



2016/17 Talent ID (TID) Squad

Athletics WA Talent ID (TID) Squad Overview

The Talent ID (TID) Squad is an Athletics WA high performance pathway program funded by the WA Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR) and Athletics WA. It is strongly aligned with the activities of the Athletics Australia High Performance Department and underpins the national Target Talent Program (TTP). The Athletics WA TID Program has been established to:

- Be the early state-based talent identification element of Athletics Australia's High Performance Department as part of the AIS Winning Edge strategy;
- Encourage the best young athletes in each State by inviting them to be part of the TID squad and participate in state development activities;
- To create meaningful contacts in the off-season between the best young athletes in each State (or Territory) and their personal coaches and the State TTP coaches;
- Encourage the best local coaches by giving them the status and opportunities associated with being a State TID Coach.

By identifying and engaging Western Australia's best junior athletes and coaches through development and education opportunities, the TID Squad aims to encourage athletes and coaches to achieve their potential and to represent Australia at youth, junior and senior levels. In 2017, this includes the IAAF World Youth Championships to be held in Nairobi, Kenya for U18 athletes.

The 2016/17 AWA TTP program will focus on athletes born in 1997 - 2003.

State TID Coaches will be appointed within four event groups (Sprints & Hurdles, Endurance & Walks, Jumps, and Throws) and will act as points of contact for TID squad athletes and their personal coaches. Up to 16 State TID Coaches may be appointed.

Throughout 2016/17, athletes who meet inclusion criteria and their personal coaches will be invited to attend TID Squad Days which will incorporate a combination of relevant event group training clinics and both general and event-specific education workshops.

Athlete Inclusion Criteria:

Squad Period

The 2016/17 TID Squad will run from 1 May 2016 – 30 April 2017.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for inclusion in the TID Squad, athletes must:

1. Be a current registered member of Athletics WA and register for the 2016/17 season;
2. Be placed 4th-8th in the U16-U20 age groups, or be placed 1st – 8th in the U14 & U15 age groups at the 2016 Australian Junior Athletics Championships.
Note: Athletics WA may add additional athletes to the TID squad during the season, including WA athletes travelling as part of the Athletics WA State Team to the 2016 Australian All Schools Championships to be held in December 2016;
3. Be in good standing with their Club and/or AWA, comply with AWA's Code of Conduct, and conduct themselves in a way that does not bring themselves, their sport or Athletics WA into disrepute.
4. Have a personal coach who will attend the TID Squad Days and submit an annual training plan if required;
5. Not be a current AIS or WAIS scholarship athlete. AIS or WAIS scholarship athletes may be invited to specific sessions, if deemed appropriate.

Notes

Priority will be given to athletes born 1997 – 2003. Athletics WA may also invite additional athletes and their personal coaches, who may fall outside the eligibility criteria above, based on their competitive results if they exceed the Athletics Australia performance matrix standards for their age group, and with advice from Athletics Australia National Junior Coaches, National Paralympic Coaches, and Athletics Australia High Performance Department.

This is an integrated program that will include both able-bodied and Para-athletes.

Age will be calculated as at 31 December 2016.