

The **2019 Australian Track & Field Championships** will be held in Sydney, NSW, from Monday April 1st to Sunday April 7th.

The Victorian team (expected to be approximately 520 athletes) will be selected from athletes who fulfil both the eligibility and qualification criteria as listed below:

ELIGIBILITY:

ALL athletes MUST:

- be registered Athletics Victoria members
- be born between 2000 and 2007 inclusive
- compete at the 2019 Victorian Junior Track & Field Championships
- enter via the Athletics Victoria member portal prior to March 11th, 5pm
- **Injury clause: All athletes must have entered the Victorian Junior Track & Field Championships, or submit a medical certificate prior to 5pm Monday March 11th, 2019. Athletes will be considered INELIGIBLE for the Australian Junior Track & Field Championships through failure to compete at the Victorian Junior Track & Field Championships without submission of a medical certificate prior to the above date.**

^ athletes not competing at the Victorian Champs must be approved by [State Manager Sean Whipp](#)

QUALIFICATION:

ALL athletes MUST fulfil at least one of the following selection criteria:

- Medalist from the 2018 Victorian All Schools Track & Field Championships *
- Medalist from the 2019 Victorian Junior Track and Field Championships
- Achieve the [Athletics Australia qualification standard](#) between 1 Jan, 2018 and the final day of the 2019 Victorian Junior Championships (Sunday, March 10th)

*Due to the year change, athletes will compete up in the next age division – i.e. if they qualified in U15 at All Schools they will compete in U16 at the Australian Junior Championships. This may mean a change of specification (ie. hurdles or throwing weights)

Athletes must achieve the standard at one of the following*:

- (a) Any meet conducted by the IAAF (eg. World Under-20's) or Athletics Australia;
- (b) Any meet conducted by Athletics Victoria (Victorian Championships, Shield Competition, Schools Knockout, Specialist Meets: HVC, RAC, VMC, TC) & similar standard meets interstate.
- (c) The 2018 SSV Primary & Secondary State Schools Track & Field Championships
- (d) The following school championships:
GSV Championship, APS Finals, AGSV and ACC Finals.
- (e) U14 athletes only may also use Little Athletics performances from State level.

winds of up to +4m/s are accepted

*All sprint and horizontal jump events, must supply a wind gauge reading, qualifying performances

will not be approved without a wind gauge reading – electronic timing must be photo-finish derived, portable timing gates will not be accepted.

QUALIFICATION (cont.)

Athletes must complete the below form to verify their qualification performances, unverified qualifications performances will not be entered for the 2019 Australian Junior Championships.

Additionally, the link below must be filled out by athletes who wish to nominate for the 4x100m or 4x400m Victorian relay teams.

Qualification Verification & Relay Nominations: <https://goo.gl/forms/d5Xa1v8M0lqzqUPr2>

RELAY SELECTION:

To be considered for Victorian team relay selection, athletes MUST

- Compete at the Victorian Junior Championships*
- Complete the online relay nomination form (listed above), prior to the close of entries for the Australian Junior Championships

SELECTION:

All junior athletes will have their selection confirmed via email on Monday, March 18th.

AGE GROUPS:

Age is calculated as at 31 December 2019. **Age groups** are outlined below:

Under 14 - athletes must not have their fourteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2018 (must be born in 2006 or 2007)

Under 15 - athletes must not have their fifteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2018 (must be born in 2005 or later)

Under 16 - athletes must not have their sixteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2018 (must be born in 2004 or later)

Under 17 - athletes must not have their seventeenth birthday on or before 31 December 2018 (must be born in 2003 or later)

Under 18 - athletes must not have their eighteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2018 (must be born in 2002 or later)

Under 20 - athletes must not have their twentieth birthday on or before 31st December 2018 (must be born in 2000 or later)

NOTE: Athletes must turn 12 during 2019 to compete in these Championships.

MULTIPLE AGE GROUPS:

Athletes may be selected in **multiple age groups** at the sole discretion of Athletics Victoria provided they have achieved the relevant entry standard for an older age group than their own (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 each event in a maximum of two age groups.
 - No athlete may enter the same/similar events within the U15/U16 & U17/U18 age groups
- ** Same or similar event refers to 80/90/100/110m hurdles; 200/400m hurdles; 3000/5000 metres and 3000/5000m walk.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Athletics Victoria reserves the right to amend this Selection Criteria in circumstances where the rules governing the event are amended by the event organisers (Athletics Australia) or further information comes to hand. Any such amendments or further information will be added to the Athletics Victoria website (www.athsvic.org.au) as soon as it becomes available.

TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION:

This team does not have a compulsory travel and/or accommodation component
Therefore, all athletes will be required to organise their own travel & accommodation arrangements.

TEAM LEVY:

There will be a team levy of \$70 for every athlete selected in the Victorian team. This is inclusive of team management, physiotherapy and massage therapist costs. If a senior athlete wishes to utilise the services of the Victorian physiotherapy team, the same \$70 levy will apply, this will be paid at the time of entry via the member portal.

ENTRY FEES: \$30 per event

UNIFORM:

Athletics Victoria partnered with Star Athletic in late 2013. It is compulsory that all members of the Victorian team wear the new Star Athletic competition uniform. Sample uniforms will be available for sizing at the Victorian Championships, with online orders information provided closer to the competition.

Compulsory items: Competition singlet/crop top & shorts/tights

Purchase here: <https://starathletic.com.au/athleticsvictoria>

Username: TBA

Password: TBA

AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS EVENT TIMETABLE & INFORMATION

Athletics Australia will regularly update event information on the event page of their website. Please check here for changes to the draft timetable and/or further event info:

<http://athletics.com.au/Portals/56/Competition/Documents/2019/2019%20Australian%20Track%20Field%20Championships%20-%20DRAFT.pdf>

FUNDING ASSISTANCE:

Many local governments offer support for elite junior athletes. The Victorian Government also has an elite athlete grants program that some of you may be eligible for.

<http://www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/home/grants/all-grants/elite-athlete-travel-grants>

For any further questions regarding Victorian team nomination and the selection process please do not hesitate to contact State Team Manager, Sean Whipp at Sean@athsvic.org.au