

Rule #	Proposed Update
<p>ZONE VS. ZONE</p>	<p>Athletics Victoria Zone vs. Zone competition is state wide inter- zone track and field competition, held concurrently across seven zones. In 2014/15, AV Shield will incorporate three rounds of Zone vs. Zone competition, between November 2014 and January 2015 culminating with the Zone Final on Saturday 21st February 2015.</p> <p>Within the AV Shield calendar the Zone vs. Zone competition will be conducted. The Zone v Zone Final will consist of the top three (3) Metro Zones and a combined Country Zone. See Metro Zone v Zone fixtures below. Country Zones will be scored virtually from performances in their zones.</p> <p>Sunday 23rd November 2014 (Round 6) – National Permit Meet Round 6: White Zone will host Blue Zone at Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park Round 6: Yellow Zone will host Red Zone at Moonee Valley Athletics Track, Aberfeldie</p> <p>Saturday 10th January 2015 (Round 9) – National Permit Meet Round 9: Blue Zone will host Red Zone at Knox Park Reserve, Scoresby Round 9: White Zone will host Yellow Zone at Bill Sewart Athletics Track, Nunawading</p> <p>Saturday 17th January 2015 (Round 10) – National Permit Meet Round 10: Yellow Zone will host Blue Zone at Moonee Valley Athletics Track, Aberfeldie Round 10: Red Zone will host White Zone at Doncaster</p> <p>Saturday 21st February 2015 (Zone Final) – National Permit Meet Final: Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park (Only 4 Zones will qualify to compete in the Final)</p> <p>Note: Country Zone for the Zone Final will be made up of Geelong, Ballarat, Bendigo, Wodonga, South Coast and Gippsland regions making one country zone.</p>
<p>1. GOVERNING RULES</p>	<p>1a. Zone vs. Zone competition shall be held in accordance with IAAF Competition rules. All three rounds will be sanctioned National Permit Events, again in accordance with IAAF Competition rules.</p> <p>1b. Zone vs. Zone competition results will be given eligibility if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. It follows the events and programs outlined in rule 5. Any changes or variations must be authorised by the Athletics Victoria Summer Committee. ii. During the 2014/15 season there are three scheduled rounds of track and field Zone vs. Zone competition, plus the Zone Final. <p>1c. Athletics Victoria reserves the right to amend rules throughout the duration of the 2014/15 Shield season.</p>

<p>2. REGISTRATIONS</p>	<p>2a. To compete and score points at a given round of Zone vs. Zone competition, an athlete’s registration must have been submitted and approved with Athletics Victoria at least five days prior to the date of competition. If an athlete requires a club transfer, or wishes to compete for their second claim club in the Zone vs. Zone competition, they must satisfy the requirements detailed within the 2014/15 Athletics Victoria membership terms and conditions to be eligible to compete and score points.</p> <p>2b. An athlete who misrepresents themselves as another athlete, in the course of competition, will be disqualified. The Competition Manager will investigate any misrepresentation and may impose a penalty on any club where it was determined that the club was aware of any misrepresentation. Details of such transgressions will also be referred to the CEO of Athletics Victoria for further consideration. Where an athlete misrepresents themselves as another athlete and such transgressions are determined or notified to Athletics Victoria outside of the course of competition, Athletics Victoria may retrospectively disqualify that athlete and if appropriate impose a point’s penalty for any club that was aware or reasonably should have been aware of any misrepresentation.</p> <p>2c. To compete and score points at the Zone vs. Zone competitions an athlete must be a registered Athletics Victoria member as per rule 2a.</p>
<p>3. INVITATIONS /TRIALING MEMBERS/CLUB HELPERS</p>	<p>Trialling Members A competitor in a Zone vs. Zone competition event is classified as a Trialling Member if they are not a registered member with Athletics Victoria for the 2014/15 season.</p> <p>Trialling members are restricted to two trial days throughout the Zone vs. Zone competition (included within the AV Shield season) and will be charged a \$10 fee (per round). Members of a Little Athletics Centre will not be charged a trial fee. All trialling members must report to the administration area before competing.</p> <p>For insurance purposes, non-registered athletes and non-registered officials are required to complete the ‘Trial Member Form’ before the commencement of the meet.</p> <p>Zone representatives will be given a list of trialling members after each AV Shield/Zone vs. Zone round for them to refer to if they have a trialling member competing at their zone. For trialling member’s eligibility please refer to rule 3e.</p> <p>Once a trialling member has competed twice, they are required to become a member of Athletics Victoria and an AV affiliated club to be eligible to compete.</p> <p>Club Helpers / Non Registered Officials Club Helpers and non-registered officials are required to sign in at each event on the Official Sign In Sheet</p> <p>Invitation Athletes A competitor in a Zone vs. Zone event is classified as invitation if they are one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered but not competing in their nominated age group/division at their zone, or

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered but subject to any other rule which precludes their result from being considered valid for Zone vs. Zone purposes. <p>3a. Metropolitan Zones Athletics Victoria registered athletes will pay \$10 (per round) to compete at venues not scheduled for their zone.</p> <p>3b. Country Zones Country Zones may charge an entry fee for all athletes (members & non-members).</p> <p>3d. There will be no invitation entries granted for events that are held at Lakeside Stadium with exception to athletes from Gippsland Region.</p> <p>3e. There will be no invitation entries granted at the 2014/15 Zone Final.</p>				
4. UNIFORM REGULATIONS	<p>4a. Athletes must compete in their current and approved club uniform, with their supplied 2014/15 Athletics Victoria bib numbers firmly affixed to the back and front of their competition singlet or top. Pole vault and high jump athletes are only required to affix one bib number to either their back or front. In line with IAAF Rule 143, the bib number and any of Athletics Victoria’s sponsors must be clearly visible at all times. No bib number other than the official Athletics Victoria 2014/15 bib number or Athletics Victoria supplied substitution numbers, shall be permitted.</p> <p>4b. Dual athletes may wear their Little Athletics Victoria (LAVic) uniforms at Zone vs. Zone competitions. Dual athletes must, however, wear their supplied 2014/15 Athletics Victoria bib numbers.</p> <p>4c. Athletes may compete in tights, leggings or tracksuit pants, with the exception of walk competitors, who must ensure their knees are visible at all times during competition.</p> <p>4d. The Competition Manager has the authority to disqualify any athlete from further competition, if the athlete concerned does not comply with Athletics Victoria uniform regulations.</p>				
6. TIMETABLE AMENDMENTS	<p>Timetables may change throughout the Zone vs. Zone season and it is strongly advised that all athletes check the Athletics Victoria website (www.athsvic.org.au) prior to each round.</p> <p>The Competition Manager has the discretion on competition day for events to be brought forward progressively. However, events may not be conducted more than 15 minutes earlier than the published time, unless one week’s notice has been given to all Secretaries and Team Managers of competing Athletics Victoria clubs.</p> <p>Competition days are not to start any earlier than 1:00pm, allowing athletes who compete at Little Athletics to take part in the Zone vs. Zone competition.</p>				
7. DIVISIONS OF	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 15%;"></th> <th style="width: 30%; text-align: center;">Age</th> <th style="width: 30%; text-align: center;">Metropolitan</th> <th style="width: 25%; text-align: center;">Country</th> </tr> </thead> </table>		Age	Metropolitan	Country
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COMPETITION	Groups	Zone	Zone
	*Men Open:	Open Age Group	Open Age Group
	Men:	40+ (50+/60+)	40+ (50+/60+)
	Men:	Under 14	Under 14
	Men:	Under 16	Under 16
	Men:	Under 18	Under 18
	Men:	Under 20	Under 20
	*Women Open:	Open Age Group	Open Age Group
	Women:	40+ (50+/60+)	40+ (50+/60+)
	Women:	Under 14	Under 14
	Women:	Under 16	Under 16
	Women:	Under 18	Under 18
	Women:	Under 20	Under 20
	*Open Age Group refers to athletes in Division 1 and Division 2. This is for Zone Final purposes only.		
	7a. Age Group Calculations		
	i. The age group in which an athlete finished the 2014/15 AV Shield season in will be the age group in which they contest all remaining events and rounds of the 2014/15 Zone vs. Zone season.		
	Default Age Group		
	Open Men & Women:	The open age group is for athletes who are 20 years of age or over on the 31 st December 2014.	
	40+ Men & Women	The 40+ competition is restricted to athletes who are over 40 years of age on the 31 st December 2014. For the 2014/15 Zone vs. Zone season 40+ athletes can compete in the open competition, but must do so for the whole season (i.e. no swapping between open and 40+ teams). Men & Women who are over 50 & 60 years of age on the 31st December 2014 will be permitted to compete as part of the 40+ team.	
	Under 20 Men & Women:	The under 20 competition is restricted to athletes aged 18 and 19 years of age on the 31 st December 2014. For the 2014/15 Zone vs. Zone season under 20 athletes can compete in the open competition, but must do so for the whole season (i.e. no swapping between open and under 20 teams).	

	<p>Under 18 Men & Women: The under 18 competition is restricted to athletes aged 16 and 17 years of age on the 31st December 2014. For the 2014/15 Zone vs. Zone season under 18 athletes can compete in the Under 20 competition, but must do so for the whole season (i.e. no swapping between under 20 and under 18 teams).</p> <p>Under 16 Men & Women: The under 16 competition is restricted to athletes aged 14 and 15 years of age on the 31st v December 2014. For the 2014/15 Zone vs. Zone season under 16 athletes can compete in the Under 18 competition, but must do so for the whole season (i.e. no swapping between under 18 and under 16 teams).</p> <p>Under 14 Men & Women: The under 14 competition is restricted to athletes aged 13 years of age and under on the 31st December 2014. For the 2014/15 Zone vs. Zone season under 14 athletes can compete in the Under 16 competition, but must do so for the whole season (i.e. no swapping between under 16 and under 14 teams).</p> <p>ii. Relays To contest a relay event at a Zone vs. Zone event, athletes must be registered athletes for the 2014/15 season. Athletes may compete outside of their age group in a relay. Under aged athletes may compete in higher under aged relays or Division 1 or 2 relays. Over aged athletes can compete in Division 1 or 2. Division 1 and 2 athletes cannot compete in under age or over aged relays.</p> <p>Example 1: an under 16 athlete may compete in an under 18 age group or open relay.</p> <p>Example 2: a 40+ athlete may compete in an open relay.</p> <p>7b. Women may compete in the men’s competition, but must do so for the whole season. Swapping between men’s and women’s teams will be prohibited. Women must notify AV prior to the start of the 2014/15 season or before their first round of Shield if they want to compete in the men’s teams.</p>
<p>8. COMPETITION</p>	<p>8a. In graded competition, athletes will compete in ability sections, regardless of age group, division or gender (where applicable).</p> <p>8b. Para – Athletes shall compete within the graded competition where possible.</p> <p>8c. Athletes over the age of 50 or 60 as per rule 7a are permitted to compete as part of the 40+ team using their specific hurdle heights and implement weights as outlined under rule 10c.</p> <p>8d. Any athlete who is adjudged not to have taken due care to abide by grading, may be issued a warning and/or may be disqualified. Warnings and disqualifications are at the discretion of the Track or Field Referees.</p> <p>8e. In order to compete in the hurdles, steeplechase, pole vault and/or hammer throw, an athlete must be at least 12 years of age as at December 31</p>

2014, and/or able to demonstrate a sufficient level of competency in the event that they have nominated to compete in.

8f. An athlete may only compete once in a given track and field discipline, at a given round of Zone vs. Zone competition, regardless if they are competing for points or by invitation. Athletes cannot compete in multiple age groups of the same track and field discipline, at the same round of Zone vs. Zone.

Example: If a male athlete is part of an under 14 team and wishes to throw the under 16 shot put, then he would compete in the under 16 shot put (by invitation) and would not earn points for their zone. Subsequently, he would not be able to compete in the under 14 shot put at that round of Zone vs. Zone.

8g The Zone Final events will be conducted on a division (Zone versus Zone) basis.

8.1 Track Events

8.1a. In track events the order of heats will be determined by the Competition Manager on the day. An announcement will be made to all competitors at the commencement of each round of competition and regularly throughout.

If an athlete breaks, then the athlete is allowed to compete by invitation, in another heat. The Starter's Marshal need's to notify the scorers that this athlete cannot score points and is now competing as an invite athlete.

8.1b. At the completion of the graded heats there will be a specific age/gender heat for under 14 and under 16 athletes in all laned events. If an athlete is under 14 and runs in the under 14 age group race then the old rule of two (2) false starts is used.

8.1c. Athletes who are not present to be placed in the appropriate track heat for their ability, may be placed in or after the last graded heat (where permitted by the Track Referee).

8.1d. If time permits, athletes will be allowed one practice start, utilising starting blocks, for all track events.

8.1e. Hurdle events will be run by hurdle height and may be gender mixed. All other laned events will be separated by gender. Women may choose to compete with the men and will score points. No late entries will be accepted.

8.1f. Clubs must nominate the number and grades of their relay teams 30 minutes prior to the event. No late entries will be accepted. Team sheets (with athletes' bib number and name) must be submitted within 30 minutes after the finish of the last relay race. If a team sheet is not submitted on time then that team will be given invite status.

8.1g. Relays shall be conducted either on ability or by division.

8.2 Field Events

8.2a. During the sign up period for a field event, only one name per person is permitted. Team Managers can only enter one (1) athlete per event per

	<p>competition day. Any athlete, who is entered in a heat of an event and does not start, will not be permitted to compete in a later competition of that event unless approved by the Competition Manager or appropriate referee.</p> <p>8.2b. A maximum of 20 athletes per timetabled field event session will be allowed. The Field Referee has the discretion to direct otherwise.</p> <p>8.2c. The progressions in the high jump shall be 5cm. Athletes must nominate their minimum starting height when signing in for their event. The starting height for high jump is 1.05m</p> <p>8.2d. In pole vault competitions, jumpers will be permitted to jump until they are eliminated by posting three consecutive fouled attempts. The starting height for pole vault is 1.60m and will progress in 15cm increments. The minimum age for a pole vaulter is 12 years (as at December 31, 2014) and under 14 competitors must complete a pole vault assessment prior to competition to prove competency. Athletes must nominate their minimum starting height when signing in for this event.</p> <p>8.2e. In high jump competitions each athlete will have a maximum of eight attempts unless eliminated with three consecutive fouled attempts. Even with a successful clearance, athletes cannot progress past the height limit set by the timetabled event.</p> <p>8.2f. In discus, javelin and hammer, all attempts will be pegged and only an athlete’s longest throw will be measured and recorded.</p> <p>8.2g. In hammer, performances of fewer than 15m for men and 10m for women, will not be measured and therefore will not be a valid result. The minimum age to compete in hammer is 12 years-of-age (as at December 31, 2014) and athletes who are 12 or 13 years-of-age should not take part in the hammer throw events unless they have received relevant coaching and advice from an AV recognised coach experienced in throwing events, prior to the day of competition.</p>
<p>9. TRACK LANE DRAW & FIELD EVENT ORDER OF COMPETITION</p>	<p>9a. Lane order and allocation is made at the discretion of the Starter’s Marshal, except at the Zone Final.</p> <p>9b. At the Zone Final, Track events will be seeded per zone, however these will rotate throughout the day so all zones have an equal opportunity in preferred lanes – please ensure athletes adhere and listen to the starters marshals prior to each race.</p>
<p>10. EQUIPMENT</p>	<p>10a. Athletes may use their own implements for field events, provided that such equipment is available to all other athletes in that event. Such equipment should have a Weights and Measurements’ Certificate.</p> <p>Note: In the case of pole vault events, no competitor shall be allowed to use any other competitor’s vaulting pole, except with the consent of the owner.</p> <p>10b. The following event specifications will be used for Zone vs. Zone competition and the Zone Final unless advised otherwise.</p>

	<i>See end of document</i>
11. EXTRA ATTEMPTS	<p>11a.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. In the horizontal jumps and throws events the Competition Manager will have the discretion to allow a maximum of three (3) extra attempts where time permits. ii. For the Zone Final all athletes will be allowed a maximum of three (3) attempts. Should time permit athletes will be allowed an additional three (3) attempts. <p>11b. Only registered members of clubs assigned to the zone of competition shall be eligible for extra attempts.</p>
12. SCORING	<p>12a. A recorded performance, or best performance of recorded attempts excludes disqualification (DQ), no measure (NM), no result (NR), did not finish (DNF) and did not start (DNS).</p> <p>A valid result is a recorded performance by an Athletics Victoria registered athlete, competing for their club in their nominated team at their zone in preliminary rounds, and for their Zone at the Final.</p> <p>A valid relay result is a recorded performance where all members of the relay are registered athletes for the club of their team at their zone in preliminary rounds, and for their Zone at the Final.</p> <p>12b. Only valid results can score points.</p> <p>12c. Para - Athlete performances will be amended and ranked within the able bodied performances and score points. 50+ and 60+ athletes competing in 40+ competitions will have their performance amended and ranked.</p> <p>12d. For scoring eligibility, an athlete must compete in their nominated Shield age group.</p> <p>12e. Athletes will be ranked in an event based on their performance for their recorded age group/division. The ranking order and number of competitors per event shall then determine point scoring for teams.</p> <p>In the preliminary rounds, athlete points will be allocated per event according to the following formula:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The top six (6) performances of each zone in each age group for each track competition shall be ranked and scored; <u>13, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.</u> 2. The top four (4) performances of each zone in each age group in hurdles, steeple walks and field competitions per zone shall be ranked and scored <u>13, 10, 9, 7, 6, 4, 3, 1.</u> 3. The top two (2) relay performances of each zones in each age group shall be ranked and scored <u>19, 13, 9, 5.</u>

12.f For each Zone v Zone at Metro Shield on Rounds 6, 9 and 10, team ladder points shall be awarded as such

Zone v Zone Win	3 points
Zone v Zone Loss	1 point
Highest Team Score (bonus)	1points

Example:

White (4200 points) v Blue (4600 points): Blue wins with 4600 points and is awarded three (3) points. One (1) point will be awarded to White zone.

Red (3800 points) v Yellow (4000 points): Yellow wins with 4000 points and is awarded three (3) points. One (1) point will be awarded Red.

If Blue Zones scores 1 bonus point as it has the highest score (4600) for that round.

The top three zones on the Metro Zone ladder at the completion of the three rounds shall advance to the Zone v Zone Final.

Country zones will be scored similar however performances will be scored virtually from each competition over each round.

The team finishing top of the Country Zone ladder shall be declared the premier Country Zone for 2014/15.

12.g Zone Final

The Metro Zone v Zone competition plus Zone Final will operate under IAAF rules and regulations with sanctioned National Permit Meet (NPM) status.

The top three (3) Metro Zones plus a Combined Country Zone shall compete in the final

Athletes must compete in at least one round of Zone v Zone competition to be eligible for selection to the Zone Final. The Combined Country Zone may include any athlete not registered first claim to a Metro club. Club uniforms will apply.

Each zone will be required to meet and nominate eligible athletes for the Zone Final.

Selection to the Zone Final will be based on the athlete rankings from AV Shield competition after AV Shield round ten (10). A country zone will be made up of the three regions of Ballarat, Geelong, and Bendigo making one country zone. The Combined Country Zone may include any athlete not registered first claim to a Metro club. Club uniforms will apply.

	<p>The Zone Final will operate with a total of eight (8) athletes in each individual event. They will be scored from 1st to 8th on a 9, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 basis. For Relays the Scoring shall be 13, 9, 6, 3.</p>
<p>13. COACHING OF ATHLETES DURING COMPETITION</p>	<p>In accordance with IAAF rules coaching assistance to competing athletes from within the field of play is prohibited.</p>
<p>14. OFFICIALS & CLUB DUTIES</p>	<p>14a. Metropolitan Zones</p> <p>In metropolitan zones, Athletics Victoria will advise of official’s availability to all zones. Zones will then appoint key officials and event supervisors for the AV Shield competition; it is up to the zones discretion as to which roles will be filled by these officials. Additionally, all zones will roster metropolitan clubs to provide ‘club helpers’ for duties at all rounds of AV Shield competition.</p> <p>Athletics Victoria clubs will provide the ‘club helpers’ in accordance with the roster and numbers specified by each zone; club helpers will assist in conducting the events.</p> <p>An event may only commence when a sufficient number of volunteer officials/club helpers are in place. If a rostered club does not provide the required club helpers (as detailed by Athletics Victoria in 2014/15 Summer Competition Handbook) 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of an event, the event will not be held.</p> <p>Any club that fails to provide their allotted number of club helpers for an event will have each of their competing teams (at the venue, on the day) penalised. Each of the infringing club’s teams will have their points score reduced by the penalty score (refer Rule 12. Scoring) multiplied by the number of helpers not supplied.</p> <p>For multiple offences (that are against the spirit of this rule), the club that fails to provide ‘club helpers’ for their rostered duties shall (at the discretion of the Zone Committee, and in consultation with the AV Shield Competition Committee) be subject to the following penalties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Loss of points as described above; and or - A financial penalty of \$250; and/or - A ban of that Athletics Victoria club’s athletes from competing at the next round of AV Shield/Zone vs. Zone competition. <p>The Competition Manager shall notify the Club Duty Roster Manager/Team Manager of the club/s that breach Rule 14a, and the imposed penalties will be communicated to all clubs.</p>

	<p>14a. In 5000/3000 metre track events, Athletics Victoria clubs must provide a lap scorer for each competing athlete that starts the race. Failure to do so will result in the disqualification of the athlete.</p> <p>14b. Zones eligible for the Zone Final must provide a number of club helpers for the day that will be determined by the AV Shield Competition Committee. Failure to provide helpers will result in loss of points. Club helpers must sign in with the Officials Manager on the day prior to making their way to the event they are scheduled on.</p> <p>14c. Country Zones</p> <p>In country zones, the number of officials supplied by an Athletics Victoria club at its venue for Zone vs. Zone competitions shall be determined by the local Region Committee.</p>
<p>15. DISPUTES</p>	<p>15a. Protests relating to matters that occur or develop during competition at a given round of Zone vs. Zone should be made no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the event.</p> <p>15b. Any protest shall, in the first instance, be made orally to the Referee controlling the event. 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 has the opportunity to appeal that decision to the Jury of Appeal. The Jury of Appeal will comprise three Athletics Victoria members (each of whom are from Athletics Victoria clubs not involved in the protest) and will be appointed by the Zone Competition Manager.</p> <p>15c. The appeal to the Jury must be submitted in writing on the approved Athletics Victoria form (available from the Administration Manager), signed by a club representative, and be accompanied by a \$50 deposit. The deposit will be forfeited if the protest is considered frivolous by the Jury of Appeal.</p> <p>15d. The Jury of Appeal’s decision is final.</p>
<p>16. NON-COMPLETED COMPETITIONS</p>	<p>If a round of competition cannot be completed due to inclement conditions or a situation out of Athletics Victoria’s control, which affects the conduct of the competition, the following rules will apply:</p> <p>16a. A contest for any division shall be considered complete if the number of events finalised in that division equate to 75% or more of the total number of events for that day’s program. Athletes who have competed shall count for eligibility purposes. Athletes who have not competed, who wish to have their intention to compete recorded should report in person to either the Track or Field Referee and ask that their name be recorded for the event in which they would have competed. Such athletes shall for the purpose of eligibility be considered to have competed.</p> <p>16b. For Zone Final eligibility purposes, performances in NON-completed rounds will NOT be counted.</p>

	<p>It is up to the Zones discretion as to whether an athlete has fully intended to compete on a competition day that has been cancelled due to reasons out of Athletics Victoria's control. (e.g. extreme weather) The Competition Manager's decision is final.</p>
<p>17. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY FOR FINALS</p>	<p>Eligibility to represent a zone in the Zone Final shall be determined by an athlete's participation in the preliminary rounds as defined by the following rules:</p> <p>17a. Evidence of participation in preliminary rounds of competition shall be based on data provided by the AV sanctioned computer scoring system. There is an onus on clubs to check the accuracy of the data generated by this program during the season (within seven days from when results are published on the Athletics Victoria website). A club may ask to inspect the original result sheets if the computer data is considered to be inaccurate.</p> <p>Relay events will contribute to a Zone's point's score but will not count towards eligibility for the Zone Final.</p> <p>17b. To compete in the Zone Final, an athlete must have a ranking in that event for their nominated division/age group, and have competed in at least one round of AV Shield competition. Athletics Victoria has the discretion to allow athletes to compete who do not satisfy this condition. Any round that is not completed shall not be included in this calculation (refer to Rule 16). Age group rules (refer to Rule 7) apply for the 2014/15 Zone Final.</p> <p>17c. Relay teams at the Zone Final can be comprised of any athlete who is eligible for an individual event at the Final for that age group, for their zone.</p> <p>17d. Athletes registered first claim to a country region club, to satisfy rule 18b, may count up to 50% of rounds competed in any metropolitan zone AV Shield competition; such competition will not earn any points. Athletes registered first claim to a metro zone club, to satisfy rule 18b, may count up to 50% of rounds competed in any country region AV Shield competition; such competition will not earn any points. Athletes registered first claim to a metro zone club cannot exercise this right at any other metro zone. Athletes registered first claim to a country region club cannot exercise this right at any other country region. The number of rounds required by the home region of the athlete shall determine the number of rounds required under rule 18b.</p> <p>17e. The AV Shield Competition Committee has discretion over eligibility.</p>
<p>18. TEAMS FOR THE ZONE FINAL</p>	<p>18a. Eligible athletes for Zone Final must confirm their intention to compete by 11:59pm Monday 2nd February, 2015. Eligibility will need to be confirmed via an eligibility form that will be sent out to all eligible shield athletes.</p> <p>18b. On the completion of the final Zone vs. Zone round the top four scoring zones will progress to the Zone Final.</p> <p>For selection to the Zone Final, the Zone Committee's will choose a team from any club, division or age group within their zone that can comprise any</p>

	<p>athlete from their zone who has a ranking/performance using the AV performance rankings after round ten (10) of AV Shield competition. The Country regions will join together and may nominate anyone from the country regions with a performance/ranking from a previous Zone vs. Zone round to make a combined zone to compete at the Zone Final.</p> <p>The top four eligible and available athletes in track events in each division will be eligible for selection to the Zone Final. The top two eligible and available athletes in field events in each division will be eligible for selection to the Zone Final.</p> <p>Athletes shall be ranked in performance order, as per rule 12, for scoring.</p> <p>18d. If a club allows an ineligible athlete to compete in the Zone Final, they will lose all points scored by the athlete in the events for which he/she is ineligible, and points shall be reallocated to other zones accordingly. In addition, the athlete's zone shall be penalised two penalty units from its score for each transgression by each offending athlete.</p> <p>18e. Tied Finals In the event of a tie at the Zone Final, the winning team will be determined by a count back. The zone with the most first placed athletes will be deemed the winner. If the two zones can still not be split, the count back will continue to the zone with the most second placed athletes and so on until a winning zone is found.</p> <p>18f. Incomplete Finals If circumstances prevail that prevent the completion of the full Zone Final Program, a premiership will be awarded if more than 75% of the program has been completed. Premierships will be awarded to the leading zone in each division, based on the scores at the end of the last completed event, prior to when competition ceased. In the Zone Final, if less than 75% of the events are not completed, a Premiership will not be awarded.</p>
<p>19. UNFAVOURABLE WEATHER CONDITIONS</p>	<p>In the event of inclement weather conditions on the day of Zone vs. Zone competition, any decision to cancel the meet, and/or modify the length or distance of events shall be made by the Competition Director in consultation with the Referees. The Competition Director is also empowered to alter the direction of track sprints events, in the event of unfavourable weather conditions.</p> <p>Should a round be cancelled due to inclement weather the cancelled round will be scored by using the previous meet with that program.</p> <p>Athletics Victoria members who provide a mobile phone number with their annual registration will receive an SMS notification if competition is cancelled. Athletics Victoria will SMS members no longer than one hour prior to the first scheduled event of the competition day.</p> <p>Athletics Victoria acts in accordance with Sports Medicine Australia's unfavourable weather guidelines. To view these guidelines in detail, please refer to the Athletics Victoria website (www.athsvic.org.au).</p>

5. PROGRAM OF EVENTS

 5a. Zone Final Events 2014/15:

Men	Open	Open	40+	50+	60+	U20	U18	U16	U14
100m	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
200m	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
800m	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3000m	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5000m	X	X	X	X	X	X			
200m Hurdles								X	X
300m Hurdles					X				
400m Hurdles	X	X	X	X		X	X		
3000m Walk	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
1500m Walk								X	X
High Jump	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Long Jump	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Triple Jump	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pole Vault	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Shot Put	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hammer	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4 x 100m Relay	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Women	Open	Open	40+	50+	60+	U20	U18	U16	U14
100m	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
200m	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
800m	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3000m	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5000m	X	X	X	X	X	X			
200m Hurdles								X	X
300m Hurdles				X	X				
400m Hurdles	X	X	X			X	X		
3000m Walk	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
1500m Walk								X	X
High Jump	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Long Jump	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Triple Jump	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pole Vault	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Shot Put	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hammer	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4 X100m Relay	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Equipment Specifications – Women’s Events		Equipment Specifications – Men’s Events	
Women Div 1 & 2	100m Hurdles / 10 flights 84.0cm (yellow markings) 400m Hurdles / 10 flights 76.2cm (green markings) 3000m Steeplechase 76.2cm Shot Put 4.0kg Discus 1.0kg Javelin 600g Hammer 4.0kg	Men Divs 1 & 2	110m Hurdles / 10 flights 106.7cm (blue markings) 400m Hurdles / 10 flights 91.4cm (green markings) 3000m Steeplechase 91.4cm Shot Put 7.26kg Discus 2.0kg Javelin 800g Hammer 7.26kg
Women 60+	80m Hurdles / 9 flights 76.2cm (black markings) 300m Hurdles / 7 flights 76.2cm (green markings) 2000m Steeplechase 76.2cm Shot Put 3.0kg Discus 1.0kg Javelin 500g Hammer 3.0kg	Men 60+	100m Hurdles / 10 flights 84.0cm (yellow markings) 300m Hurdles / 7 flights 76.2cm (green markings) 2000m Steeplechase 76.2cm Shot Put 5.0kg Discus 1.0kg Javelin 600g Hammer 5.0kg
Women 50+	80m Hurdles / 9 flights 76.2cm (black markings) 300m Hurdles / 7 flights 76.2cm (green markings) 2000m Steeplechase 76.2cm Shot Put 3.0kg Discus 1.0kg Javelin 500g Hammer 3.0kg	Men 50+	100m Hurdles / 10 flights 91.4cm (yellow markings) 400m Hurdles / 10 flights 84.0cm (green markings) 3000m Steeplechase 91.4cm Shot Put 6.0kg Discus 1.5kg Javelin 700g Hammer 6.0kg
Women 40+	80m Hurdles / 9 flights 76.2cm (black markings) 400m Hurdles / 10 flights 76.2cm (green markings) 2000m Steeplechase 76.2cm Shot Put 4.0kg Discus 1.0kg Javelin 600g Hammer 4.0kg	Men 40+	110m Hurdles / 10 flights 99.1cm (blue markings) 400m Hurdles / 10 flights 91.4cm (green markings) 3000m Steeplechase 91.4cm Shot Put 7.26kg Discus 2kg Javelin 800g Hammer 7.26kg
Women Under 20	100m Hurdles / 10 flights 84.0cm (yellow markings) 400m Hurdles / 10 flights 76.2cm (green markings) 3000m Steeplechase 76.2cm Shot Put 4.0kg Discus 1.0kg Javelin 600g Hammer 4.0kg	Men Under 20	110m Hurdles / 10 flights 99.1cm (blue markings) 400m Hurdles / 10 flights 91.4cm (green markings) 3000m Steeplechase 91.4cm Shot Put 6.0kg Discus 1.75kg Javelin 800g Hammer 6.0kg
Women Under 18	100m Hurdles / 10 flights 76.2cm (yellow markings) 400m Hurdles / 10 flights 76.2cm (green markings) 2000m Steeplechase 76.2cm Shot Put 3.0kg Discus 1.0kg Javelin 500g Hammer 3.0kg	Men Under 18	110m Hurdles / 10 flights 91.4cm (blue markings) 400m Hurdles / 10 flights 84.0cm (green markings) 2000m Steeplechase 91.4cm Shot Put 5.0kg Discus 1.5kg Javelin 700g Hammer 5.0kg
Women Under 16	90m Hurdles / 9 flights 76.2cm (white markings) 200 Hurdles / 10 flights 76.2cm (purple markings) 2000m Steeplechase 76.2cm Shot Put 3.0kg Discus 1.0kg Javelin 500g Hammer 3.0kg	Men Under 16	100m Hurdles / 10 flights 84.0cm (yellow markings) 200m Hurdles / 10 flights 76.2cm (purple markings) 2000m Steeplechase 76.2cm Shot Put 4.0kg Discus 1.0kg Javelin 700g Hammer 4.0kg
Women Under 14	80m Hurdles / 9 flights 76.2cm (black markings) 200m Hurdles / 10 flights 76.2cm (purple markings) Shot Put 3.0kg Discus 1.0kg Javelin 400g Hammer 3.0kg	Men Under 14	90m Hurdles / 9 flights 76.2cm (white markings) 200m Hurdles / 10 flights 76.2cm (purple markings) Shot Put 3.0kg Discus 1.0kg Javelin 600g Hammer 3.0kg