniforms in line the Athletics Australia Uniform Guidelines.

PARA-ATHLETES:

All para-athletes must have a current National Level Classification (or higher) to qualify for entry into an Athletics Australia event. If the athlete's National Classification (or higher) is past its review date, entry will be at the discretion of Athletics Australia. Athletics Australia will hold a National Physical Classification during the event.

ONLINE ENTRIES:

Entries will only be accepted online to Athletics WA. Entries will open on **19th January 2018** and close at **5pm 26th January 2018**. No late entries will be accepted. Athletics WA will then submit all entries to Athletics Australia on 29th January 2018. To register for the WA Team, click here:

FUNDING SUPPORT

Regional athletes can apply for funding support from the Department of Sport and Recreation under the "Athlete Travel Subsidy Scheme" to help cover travel and accommodation costs. Visit <http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/funding/individuals/athlete-travel-subsidy-scheme> for further information. Funding may also be available from your local shire or council. Visit your council's relevant website for information about support.

FLIGHTS

Athletes are required to book and pay for their own flights to ensure they arrive in the Gold Coast with sufficient time for their event(s).

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Athletes will need to make their own way from the airport to accommodation and return.

GROUND TRANSPORT

Athletes will need to make their own arrangements to and from Carrara Stadium.

ACCOMMODATION

Athletics WA recommend the Meriton Broadbeach for athletes and coaches, thus giving the option to stay in a team environment. The Meriton Broadbeach offer 1, 2 and 3-bedroom apartments.