

2018 Victorian Junior Track & Field Championships

RULES OF COMPETITION

- **Competition:** All events shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the IAAF and Athletics Victoria.
- **Check-In:** Athletes must report to the athlete **TIC AREA** no later than **1 HOUR PRIOR** to the start time of the first round of each event they have entered and sign in. Pole Vault check-in is **90 minutes prior** to the start time. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
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**.
- **Refunds:** Entry fees will only be refunded if a cancellation is received in writing to summer@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 and will be refunded as per Athletics Victoria's Refun Policy.
- **Age determination:** Age group calculation is taken from the 31 December 2018.

Age Group	Year of Birth	Age Group	Year of Birth
Under 14	2005, 2006, 2007	Under 17	2002
Under 15	2004	Under 18	2001
Under 16	2003	Under 20	1999, 2000

- **Similar Events:** A competitor may not officially enter the same or similar event in more than one age group.
- **Entry Numbers:** Only one (1) entry is required for an event to be included on the program. However to provide competition, events may be combined with a similar event/age group if available.
- **Field Events:** The minimum age to compete in hammer and pole vault is 12 years of age. Athletes who are 12 or 13 years of age should not take part in these events unless they have received relevant coaching and advice from a recognized coach experienced in these events, prior to the day of competition.
- **Clash of Events:** If an athlete has a "clash of events" they will need to report to the official at the competition area of their second event to let them know they will be late due to a clash with another event. Please see the IAAF ruling that will be followed below for a "clash of events".

Rule 142.3. If an athlete is entered in both a Track Event and Field Event, or in more than one Field Event taking place simultaneously, the appropriate Referee may, for one round of trials at a time, or for each trial in the High Jump and Pole Vault, allow an athlete to take his/her trial in an order different from that decided upon by the draw prior to the start of the competition. However, if an athlete subsequently is not present for a particular trial, it shall be deemed that he/she is passing once the period allowed for the trial has elapsed. Athletes who arrive late must enter the competition in the round that the competition has progressed to and without the benefit of using the runway or circle for the purposes of warmup. In all cases no Athlete is entitled to makeup the trials.

In the case of insufficient athletes reporting to the Check-In area by the required time for the need to conduct heats or semi finals, then all athletes who reported will progress to the final which will be held at the scheduled **HEAT TIME** unless specified otherwise by the Championship Committee.

- **Scratching's:** Any athlete who competes in a round of an event in the championships and qualifies for a subsequent round then withdraws from that event, without a medical certificate, **WILL NOT** be permitted to compete in any other event during the championships, including relays.
- **Uniform:** Athletes **must be attired** in their official registered uniform of their first claim Athletics Victoria club uniform with their current Athletics Victoria bib numbers. Athletes who are competing from out of state must compete in their club, state or national uniform. JDS athletes will be competing in their LAVic club uniform. Uniform will be checked in Call Room and if you are not in the correct attire you may be disqualified from competing. No Victorian Team uniform is to be worn while competing at the Victorian Juniors.
- **Call Room:** All athletes must report to the **CALL ROOM** prior to their event. The closing times for reporting the Call Room are below:

Event	Call Room Time	Event	Call Room Time
Pole Vault	70 minutes	Hurdles & Steeplechase	35 minutes
High Jump & all throws	45 minutes	All other track & relay events	25 minutes
Long Jump & Triple Jump	35 minutes		

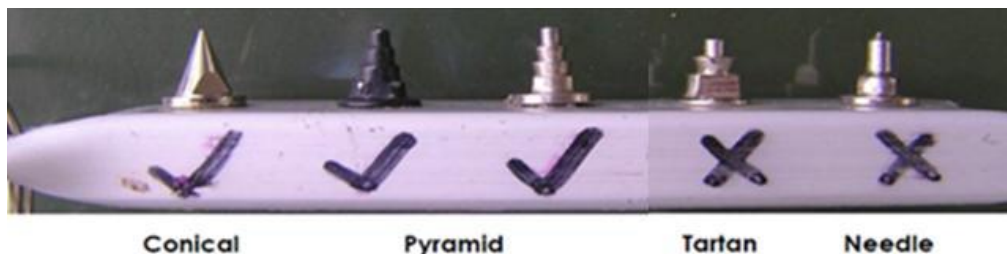
*Please Note: **ONLY ATHLETES** and approved **OFFICIALS** will be allowed in the call room*

In the Call Room athletes will be marshalled and their competition uniforms, bib number(s), hip numbers (if applicable), shoes and other equipment checked to ensure they comply with competition rules.

Once athletes have checked-in at the Call Room, they are not permitted to leave the Call Room until they proceed to the start of the event, accompanied by a marshall. Athletes who do not proceed to the start of the event accompanied by a marshall will not be allowed to compete, unless they had received prior approval.

If an athlete is likely to have a clash of events, the athlete must notify the Call Room of this at the time of reporting in for their first scheduled events.

- **Footwear:** At Lakeside, the part which projects from the sole or heel must not exceed 7mm for track events and 9mm for all field events. Pyramid and Christmas Tree spikes are permitted, needle or pin spikes are **not** permitted.



- **Personal Implements:** Only implements provided and previously tested by the technical officer may be used. Athletes wishing to use private implements must lodge them with the technical officer on duty **AT LEAST 2 HOURS PRIOR** to the scheduled starting time of the event. The implement will be retained until the completion of that event and will be available for all athletes in that event to use.

Please note: Pole Vault athletes must bring their own pole to compete with. Athletics Victoria does not provide any athletes with a pole for this event.

- **Starting Blocks:** The use of starting blocks is compulsory for all underage athletes competing in events up to and including 400m. Only starting blocks supplied by Lakeside Stadium will be permitted for use.
- **Leg Numbers:** Athletes in events 800m or longer will be required to wear a leg number to assist the photo finish operator in identifying athletes. Leg numbers will be distributed either at the Call Room or at the start line during the marshalling period.
- **Pit Lane:** Pit lane will be operational for all U17, U18 and U20 Men and Women walks events this weekend. These age groups will also have pit lane at National Juniors.
- **Field Attempts:**
 - U17-U20 will have 3 attempts, with the top 8 to then get 3 more attempts
 - U14-U16 will have 3 attempts, with the top 8 to then get 1 more attempt.
 - If your event is split into 2 pools due to large numbers the top 8 athletes between both pools will be eligible to get the next attempt(s). If the top are in different pools they will complete the extra attempts in the same pool they have already been competing in.
- **Medals:** Presentations will be made as soon as possible after the event. All placegetters are asked to assist with this procedure by going with an official at the completion of the event to the ceremonial area. Each athlete must wear either their competition singlet or tracksuit top for the victory ceremony. Medallions will be presented to Victorian competitors placed first, second and third. Invitational (JDS, interstate/national) athletes will receive an invitational medal if they place in the top three (3) before current Athletics Victoria members.
- **Multi Class Athletes:** Multi Class Athletes will compete together in the same event, but will be separated into the U16 and U20 age groups for results purposes. Results will be put into the current MDS tables supplied by Athletics Australia. Medals will be awarded in gender and age groups (U16 & U20) throughout the weekend.
- **Finals numbers:** Where possible, the number of finalists will be as follows:

100m	8	Hurdles (400)	8
200/400m	8	800 Metres	10
Hurdles (80/90/100/110)	8	1500 Metres	15

- **Advancement to Semi Finals and Finals of Events:**

Shall be subject to the following rules:

Events up to and including the 800m	
Heats	Qualifiers
2	First 3 in each heat & the next 2 fastest go into final.
3	First 2 in each heat & the next 2 fastest go into final.
4	First 3 in each heat & the next 2 fastest go into semi final
Semi Finals	Semi Finals
2	First 3 in each heat & next 2 fastest go into final.
1500m events	
Heats	Qualifiers
2	First 4 in each heat & the next 4 fastest go into final.

3	First 3 in each heat & the next 3 fastest go into final.
4	First 2 in each heat & the next 4 fastest go into final.

Important please note:

- If not enough athletes 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 for a heat it may go to a straight final at HEAT TIME.
- 800m events: If only 10 athletes check-in for these events for a heat it may go to a straight final at HEAT TIME.
- 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 three 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 be progressed.

• **Start Heights (Pole Vault & High Jump):**

Age Grp	Girls HJ	Girls PV	Boys HJ	Boys PV
U20	1.40m	2.20m	1.65m	2.80m
U18	1.40m	2.00m	1.65m	2.60m
U17	1.40m	2.00m	1.60m	2.60m
U16	1.30m	1.60m	1.50m	2.00m
U15	1.30m	1.40m	1.45m	1.80m
U14	1.25m	1.40m	1.30m	1.60m

- **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.
- **False Start Rule:** 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). Please note: U14 age groups will be disqualified after two (2) false starts.
- **Protests:**
 - (i) Any enquires regarding entries; check-in or reporting at the championships on the days of competition shall be made to the administration delegate or competition manager.
 - (ii) Any protest regarding the competition, shall in the first instance, be made orally to the referee by the athlete or by a person acting on his/her behalf, within 30 minutes of the official announcement of the result.

The referee may decide on the protest or may refer the matter to the jury of appeal. If the referee makes a decision, the athlete may appeal to the jury within 30 minutes.

Appeals must be in writing, signed by the athlete (or a responsible adult on behalf of the athlete) and submitted to the administration manager located in the administration area. The protest must be accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00 which may be forfeited should the protest be considered frivolous (IAAF rule 146). Protest/appeal forms are available at administration area.

Entry to Lakeside: Access to Lakeside Stadium is via Gate 1. Gate fees are as follows:

3 Day Pass (\$20.00)

2 Day Pass (\$15.00)

1 Day Pass (\$10.00)

****PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE YOUR TICKETS ON YOU AT ALL TIMES AS THEY WILL ALSO BE USED AS PASS
OUTS THROUGHOUT THE MEET AT GATE 1 & THE WARM UP GATE****

- Victorian Team Selection Information

Athletics Victoria advises all athletes visit the on-site AV information centre during the Victorian Junior Championship weekend.

The AV information centre will be staffed by AV team members, who will be able to assist athletes in areas of uniform ordering and entering the National Junior Championships, March 14th-18th, Sydney (NSW).

Whilst athletes do have the option to enter the Junior National Championships via the event listing and AV membership portal process, it is advisable that athletes enter the National Junior Championships as quickly as possible.

Entries to the National Junior Championships will close **5pm February 26th 2018**.