

The **2024 Chemist Warehouse Australian Junior (Under 13 to Under 20) Track & Field Championships (including Combined Events)** will be held in Adelaide, SA, from Thursday April 11th to Friday 19th April 2024.

The Victorian team will be selected from athletes who fulfil both the eligibility and qualification criteria as listed below:

ELIGIBILITY:

ALL athletes MUST:

- Be a registered Athletics Victoria member.
- Be born between 2005 and 2012 inclusive.
- Compete at the 2024 Victorian Track & Field Championships[^]
- Nominate by Monday 12:00pm 25th March 2024

[^] athletes not competing at the 2024 Victorian Track & Field Championships must be approved by [State Manager Tom Gamble](#) (acceptable reasons are: injury with a medical certificate or extenuating circumstances)

QUALIFICATION:

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

- Medalist from the 2024 Victorian Track and Field Championships
- 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 U15 at All Schools they will compete in U16 at the Australian Junior 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 Juniors, Youths) 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**

Little Athletics events cannot be used for qualification.

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

NOMINATION:

All athletes who wish to be considered for the team must nominate with AV no later than 12:00pm Monday 25th March. This can be done online on the Athletics Victoria membership portal. Any additional qualifications following AV events held on the 23rd of March and before Monday 25th March can be made via email communication with sportdelivery@athsvic.org.au

Link: <https://members.athsvic.org.au/events/226700/>

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 31 December 2024. **Age groups** are outlined below:

Under 13 - athletes must not have their thirteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2024 (must be born in 2012)

Under 14 - athletes must not have their fourteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2024 (must be born in 2011 or 2012)

Under 15 - athletes must not have their fifteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2024 (must be born in 2010 or later)

Under 16 - athletes must not have their sixteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2024 (must be born in 2009 or later)

Under 17 - athletes must not have their seventeenth birthday on or before 31 December 2024 (must be born in 2008 or later)

Under 18 - athletes must not have their eighteenth birthday on or before 31 December 2024 (must be born in 2007 or later)

Under 20 – athletes must not have their twentieth birthday on or before 31 December 2024 (must be born 2005 or later)

Athletes must turn 12 years of age in the year of competition. There may be further age restrictions on technical events.

Athletes must be turning 14 years of age in the year of competition in order to enter any steeplechase event. Athletes must be turning 16 years of age in the year of competition in order to enter any event in excess of 5000 metres or any men's open throwing, hurdles or steeplechase event.

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.

Where **NO EVENT** is indicated, athletes cannot enter higher age groups in the same/similar event.

COMBINED EVENTS:

The qualifying period for the Combined Events began on 1 October 2022.

Top 3 U15 (Born 2010) and U17 (Born 2008) athletes will be determined from the results in the U16 and U18 results at the 2024 Victorian Combined Events Championships.

RELAY SELECTION:

To be considered for Victorian team relay selection, athletes **MUST**

- Compete at the 2024 Victorian Track and Field Championships^
- Submit an online relay nomination form, prior to the close of entries for the Australian Junior Championships
- Athletes selected will be notified before Australian Junior Championships to confirm their availability

It is expected that all athletes competing as part of the Victorian team at the Australian Junior Championships in the 100m, 200m, 400m and Sprint Hurdles will make themselves available for state team relays as part of their representative duties.

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**. 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:

There will be a 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), state coaches, and team social media costs.

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 25th 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. It is **compulsory** that all members of the Victorian team wear the Project Clothing competition uniform. Sample uniforms will be available for sizing at the Victorian Championships.

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

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

AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR 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