

TEAM WA

INFORMATION PACK

2018 AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre, NSW
14 – 18 March 2018

GENERAL INFORMATION

More than 2000 track and field athletes will compete in the **2018 Australian Junior Athletics Championships** to be held at the Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre from 14-18 March 2018. Events will be contested for U14 to U20 able-bodied and para-athletes.

Athletes will be aiming for selection for numerous events including:

- 2018 Youth Olympic Games, Argentina
- 2018 World U20 Championships, Finland

Athletics WA will also be selecting the 2018 Target Talent Program (TTP) Squad from this event.

Further information about this event is available on the Athletics Australia website:

<http://athletics.com.au/Compete/Events/2017-australian-athletics-championships-5>

WA TEAM MANAGEMENT

Team Manager: TBC

Assistant Team Manager / Media Manager: TBC

Relay Team Manager: TBC

Relay Coaches: TBC

Physiotherapists: TBC

Massage Therapist: TBC

EVENT DETAILS

The following information is provided to assist WA athletes entering the Australian Junior Athletics Championships to be held in Sydney from 14 – 18 March 2018.

COMPETITION DATES:

14 – 18 March 2018

VENUE:

Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre, NSW

EVENT DETAILS AND PROGRAM OF EVENTS:

Visit the Athletics Australia website for the current event information:

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

Athletes are selected to represent their state at these championships. The following entry guidelines are applicable to all WA athletes nominating for the 2018 Western Australian State Team to compete at the Australian Junior Athletics Championships.

ONLINE ENTRIES:

- Online entries will **open on Friday 12 January 2018**.
- Entries will **close at 9:00pm on Sunday 18 February 2018**.
- Entry will be via the Athletics WA online portal:
<https://2018-ajac.eventdesq.com>
- No late entries will be accepted.
- Athlete levy for all athletes is \$150.00.
- Entry fee is \$30.00 per event.
- Athletics WA will submit all entries and payments to Athletics Australia.

ATHLETE LEVY:

Athletics WA will charge all athletes attending the Australian Junior Athletics Championships a levy that includes team management services, administrative costs (meet entry processing fees), access to the WA Team Physiotherapist and Massage Therapist, and relay team management. The levy for all athletes is \$150.00.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible to compete, athletes must be a current member of Athletics WA. Athletes must be a minimum of 12 years of age as at the 31 December 2018.

HOW DO I QUALIFY?

To qualify to compete in the 2018 Australian Junior 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:**
 - a. WA State All Schools Championships (27-29 October 2017), or
 - b. WA State Championships (19-21 January 2018)

ENTRY GUIDELINES:

1. Achieve the Athletics Australia Entry Standard (Automatic Qualification)

Athletes who achieve the qualifying standards for the nominated event during the period 1st January 2017 to 18 February 2018 automatically qualify for the 2018 Australian Junior Athletics Championships in that event. Entry standards (Para-athletes and Able-Bodied) can be found on the Athletics Australia website:

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

Athletes must achieve the standard for their age group in 2018 and must ensure they achieve it with the correct implement weight or hurdle height where relevant. Hand times (with appropriate correction as detailed in the entry standards) are accepted. Wind readings may be up to 4.0m/s.

Performances can be achieved at any of the following meets:

- Any meet conducted by the IAAF (e.g., World Championships, World Juniors);
- Any meet conducted by Athletics Australia (e.g., 2017 Australian Championships, 2017 Australian Junior Championships & 2017 Australian All Schools Championships);
- Any meet conducted by Athletics WA (2018 WA State Championships, Strive Track and Field Meets, 2017 Go for 2 & 5 WA State All Schools Championships, 2016 WA Schools Knockout etc.);
- Any interschool competition conducted at the WA Athletics Stadium by Athletics WA Officials, with photo-finish or official results, and where official results are published by the relevant school association. Examples of such competitions include the PSA, IGSSA, ACC and SSWA Interschool Carnivals.
- Any official meet conducted by another State Association (e.g., Queensland Athletics, NSW Athletics etc.).

2. Achieve entry via a place (1st, 2nd or 3rd) at WA State Championships

Athletes who finish in the first three places (1st, 2nd or 3rd) at the WA State Championships will also automatically qualify for the 2018 Australian Junior Athletics Championships.

WA State Championships includes the 2017 Go for 2 & 5 WA State All Schools Championships (27-29 October 2017), and the 2018 WA State Championships (19-21 January 2018)

In the application of this rule, it will apply to the first 3 Western Australian athletes. In the case of the WA State All Schools, athletes will automatically qualify up an age group, regardless of any changes in implement weights or hurdles heights. For example, the first three finishers in the 2017 Go for 2 & 5 WA State All Schools U14 100m will qualify for the U15 100m at the 2018 Australian Junior Championships. For athletes in events where the implement weight or hurdle height changes post 1 January, the "Entry by Place" rule still applies.

AGE GROUPS:

Age is calculated as at 31 December 2018. Age groups for able-bodied athletes are outlined below:

Under 14 - athletes must not have their fourteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2018 (must be born in **2005 or 2006**)

Under 15 - athletes must not have their fifteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2018 (must be born in **2004 or later**)

Under 16 - athletes must not have their sixteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2018 (must be born in **2003 or later**)

Under 17 - athletes must not have their seventeenth birthday on or before 31 December 2018 (must be born in **2002 or later**)

Under 18 - athletes must not have their eighteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2018 (must be born in **2001 or later**)

Under 20 - athletes must not have their twentieth birthday on or before 31 December 2018 (must be born in **1999 or later**)

Para-athlete age groups are U16 and U20

Para Under16 – athletes must not have their sixteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2018 (must be born in **2003, 2004, 2005 or 2006**)

Para Under 20 - athletes must not have their twentieth birthday on or before 31st December 2018 (must be born in **1999 or later**)

MULTIPLE AGE GROUPS:

Athletes may enter in multiple event age groups provided they have achieved the relevant entry standard for the older age group (with the correct implement weight or hurdle height where applicable).

Athletes should ensure that nominations for multiple age groups are made in accordance with the following competition regulations:

- 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 refers to 80/90/100/110m hurdles; 200/400m hurdles; 3000/5000m and 3000/5000m walk and each of the throwing events (regardless of change in weight of implement). Athletes 12 or 13 years of age are not permitted to enter the Steeplechase event.

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 WA will conduct a National Physical Classification in Perth during the WA State Championships from 20 January 2018.

Athletics Australia will also hold a National Physical Classification during the event in Sydney.

DRAFT TIMETABLE:

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

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

UNIFORM:

All Western Australian athletes competing at the 2018 Australian Junior Athletics Championships must wear the official Athletics WA uniform. The Athletics WA uniform can be purchased online from ID Athletic. A full sizing kit will be available to try on during the State Championships from 19-21 January 2018. Please ensure you try on the items you wish to purchase prior to ordering online.

Compulsory Athletics WA competition uniform items are:

- Athletics WA Singlet (available in Men's and Women's sizes) **or** Athletics WA Crop Top (available in Women's sizes), and
- Athletics WA Running Shorts (available in Men's and Women's sizes) **or** Running Briefs (available in Women's sizes) **or** Running knee-length Shorts (available in Men's sizes) **or** Running boyleg Pro / Booty shorts (available in Women's sizes).

Optional Athletics WA uniform items include:

- Athletics WA Wet Weather Track Jacket and Pants
- Athletics WA Hoodie
- Athletics WA Polo Shirt

- Athletics WA T-shirt
- Athletics WA Casual Shorts
- Athletics WA Puffer Jacket
- Athletics WA Back Pack and Travel Bag

TEAM TRAVEL:

Athletics WA will not be coordinating team travel and accommodation for the 2018 Australian Athletics Championships. All athletes will be required to book their own travel and accommodation for this event and stay with their parents, coaches, clubs or schools.

Athletics WA will be sending a management team to the event which includes a Team Manager, Assistant Team Manager, Media Manager, Relay Manager, Physiotherapist and Massage Therapist.

FLIGHTS:

All athletes must book and pay for their own flights.

STATE RELAYS:

Athletics WA will nominate teams for all relay events at the 2018 Australian Junior Athletics Championships. The Athletics WA policy is to select the fastest combination of athletes to field our most competitive teams.

Athletics WA Relay Squads will consist of up to eight athletes per relay discipline. The first six available athletes in the corresponding 100m and 400m finals at the 2018 WA State Championships will be automatically selected into the State Relay Squads. An additional two athletes may be added to the squad at the State Selectors discretion, based on results throughout the 2017/18 season. These selections are at the absolute discretion of the Selectors.

Squad training sessions will be organised prior the Australian Athletics Championships and competition opportunities will be available during the Strive Track and Field Competitions prior to the Australian Championships. Relay Coaches will be appointed to coach and manage each team.

In total, there are 14 relay events at the Australian Junior Athletics Championships. U14 have the 4x100m, U16 have 4x100m and 4x200m, while the U18 and U20 age groups have 4x100m and 4x400m relays.

Please nominate your availability for relay selection when completing the online registration.

Relays are scheduled as follows (subject to change):

Thursday 15 March	Relay Coach TBC
5:36pm 4x100m U16 Men	
5:41pm 4x100m U16 Women	
5:48pm 4x100m U20 Women	
5:54pm 4x100m U20 Men	
Friday 16 March	
5:08pm 4x100m U18 Women	
5:15pm 4x100m U18 Men	
5:23pm 4x100m U14 Men	
5:30pm 4x100m U14 Women	
Sunday 18 March	

3:24pm 4x200m U16 Men	
3:31pm 4x200m U16 Women	
3:38pm 4x400m U18 Men	
3:46pm 4x400m U18 Women	
3:54pm 4x400m U20 Men	
4:02pm 4x400m U20 Women	

TEAM WA SEATING:

Team WA will set up in the grandstand in the same spot each day and will be available to answer questions. State Relay teams will be coordinated from this spot. Team WA physio and massage will be set up at the warm-up track each day.

ASADA:

ASADA may have a presence and may conduct drug testing at the Australian Junior Athletics Championships. Therefore, we encourage all athletes, parents and coaches attending these Championships to undertake some form of personal education around anti-doping and the testing process. Please be aware of the process of Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE) and the difference between junior and open level athletes and retrospective TUEs.

The ASADA website contains:

- information regarding testing, testing processes, education, athlete rights and responsibilities <https://www.asada.gov.au/>
- **eLearning** to complete the online Level 1 and Level 2 courses (if you haven't already done so)
- a video that explains the drug testing process https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_p849msht_A

FUNDING SUPPORT:

Department of Sport and Recreation:

Regional athletes can apply for funding support from the WA 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.

Local Sporting Champions:

The Local Sporting Champions program is an Australian Government initiative designed to provide financial assistance for young people aged 12-18 towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing, coaching or officiating at an official national sporting organisation (NSO) endorsed state, national or international sporting championships or a School Sport Australia state or national championships. Visit http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/local_sporting_champions for further information.

Local Council:

Funding may be available from your local council. Visit your council's relevant website for information about support.

SELECTION LETTERS FOR SCHOOL / UNIVERSITY / WORK:

You are only required to attend the Australian Championships on your competition days. However, we encourage you to attend the other sessions to support your team mates and watch all athletes strive for team selections. If you need a letter for your school, university, or employer to confirm your selection and request time off, please email info@waathletics.org.au.