



TEAM WA INFORMATION PACK

2017 AUSTRALIAN ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre, NSW
26 March – 2 April 2017**

GENERAL INFORMATION

More than 3500 track and field athletes of all ages will compete in the **2017 Australian Athletics Championships**, with the Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre set to host the inaugural combined Junior and Open aged championships for able-bodied and para-athletes from 26 March to 2 April 2017.

Spanning eight days, the 2017 Australian Athletics Championships will be the largest annual athletics event in Australia and the Oceania-Pacific region and will bring together participants of all ages in the pursuit of personal bests and national championship medals.

Athletes will be aiming for selection for numerous events including:

- 2017 IAAF World Championships, London
- 2017 World Para Athletics Championships, London
- 2017 World Relay Championships, Bahamas
- 2017 FISU World University Games, Taiwan
- 2017 Commonwealth Youth Games, Bahamas

Athletics WA will also be selecting the 2017/18 Target Talent Program (TTP) and Talent ID Squad athletes 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>

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EVENT DETAILS

The following information is provided to assist WA athletes entering the Australian Athletics Championships to be held in Sydney from 26 March – 2 April 2017.

COMPETITION DATES:

26 March – 2 April 2017

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/2017-australian-athletics-championships-5>

Athletes are selected to represent their state at these championships. The following entry guidelines are applicable to all WA athletes nominating for the 2017 Western Australian State Team to compete at the Australian Athletics Championships (Junior and Open athletes).

ONLINE ENTRIES:

- Online entries will **open on Wednesday 25 January 2017**.
- Entries will **close at 11:59pm on Sunday 5 March 2017**.
- Entry will be via the Athletics WA website:
<https://2017-aus-aths-champs-wa-entry.eventdesq.com>
- No late entries will be accepted.
- Athlete levy for all athletes (Junior and Open) is \$150.00.
- Entry fee is \$30.00 per event.
- Athletics WA will then submit all entries and payments to Athletics Australia.

ATHLETE LEVY:

Athletics WA will charge all athletes attending the Australian Championships a levy that includes team management services, administrative costs (meet entry processing fees), access to the WA Team Physiotherapist and Massage Therapist, relay team management, and a souvenir t-shirt. The levy for all athletes (Junior and Open) 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 2017.

HOW DO I QUALIFY?

To qualify to compete in the 2017 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:**
 - a. WA State All Schools Championships (14-16 October 2016), or
 - b. WA State Championships (24-26 February 2017)

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 2016 to 13 March 2017 automatically qualify for the 2017 Australian 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 2017 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., 2016 Australian Championships, 2016 Australian Junior Championships & 2016 Australian All Schools Championships);
- Any meet conducted by Athletics WA (2016 WA State Championships, Strive Track and Field Meets, 2016 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 2017 Australian Athletics Championships.

WA State Championships includes the 2016 Go for 2 & 5 WA State All Schools Championships (14-16 October 2016), and the 2017 WA State Championships (24-26 February 2017)

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 2016 Go for 2 & 5 WA State All Schools U14 100m will qualify for the U15 100m at the 2017 Australian 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 2017. Age groups for able-bodied athletes are outlined below:

Under 14 - athletes must not have their fourteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2017 (must be born in **2004 or 2005**)

Under 15 - athletes must not have their fifteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2017 (must be born in **2003 or later**)

Under 16 - athletes must not have their sixteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2017 (must be born in **2002 or later**)

Under 17 - athletes must not have their seventeenth birthday on or before 31 December 2017 (must be born in **2001 or later**)

Under 18 - athletes must not have their eighteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2017 (must be born in **2000 or later**)

Under 20 - athletes must not have their twentieth birthday on or before 31 December 2017 (must be born in **1998 or later**)

Under 23 - athletes must not have their twenty-third birthday on or before 31 December 2017. Under 23 standards are for athletes to qualify in open events and only apply to athletes born in 1995, 1996 and 1997.

Open - open to any athlete over the age of 12 years who meets the qualifying standard

Para-athlete age groups are U16, U20 and Open

Para Under16 – athletes must not have their sixteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2017 (must be born in **2002, 2003, 2004 or 2005**)

Para Under 20 - athletes must not have their twentieth birthday on or before 31st December 2017 (must be born in **1998 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 24-26 February 2017. Register online at:

<https://eventdesq.sportstg.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=main&EventDesqID=21552&OrgID=199>

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/2017-australian-athletics-championships-5>

UNIFORM:

All Western Australian athletes competing at the 2017 Australian Athletics Championships must wear the official Athletics WA uniform. The Athletics WA uniform can be purchased from the Athletics WA Office, Upstairs Aisle 2, at the WA Athletics Stadium Mondays – Fridays between 9:00am – 12:00pm. Uniforms may also be purchased on Friday evenings 6:00pm – 7:00pm during the Strive Competitions.

Note: There is currently no online shop operating.

Compulsory Athletics WA competition uniform items are:

- Athletics WA Singlet (available in Men's, Women's and Children's sizes) **or** Athletics WA Crop Top (available in Women's and Children's sizes), and
- Athletics WA Running Shorts (available in Men's and Children's sizes) **or** Running Briefs (available in Women's and Children's sizes) **or** Running Nicks/Bike Shorts (available in Men's and Children's sizes). All athletes (Men and Women) are permitted to wear plain black shorts as part of the official uniform.

Optional Athletics WA uniform items include:

- Athletics WA Track Jacket
- Athletics WA Hoodie (zip and pull-over available)
- Athletics WA Polo Shirt
- Athletics WA Track Pants
- Athletics WA Shorts

Stock of these optional items (Canterbury brand) is limited and not all sizes are available.

Note: Athletics Australia will allow competitors in open events to wear their sponsor's uniform (if required as part of their sponsorship agreement). However, all non-sponsored Open athletes and all Junior (U14 - U20) athletes must wear official state team uniforms.

TEAM PHOTO AND SHIRT PRESENTATION:

All athletes can collect their souvenir t-shirt from **4:45pm – 5:30pm on Friday 17 March** at the WA Athletics Stadium prior to the Strive Competition. A team photograph will be taken at 5:30pm sharp. Wear your state team shorts or trackpants or plain black shorts for the photo.

TEAM TRAVEL:

Athletics WA will not be coordinating team travel and accommodation for the 2017 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 2017 Australian 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 2017 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 2016/17 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 on 2, 10, 16 and 24 March. Relay Coaches will be appointed to coach and manage each team.

In total, there are 16 relay events at the Australian Championships. U14 and U16 age groups only have 4x100m, while the U18, U20 and Open 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):

Monday 27 March	Relay Coach
8:20pm 4x100m U18 Women	TBC
8:28pm 4x100m U18 Men	TBC
8:36pm 4x100m U20 Women	TBC
8:44pm 4x100m U20 Men	TBC
Wednesday 29 March	
7:41pm 4x400m U18 Women	TBC
7:50pm 4x400m U18 Men	TBC
7:59pm 4x400m U20 Women	TBC
8:08pm 4x400m U20 Men	TBC
Saturday 1 April	
6:25pm 4x100m U14 Men	TBC
6:31pm 4x100m U14 Women	TBC
6:38pm 4x100m U16 Men	TBC
6:45pm 4x100m U16 Women	TBC
Sunday 2 April	
3:25pm 4x100m Open Women	TBC
3:33pm 4x100m Open Men	TBC
3:41pm 4x400m Open Women	TBC
3:50pm 4x400m Open Men	TBC

TEAM WA SEATING:

Team WA will set up in the grandstand in the same spot each day and will be available to answer questions from WA Team members. 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. **All athletes will be required to collect their own bibs from the Athletics Australia TIC.**

SOCIAL MEDIA – ATHLETICS WA:

We actively encourage you to like our Athletics WA Facebook page to keep up to date with the latest information on #TeamWA2017 during the Australian Championships.

<https://www.facebook.com/athleticswa/>

Join the conversation on Facebook www.facebook.com/athleticswa #TeamWA2017

ASADA:

ASADA will have a presence and will conduct drug testing at the Australian 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:

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 mel.tantrum@waathletics.org.au.

SELECTION EVENT:

The 2017 Australian Athletics Championships is a selection event for the following teams:

- **2017 IAAF World Championships, London**

<http://www.athletics.com.au/High-Performance/Able-Bodied/Team-Information/World-Championships>

- **2017 World Para Athletics Championships, London**

<http://www.athletics.com.au/High-Performance/Able-Bodied/Team-Information/World-Para-Championships>

- **2017 World Relay Championships, Bahamas**

<http://www.athletics.com.au/High-Performance/Able-Bodied/Team-Information/World-Relays>

- **2017 FISU World University Games, Taiwan**

<http://www.athletics.com.au/High-Performance/Able-Bodied/Team-Information/World-Uni-Games>

- **2017 Commonwealth Youth Games, Bahamas**

<http://www.athletics.com.au/High-Performance/Able-Bodied/Team-Information/Commonwealth-Youth-Games>

- **WA Target Talent Program (TTP) for 2017/18**

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- **WA Talent ID Squad (TID) for 2017/18**

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