

Venue

What: 2017 Victorian Masters Championships

Date: Saturday 25th March & Sunday 26th March

Location: Tom Kelly Athletic Track, Doncaster (Melway Ref: 33 J11) ([Google Maps](#))

Car Parking:

Car Parking can be found Tom Kelly Athletics Track.

Entry via George St.

Competition

Check-In:

Athletes **MUST CHECK IN ONE HOUR** prior to the start time of the first round of **each event** they have entered and sign in. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

Check-in is located within the clubhouse located at the finishing line end of the track.

Athletes are to collect their bib numbers from Check-In.

If you are running late for any reason and wish to contact a member of the Athletics Victoria staff on the day, please contact **0447 202 160**.

Timetable:

A Provisional Timetable can be found online by clicking [here](#).

Entry List:

The entry list for the Victorian Masters Championships can be found online by clicking [here](#).

Call Room:

Please note there will be no Call Room for this event – all athletes are required to marshal at the start line/event site 15 mins prior to the start of their event.

RULES OF COMPETITION:

AGE

Age taken as of first day of competition, 25th March 2017

RULES

All events are run under Victorian Championship rules.

TRACK

In events where athletes are required to **run** a set IAAF distance, athletes must show a distinct effort to complete the course/distance based on the premise that this is a running event. Athletes who walk for prolonged periods will be asked to remove themselves from the track.

If an event is scheduled as a timed final, athletes will be seeded based on recent seasons best performances. Seed times can be provided on the day when signing in.



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Start Rules:

1. Masters athletes are not required to use starting blocks and do not need to start from a crouched position or have both hands in contact with track.
2. In any race, athletes who are charged with a false start, as determined by the head starter, shall be warned. Athletes who are charged with a second false start in the same race shall be disqualified.
3. Two or more age groups, men and women, may compete together provided there are separate results for each group.

Hurdles:

Competitors in hurdling events must hurdle with a continuous motion thus ensuring that both feet must be off the ground for at least an instant.

Steeplechase:

In steeplechase events, competitor may hurdle or vault the barriers or step on the top rail in continuous motion but may not climb them. The hands or feet may touch only the top surface of the barrier and no other part of the body may touch any part of the barriers.

Lap Scorers:

Athletes competing in any event that is 3000m or longer **must** provide a lap scorer for the duration of their race.

THROWS

Two hands must be used for the Hammer and Weight Throws.

POLE VAULT & HIGH JUMP

1. Both feet must be off the ground during the vault or jump.
2. Masters' competitors are allowed to touch the landing area before clearing the bar but may not use the landing area to any advantage as determined by the Field Judge.
3. When a high jump or pole vault competition includes competitors in different age groups and there is only one competitor left in an age group, that competitor shall have the right to have the height of the bar raised in terms of applicable IAAF rules, even though other competitors in other age groups may still be competing. Said competitors must continue in the normal progression and may not jump at these special heights.

To access High Jump Group allocations please click [here](#)

To access Pole Vault Group allocations please click [here](#)

Please note medals will not be given until all competitors in that age group have finished competing.

UNIFORM

Athletes **must** wear their club/affiliate or their Masters Athletic Uniform

Bibs:

Athletes must wear two number bibs during competition except for High Jump and Pole Vault where only one number is required to be worn by competitors. These can be picked up from the check in area at the start of competition.

Colour Coded Competition Bibs:

Competition numbers are colour coded by age group to provide quicker and easier identification of competitors from a distance. A competitor's age group is indicated by the first 2 digits of the competition number, as well as the background colour.

AGE	BIB COLOUR	AGE	BIB COLOUR	AGE	BIB COLOUR
30-34	White	55-59	Yellow	80+	Pale Blue
35-39	Turquoise	60-64	Blue	90+	Pink
40-44	Red	65-69	Mauve		
45-49	Lime	70-74	Gold		
50-54	Orange	75-79	Green		

Spikes:

Must not exceed 7mm (track) and 9mm (field). Conical, pyramid & Christmas tree are permitted. Needle or pin spikes are not permitted.

Protests:

Protests can be made within 30 minutes of the official announcement of the result. The protest must be accompanied with a deposit of \$50.00 which will be forfeited if the protest is not upheld. These can be submitted to the administration area.

Withdrawals:

Any athlete who competes in any round of an event in a championship, and qualifies for a subsequent round, but withdraws without a signed medical certificate, will not be permitted to compete in any event conducted by Athletics Victoria for a period of 14 days from the date of the event in which the athlete failed to compete (Athletics Victoria Bylaw 10.11). The medical certificate does not have to be produced for the athlete to scratch from the event, but must be produced within seven days or before the next event the athlete competes in (whichever is sooner) to the Athletics Victoria office. If the medical certificate is produced during the championship it must be given to the Administration Delegate.

Weather Policy:

In the event of extreme heat during the weekend, please note Athletics Victoria may modify the program for the safety of athletes, officials and spectators. If this is to happen Athletics Victoria will communicate this as soon as possible via the AV website, social media and email to all participants. We would like to make sure all athletes, officials and spectators stay hydrated, wear protective clothing, and wear sunscreen and a hat.

General

Refunds:

Entry fees will only be refunded if a cancellation is received in writing to competitions@athsvic.org.au prior to entries closing. Any refunds after this time will be processed only if the written notification is accompanied with a medical certificate before the first day of competition.

Toilet facilities:

Toilets are located within the Tom Kelly Athletics Track. It is the responsibility of clubs and athletes to ensure all toilet facilities are left in a respectable state.



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Enquiries:

Any enquiries regarding the 2017 Victorian Masters Championships should be forwarded to competitions@athsvic.org.au