

The **2018 Australian Junior Track & Field Championships** will be held in Sydney, NSW, from Wednesday March 14 to Sunday 18 March, 2018.

The Victorian team (expected to be approximately 420 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 1999 and 2006 inclusive
- compete at the 2018 Victorian Junior Track & Field Championships
- nominate by February 26<sup>th</sup>, 5pm

^ athletes not competing at the Victorian Champs must be approved by [State Manager Sean Whipp](#) (acceptable reasons are: injury with a medical certificate or extenuating circumstances)

**QUALIFICATION:**

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

- Medallist from the 2017 Victorian All Schools Track & Field Championships \*
- Medallist from the 2018 Victorian Junior Track and Field Championships
- Achieve the [Athletics Australia qualification standard](#) between 1 Jan, 2017 and the final day of the 2018 Victorian Junior Championships (Sunday, Feb 25<sup>th</sup>)

\*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 Juniors, Youths) 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 2017 SSV Primary & Secondary State Schools Track & Field Championships
- (d) The following schools championships:  
GSV Championship or Finals, 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

### **QUALIFICATION (cont.)**

Athletes must complete the below form to verify their qualification performances, unverified qualifications performances will not be entered for the 2018 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/BLMbWKqyx32Bg6L52>

### **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 athletes will have their selection confirmed on the AV website on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**AGE GROUPS:**

Age is calculated as at 31 December 2018. **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 2005)

**Under 15** - athletes must not have their fifteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2018  
(must be born in 2004 or later)

**Under 16** - athletes must not have their sixteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2018  
(must be born in 2003 or later)

**Under 17** - athletes must not have their seventeenth birthday on or before 31 December 2018  
(must be born in 2002 or later)

**Under 18** - athletes must not have their eighteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2018  
(must be born in 2001 or later)

**Under 20** - athletes must not have their twentieth birthday on or before 31st December 2018  
(must be born in 1999 or 2000 or later)

NOTE: Athletes must turn 12 during 2018 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.

**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 \$60 for every athlete selected in the Victorian team. This is inclusive of team management, physiotherapy and massage therapist costs.

**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 to be placed by the end of February.

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

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

Username: Nationals2018

Password: Uniform2018

**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/Compete/Events/2018-australian-junior-athletics-championships-1>

**2018 WORLD U20 CHAMPIONSHIPS**

For those athletes wishing to be considered for the 2018 World Under 20 Championships in Tampere, Finland, please carefully review the Athletics Australia Selection Policy:

<http://athletics.com.au/High-Performance/Able-Bodied/Team-Information/World-Under20-Championships>

**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](mailto:Sean@athsvic.org.au)