



2019 VICTORIAN ALL SCHOOLS TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

RULES OF COMPETITION

(Updated 01/08/2019)

1. Ages are taken as at 31st December 2019. Athletes can compete in an older age group, but they may only compete in **ONE** age group per event.

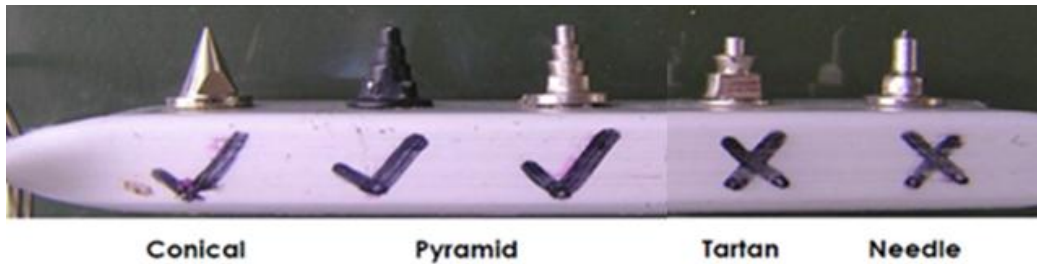
Age Group	Year of Birth	Age Group	Year of Birth
Under 14	2006, 2007, 2008	Under 17	2003
Under 15	2005	Under 18	2002
Under 16	2004	Under 20	2000, 2001

2. An athlete cannot enter the same or similar events in more than one age group on the same weekend.
 - *Note:* the following are classified as **similar events** - 1500m Walk, 3000m Walk & 5000m Walk; 110m Hurdles, 100m Hurdles, 90m Hurdles, 80m Hurdles & 60m Hurdles; 200m Hurdles, 300m Hurdles & 400m Hurdles; 2000m Steeplechase & 3000m Steeplechase.
3. School athletics/sports uniform must be worn. No club uniforms to be worn. If no school sports uniform exists, a plain white or black t-shirt/crop top, shorts or compressions are permitted.
4. All athletes will be designated a bib number which will need to be worn for all their events throughout the weekend. Athletes will be able to pick up their bib from the Athlete Check-in (TIC) when checking-in for their events.
5. Athletes must check-in **60 minutes prior** to their event at Athlete TIC. Athletes who do not check-in will be scratched from that event. Pole Vault athletes must check-in **90 minutes prior** to the first scheduled round.

Note: if you are running late for Check-In for any reason and wish to contact a staff member of Athletics Victoria on the day, please contact **0447 202 160 – calls will not be accepted after your check-in time has closed.**

 - In the case of insufficient athletes reporting to Check-In by the required time for Heats or Semi-Finals, then all athletes who reported in will progress to the Final which will be held at the scheduled **HEAT TIME** unless specified otherwise by the Championship Committee
6. All athletes must report to the Call Room prior to any event they compete in (Heats, Semi-Finals and Finals) at the times specified. Athletes must be dressed in their competition uniform and ready to compete. Any athlete who **fails** to report to the Call Room at the required time will be **disqualified**. In the case of a clash of events, a *Clash of Events Form* can be found in the Call Room and will need to be filled in by the athlete.

Athletes will be marshaled and their competition uniform, bib number/s, hip numbers (if applicable), shoes and other equipment will be checked to ensure they comply with competition rules. Athletes are not allowed to leave the Call Room once they have checked in until a Marshal accompanies the athletes to the start line. Any athlete who does not proceed to the start of the event with the Marshal will not be allowed to compete.
7. The venue ruling for the Tom Kelly Athletics Track is a maximum spike length of 7mm for all track events and 9mm for all field events. Only Conical & Pyramid (Christmas tree) allowed:



8. Athletes wishing to use private implements must lodge them with the Technical Officer on duty at least **2 hours prior** to the scheduled start time of their event on the day of competition. If an athlete brings their own implement, it will then be available to all other participants within the event.
9. School Starting Heights for High Jump & Pole Vault

Age Group	Girls HJ	Girls PV	Boys HJ	Boys PV
Under 20	1.40m	1.80m	1.65m	2.80m
Under 18	1.40m	1.80m	1.65m	2.60m
Under 17	1.40m	1.80m	1.60m	2.60m
Under 16	1.30m	1.60m	1.50m	2.00m
Under 15	1.30m	1.40m	1.45m	1.80m
Under 14	1.25m	1.40m	1.30m	1.60m

10. Field Attempts are as follows:

- **U14 – U20** age groups will have three (3) attempts, with the top eight (8) to then get one (1) more attempt.

Note: in the event of a tie in the High Jump and Pole Vault events, a jump off will be used to determine placing's if athletes are still tied after a count back.

11. Any athlete who checks-in and/or competes in any round of an event and qualifies for the 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 fourteen (14) days from the date of the event in which the athlete failed to compete.

- The medical certificate does not have to be produced for the athlete to withdraw from the event but must be produced within seven (7) days or before the next event the athlete competes in (whichever is sooner) to the Athletics Victoria. If the medical certificate is produced during the Championships, it must be given to the Administration Delegate.

12. Leg numbers will be worn for events 800m, 1500m, 3000m, 5000m, Walks and Steeplechase events. Leg numbers must be worn on the outside of both legs on the athlete's shorts, low enough so their top doesn't cover it. Leg numbers will be distributed to athletes in the Call Room before leaving for their event.

13. Where possible the number of Finalists in events will be as follows:

Event	# of Finalists	Event	# of Finalists
100m, 200m, 400m, 800m & Hurdles	8	All field events	8
1500m	12		
3000m, 5000m & Steeple	15		

Note: taking safety into consideration, Athletics Victoria reserves the right to change the number of Finalists in events.

Events up to and including the 800m	
Heats	Qualifiers
2	First 3 in each heat & the next 2 fastest progress to the final
3	First 2 in each heat & the next 2 fastest progress to the final
4	First 3 in each heat & the next 4 fastest progress to the semi-final
5	First 4 in each heat & the next 4 fastest progress to the semi-final
Semi-finals	
2	First 3 in each semi-final & the next 2 fastest progress to the final
3	First 2 in each semi-final & the next 2 fastest progress to the final
1500m events	
Heats	Qualifiers
2	First 4 in each heat & the next 4 fastest progress to the final
3	First 6 in each heat & the next 6 fastest progress to the semi - final
4	First 5 in each heat & the next 4 fastest progress to the semi - final

Note: for 1500m events - if heats are not required, the Competitions Director has the discretion to operate a straight Final where the maximum does not exceed 20 athletes.

Important

- If there are not enough athletes that check-in for there to be Heats and Finals, then the Final will be run at **HEAT TIME**;
- Straight sprint Heats/Finals may consist of 10 athletes due to large entry numbers. If only 10 athletes check-in for a Heat, it will go to a straight Final at **HEAT TIME**;
- *1500m events* - for age groups which have Heats and Finals listed, if only 15 athletes check-in the event will run as a straight Final at **HEAT TIME**;
- *800m events* - if only 10 athletes check-in for these events they will run as a straight Final at **HEAT TIME**;
- If an event has 4 heats Athletics Victoria will run an A and B Final – no semi-finals will be run and athletes in the A Final will be the only athletes eligible to win a medal. The B Final will be run for times only.
- It is at the discretion of Athletics Victoria and the Competition Director on the day of competition to make any changes to the above rules.

In the event of entry into the Finals being decided on time and where more than the required number of athletes have the same qualifying time, and where the number of qualifiers exceeds the number of lanes available, Athletics Victoria reserves the right to limit the field to less than the number of lanes available.

For events with two or more rounds, **Invitation athletes** can only make up 50% of the Final field, therefore a maximum of four invitation athletes can progress through to a Track Final. This also applies to the extra attempts in relevant field events; only four invitation athletes can progress through to the additional throws/jumps round. If there are not enough Victorian registered athletes to fill 50% of the Final, Invitation athletes will progress.

14. In the event of extreme weather occurring during the weekend, Athletics Victoria may modify the program for the safety of athletes, officials and spectators. Athletics Victoria will communicate any decision made as soon as possible via the AV website, social media and email to all participants.
15. In all track events, a competitor will be disqualified when he/she has recorded one (1) false start in an event (*IAAF Rule 162.7*).
Note: U14 age groups will be disqualified after two (2) false starts.
16. Presentations for First, Second and Third Victorian School athletes will be conducted as soon as possible after the Final for each event. Invitation medals will be awarded to non-Victorian places in the Top Three. Para athletes will receive medals in the U16, U18 and U20 age groups. First, Second and Third will be determined by using the classification table supplied by Athletics Australia.
17. Para athletes will compete together in the same event, these athletes have been separated into the U16, U18 and U20 age groups. They will receive medals in those genders and age groups throughout the weekend. This allows athletes in the U16 and U18 age groups to be eligible for the Vic Team.
18. Athletes wishing to claim records should:
 - a. Obtain a Record Application Form from Administration
 - b. Ensure that all sections have been signed by the Appropriate Officials
 - c. Lodge the completed form with the Competition Secretary in Administration
19. Any protests regarding the competition shall in the first instance be made orally to the appropriate Referee by the athlete or by a person acting on their behalf, **within 30 minutes** of the official announcement of the result. The Referee may decide on the protest immediately or may refer the matter to a jury.

If the athlete wishes to appeal the decision of the Referee, an appeal must be made in writing, and submitted to the Competitions Director. The protest must be accompanied by a fee of **\$50** – which will be forfeited should the protest be ruled out.

20. The use of mobile phones or similar devices in the Competitions Area is not permitted.

An athlete can be suspended from the competition by the event referee for an infringement of the rule above. The Competitions Area is defined as the Call Room and Main Arena. Athletes will be notified if any other areas are being used for competition.