

The **2024 Chemist Warehouse Australian Open Track & Field Championships (including Combined Events)** will be held in Adelaide, SA, from Thursday 11th April – Friday 19th April 2024.

Victorian athletes will have their nominations submitted by AV 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 2002-2004 (U23) to be eligible for U23
- Nominate by Monday 12:00pm 25th March 2024

QUALIFICATION:

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

- Medalist from the 2024 Victorian Track and Field Championships
- U20 Medalist from the 2023 Victorian All Schools Track and Field Championships*
- Achieve the [Australian Championships entry standards](#) or [Australian Championships Para Entry Standards](#) between 1st January, 2023 and the 25th March, 2024

*Due to the year change, athletes would compete up in the next age division – i.e. if they qualified in U20 at All Schools they will compete in Open Age at the Australian Championships. This may mean a change of specification (i.e.. hurdles or throwing weights)

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

(a) Any meet conducted by the World Athletics (e.g. World Championships/Juniors) or Athletics Australia;

(b) Any meet conducted by Athletics Victoria (Victorian Championships, Shield Competition, All Schools, Specialist Meets: HVC, RAC, VMC, AVT) & similar standard meets interstate.

(c) The following schools championships:

GSV Championship or Finals, APS Finals, AGSV and ACC Finals.

winds of up to +3m/s accepted for Open.

*All sprint and horizontal jump events, must supply a wind gauge reading, qualifying performances will not be approved without a wind gauge reading

NOMINATION:

All athletes who wish to be considered for the team must nominate with AV no later than 12:00pm (midday) Monday 25th March. This can be done online on the Athletics Victoria membership portal.

Link: <https://members.athsvic.org.au/events/227096/>

NOMINATION CHECKS:

All nominations will be checked by AV staff before submission to AA, to ensure the eligibility and qualification standards have been met for each event. If athletes do not meet eligibility and qualification standards and fail to provide evidence to AV of legitimate performance, ***nominations will not be submitted to AA and a refund will not be given.***

CONFIRMATION:

All athletes will have their selection confirmed through email and on the AV website 48 hours after nominations have closed.

Unless you have been requested to provide evidence of performance by AV. It is assumed, if an athlete has met all eligibility and qualification standards, an athlete's entry will be confirmed and entered.

AGE GROUPS:

Age is calculated as of 31st December 2024. **Age groups** are outlined below:

Under 23 - athletes must not have their twenty-third birthday on or before 31st December 2024 (must *ONLY* be born in 2002, 2003 or 2004)

OPEN – Open Age

Under 23 standards are for athletes to qualify in open events and *ONLY* apply to athletes born in 2002, 2003 and 2004

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).

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

The qualifying period for the Combined Events, 10,000m and 10,000mW began on 1st October 2022. 10,000m and 10,000mW may qualify on track or road.

There must be three (3) or more entries at the time of close of entries for an event to be contested in its own right.

Para Athletes must have a current classification review or confirmed status to enter.

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.

RELAY SELECTION:

To be considered for Victorian team relay selection, athletes MUST

- Submit an online relay nomination form, prior to the close of entries for the Australian Championships
- Athletes selected will be notified before Australian Championships to confirm their availability

It is expected that all athletes competing at the Australian Championships in the 100m, 200m, 400m and Sprint Hurdles will make themselves available for state team relays.

Any athlete who represents Victoria in the Open Relays will have access to Team Management services, including Team Physio and Massage at the Championships.

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**. This includes the transport of personal competition equipment, such as, throwing implements, practice hurdles, sprint spikes, and poles.

AA Travel Recommendations -

To make your travel to Adelaide easy, AA have partnered with SportsLink Travel as an official travel management provider. Book your own flights, accommodation, and ground transport through the dedicated booking portal. Any travel inquiries, contact athletics@sportslinktravel.com

TEAM LEVY:

Optional

There will be an **OPTIONAL** team levy of **\$130** for every athlete selected in the Victorian team. This is inclusive of time and services of AV staff to process and check event entries, competition team management, medical support (physio/massage), team coaches, and team social media costs.

N.B. Any athlete who chooses *NOT* to pay the Team Levy, waives the right to Team Management services, including scratching's, timetable changes, withdrawals, protests, appeals and Team Physio/Massage access.

ENTRY FEES: \$46.50* per event

**yet to be confirmed by AA*

CANCELATION POLICY:

Entrants in National events will be refunded in full, less a 10% administration fee (minimum \$5) where:

- requests are received prior to the competition entry closing date and time (12:00pm Monday 13th March)
- requests received after the competition entry closing date and time must be accompanied by a current medical certificate, however the national event entry component is non-refundable

Please submit a request as per the above instructions, being sure to include any supporting documentation i.e. Medical certificate.

UNIFORM:

Athletics Victoria partnered with Project Clothing. Open Athletes are encouraged to wear the State uniform, however may elect to wear their Club or Institute uniform as an alternative.

Purchase here: <https://projectclothing.com.au/collections/athletics-victoria>

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS EVENT INFORMATION

Athletics Australia will regularly update event information on the event page of their website. Please check here for changes to the event info:

LINK: <https://www.athletics.com.au/events/192836/>

TIMETABLE:

Athletics Australia has released a draft timetable (19/10/23):

LINK: <https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/cups/aa/files/kec9aodbd9smdazq.pdf>

However, please check back to AA event page before the championships to view the release of the final timetable.

FUNDING ASSISTANCE:

The AIS provides grants through Local Sporting Champions program. Contact your Club representative to assist with applications. Funding is also available for State Representation, all information can be found here:

https://www.sportaus.gov.au/grants_and_funding/local_sporting_champions

Many local governments offer support for elite junior athletes as well. The City of Whitehorse provides an online service to help individuals easily identify and access government and local funding. You will need to register an account, which is free of charge. Information can be found here: <https://whitehorse.grantguru.com.au/>

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