



Queensland School Sport

**13-19 Years Track and Field
Competition Procedures**

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This document **must** be read in conjunction with the
QSSMG Competition Procedures.

1 Queensland School Sport Internal Structures

1.1 Sport Specific Committees and Advisory Groups

The Queensland School Sport (QSS) 13-19 Years Track and Field sport specific committee follows:

- Queensland School Sport Management Group (QSSMG) Competition Procedures.
- Queensland School Sport 13-19 Years Track and Field Competition Procedures

QSS 13-19 Years Track and Field Competition Procedures and QSSMG Competition Procedures must be read in conjunction with one another.

1.2 Registration of New Sports

1.3 Alternative Procedures Enabling Participation at a School Sport Australia Competition

1.4 De-registration of Sports

1.5 Sport Specific Committee Reports

1.6 State Sport Committee Finances

The QSS 13-19 Years Track and Field sport-specific committee Treasurer oversees the committee finances in conjunction with QSS via the SAP system.

2 Approval of Competitions

2.1 Ratification of QSS 13-19 Years Track and Field Championships

- 2.1.1 The 13-19 Years Track and Field Championships must be held in an WORLD ATHLETICS-certified venue, conducted under WORLD ATHLETICS and IPC rules (except where local variations are required and appropriate) and supervised by accredited officials, in order for performances to be certified for State and National records and for students to be selected in the Queensland team for the Australian All Schools' Championships.

3 Competition Programs

3.1 State Championships (Inter-regional Competition)

3.1.1 Nominations

- 3.1.1.1 For all events (track and field) a region may nominate all athletes who have, in the current year, attained the state qualifying standard and who have attained selection via the district and regional pathway.
- 3.1.1.2 Each region is entitled to nominate ONE (1) automatic entry for each event, regardless of whether the athlete has met the qualifying standard. Regions are advised to consider the performance of the athlete in relation to the qualifying standard in making judgements about team selection.
- 3.1.1.3 An athlete may nominate in a maximum of 5 individual events (excluding relays).
- 3.1.1.4 An athlete that enrolls in a Queensland school from interstate and who has missed the opportunity for selection via the district and/or regional pathway, may be considered for participation in the Championships, providing the appropriate exemption has been applied for. This may be approved through the provision of verifiable performance evidence to the Championship Organising Committee that confirms the attainment of the appropriate qualifying standard, as soon as possible prior to the Championships. These athletes will form part of the applicable Regional School Sport team.

3.1.2 Athletes competing in a Multi-Class event

- 3.1.2.1 Entry conditions for athletes competing in a multi-class event will be as in 'Section 3.1.1 Nominations' above.
- 3.1.2.2 An athlete may nominate in a maximum of 5 individual events (excluding relays).
- 3.1.2.3 Confirmation of an athlete's classification should be recorded on the Multi-Class classification form and also in the electronic nomination file. This should be entered in the box provided in the athlete's individual Meet Manager profile, and also in the 'Surname' field following the athlete's surname (number only). The athlete status should also be set to 'Disabled' in their individual Meet Manager athlete profile.
- 3.1.2.4 An athlete will only be able to compete in the championships if their name is registered on the Athletics Australia Master List. If an athlete's name is not listed on this document, documentary evidence from the appropriate classifying organisation must be provided to verify the athlete's Multi-Class classification for both track and field events.

3.1.3 Qualifying Times & Distances

- 3.1.3.1 The time/distance recorded by each competitor in qualifying for the championships must be submitted with the nomination. Nominations received without verifiable performance standards will not be considered.
- 3.1.3.2 Regional selectors are requested to consider a student's performance at regional level to assess whether the student will be competitive at the State Championships.
- 3.1.3.3 All competitors nominating for track events are seeded into heats according to the times submitted by the region. In order for this to be completed accurately, it is important that correct times be submitted.

- 3.1.3.4 When entering track times for track events of 400 metres or less (including hurdle events), manual times are to be adjusted to the next 0.1 second ie. 10.31 becomes 10.4. Please add an 'h' to the time if it is a manual time e.g. 10.4h. Meet Manager will adjust this time to compare it with times recorded by 'fully automatic timing'.
- 3.1.4 Withdrawals & Substitutions prior to the Championships
 - 3.1.4.1 Withdrawals or team changes should be advised immediately they are known. Early advice may enable the number of heats to be reduced and may have an impact on qualification processes for semi-finals and finals. Confirmation of regional nominations should be received by the committee by COB on Friday in the week preceding the championships.
 - 3.1.4.2 Withdrawals or changes must be provided on the official change form provided to regions.
 - 3.1.4.3 Changes made beyond the deadline for printing of the official program will not be included in the final version.
 - 3.1.4.4 Final withdrawals due to exceptional circumstances (ie illness or injury) must be received by the Championship Convenor prior to the start of the Pre-Championship meeting. Large numbers of changes are not able to be processed at this time. Athletes who are not withdrawn by this time will be journalled via regions for the championship levy.
 - 3.1.4.5 Substitutions are not permitted as all athletes who have attained the qualifying standard should have been nominated by the due date.
 - 3.1.4.6 Nomination errors identified and requiring an athlete to be added to an event prior to or during the championships must be accompanied by documentary evidence of the athlete's performance at the regional championships (eg Meet Manager results report). Requests without evidence cannot be supported.
- 3.1.5 Competitor Details
 - 3.1.5.1 Given names, surnames, dates of birth, and region must be entered on the event file. Entries cannot be accepted if these details are not provided.
 - 3.1.5.2 Each athlete will be allocated a 'competitor number' by the committee, following the close of nominations.
 - 3.1.5.3 Number bibs (bearing the competition number) will be supplied by the committee. All athletes must be familiar with the WORLD ATHLETICS Competition Rules regarding the wearing of number bibs.
- 3.1.6 Age Eligibility
 - 3.1.6.1 Competitors must be the age stated for each event. All ages are calculated as of 31 December of the year of competition.
 - 3.1.6.2 Depending on the number of nominations, some events may be conducted as a combination of age groups e.g. 13-15 years, with results awarded for each age group separately.
- 3.1.7 Nomination Fee
 - 3.1.7.1 Each competitor will pay the prescribed nomination fee regardless of the number of events in which the student is competing. The fee is not refundable beyond the pre-championship meeting.
 - 3.1.7.2 Regions will receive a tax invoice (including GST) for nominations submitted as of the Pre-Championship Meeting.

3.1.8 Certificate of Competence / Qualification

- 3.1.8.1 Competitors in hammer throw and pole vault events are required to produce a Certificate signed by an accredited coach in these events (minimum Level 2 Advanced Coach - Event Group Specific (Jumps/Throws)) stating that the competitor has achieved the state qualifying standard.
- 3.1.8.2 Competency, for the purposes of this certification, means that the student can execute the technique at a standard that is not likely to cause an unreasonable risk to the safety of either themselves, other competitors, or officials.
- 3.1.8.3 If a certificate is not supplied the athlete will be assessed during the warmup by the Chief Judge and will be withdrawn from the event if deemed not competent.
- 3.1.8.4 Copies of the certificate will be distributed to regions prior to the nomination deadline. Please submit one for each nominating student.

3.2 State Championship Competition Rules

3.2.1 Competition Rules

- 3.2.1.1 The program will be conducted under the WORLD ATHLETICS and IPC Competition Rules, except as varied by the organising committee, as indicated here or elsewhere.

3.2.2 Assistance to Athletes

- 3.2.2.1 Team managers should refer to Rule 144 of the World Athletics Technical rules.
- 3.2.2.2 For the purpose of this rule, the following shall be considered assistance and are therefore not allowed; possession of or use of video and cassette recorders, radios, radio transmitters, mobile phones, smart watches or other communication devices by athletes in the call room or competition arena.
- 3.2.2.3 Contravention of this rule may result in disqualification of the athlete from the event.
- 3.2.2.4 For information regarding assistance for athletes competing in a Multi Class Event, see Appendix 3. In general, any on-field assistance for Multi Class athletes must be provided by a regional team manager wearing a hi-vis vest as provided by the organising committee.

3.2.3 Dress

- 3.2.3.1 School Sport Regions will determine the competition uniform to be worn by athletes from the region.
- 3.2.3.2 If compression or other lycra garments (including socks and arm sleeves) are worn, they must be in the dominant official regional colour (as per below). Where the dominant regional colour cannot be obtained, athletes may wear black compression garments providing the complete official regional competition uniform (top and bottom) is worn over it, except in cases where the School Sport region has advised otherwise, as per 3.2.3.1.

Region	Colour	Region	Colour
<i>Capricornia</i>	Black	<i>North West</i>	Maroon
<i>Darling Downs</i>	Royal Blue	<i>Peninsula</i>	Black
<i>Metropolitan East</i>	Navy Blue	<i>South Coast</i>	Maroon
<i>Metropolitan North</i>	Navy Blue	<i>South West</i>	Royal Blue
<i>Metropolitan West</i>	Dark Green	<i>Sunshine Coast</i>	Purple
<i>Northern</i>	Royal Blue	<i>Wide Bay</i>	Black

- 3.2.3.3 Athletes must wear the allocated competition number bibs provided by the Championship Organising Committee in every event for which they are nominated. Number bibs must be pinned in four places and are not to be folded or altered in any way.
- 3.2.3.4 Hip numbers and pins for track events will be provided where required, for attachment to shorts or briefs.
- 3.2.3.5 Competitors identified by officials as being incorrectly attired, may be withdrawn from the event. Athletes who repeatedly fail to comply with uniform requirements may be withdrawn from the remainder of the championship.

3.2.4 Athlete Regional Check-In Procedure

- 3.2.4.1 Athletes for all events (track and field) should check in with their regional manager at least two hours prior to their first event on each day of competition. Please consult regional team paperwork for specific team requirements.
- 3.2.4.2 Where athletes have not checked in with their regional team manager at the stipulated time, Team Managers will withdrawal athletes from an event no later than one hour prior to the advertised time (or 90 minutes in the case of Pole Vault).
- 3.2.4.3 Athletes are to collect their competition number (bib) and printed program from the Regional Team Manager at the time of check-in.

3.2.5 Withdrawal from Events during the Championships

- 3.2.5.1 All entries are deemed to be confirmed. Where necessary, Team Managers are to withdraw (scratch) athletes from an event no later than one hour prior to the advertised time for the event (or 90 minutes for Pole Vault).
- 3.2.5.2 Team Managers can make scratchings in the Technical Information Centre (TIC). This room will be open each day one hour before the scheduled starting time of the first event.
- 3.2.5.3 If an athlete has failed to be officially scratched from an event or does not compete in all rounds of an event for which they have qualified, they may not be permitted to compete in any other event in the championships, including relays.
- 3.2.5.4 Withdrawal from semi-finals and finals of track events must be notified to the TIC at least 60 minutes before the advertised starting time for the event. Failure to do so may result in withdrawal from any other event or final for which the athlete has qualified.
- 3.2.5.5 A track event may be re-seeded if the number of withdrawals requires that such action be taken.

3.2.6 Call Room (Marshalling) Procedures

- 3.2.6.1 All athletes will be required to report to the Call Room (Marshalling Area) and check-in with Call Room officials. Competitors will not be admitted to the event if they report directly to the start line (track) or the competition area (field) instead of to the Call Room area.
- 3.2.6.2 The Call Room (marshalling) times for events are:
- Track Events - 20 minutes before the scheduled start time
 - Pole Vault - 60 minutes before the scheduled start time
 - Other field events - 50 minutes before the scheduled start time
- 3.2.6.3 Athletes must be dressed in competition uniform and have their number bibs attached when reporting to the Call Room.
- 3.2.6.4 Athletes will be accompanied by an official from the Call Room to their competition area. Athletes absent at the time of departure from the Call Room may be denied entry to the event.
- 3.2.6.5 Where a student is competing in another event, the team manager (or representative) should advise the official at the Call Room of the intention of the athlete to compete within the prescribed time.
- 3.2.6.6 Failure to report for semi-finals and finals will be considered as a withdrawal and the athlete may be penalised by being withdrawn from all subsequent events.

3.2.7 Competitors and Officials only in the Arena

- 3.2.7.1 Coaches and team managers are not permitted inside the competition arena, except as deemed necessary for Multi-Class events. The attention of coaches and managers is drawn to WORLD ATHLETICS Handbook Rule 144 - Assistance to Athletes.
- 3.2.7.2 Regional team managers may be permitted inside the competition area where event-specific warm-up is required outside of the official warm-up venue. Access times and locations will be advised to team managers by the Organising Committee where necessary.
- 3.2.7.3 Competitors must leave the competition area immediately following the conclusion of their event.

3.2.8 Equipment

3.2.8.1 Pole Vault

Competitors are to provide their own poles. Competitors are not permitted to use any other competitor's pole except with the consent of the owner.

3.2.8.2 Throwing Implements

Throwing implements for competition will be provided by the Organising Committee.

Competitors may use their own implements provided these are checked and marked as approved by the organising committee at least 90 minutes prior to the commencement of the event. This timeframe may be extended, dependent on staffing and venue requirements. Implements checked and marked must be made available to all competitors in the same event; these will be retained by the organising committee until the completion of the event.

3.2.8.3 Starting Blocks

All athletes will be required to use the starting blocks provided for competition. Athletes are requested to know settings for their own use so that any alterations that need to be made can be completed as quickly as possible.

3.2.9 Track Events

3.2.9.1 Qualifying to the Final

- In track events conducted over distances of 800 metres or less (including hurdles), eight athletes will qualify from the heats (or semi-finals) to the final.
- In 1500 metre events 12 athletes will qualify to the final.

3.2.9.2 100 metre and 200 metre events – heats

- Where more than 27 nominations are received, semi-finals may be conducted.

3.2.9.3 Qualifiers - 100 metre and 200 metre events

- Two heats — three from each heat will qualify for the final with other qualifiers being decided according to their time.
- Three heats — two from each heat will qualify for the final with other qualifiers being decided according to their time.
- Four or more heats — three from each heat shall qualify for the semi-finals with other qualifiers being decided according to their time.
- Semi-finals — three from each semi-final will qualify for the final finals with other qualifiers being decided according to their time.

3.2.9.4 Qualifiers — 400 metres and all hurdle events

- Two heats — three from each heat will qualify for the final with other qualifiers being decided according to their time.
- Three heats — two from each heat will qualify for the final with other qualifiers being decided according to their time.
- Four heats — one from each heat will qualify for the final with other qualifiers being decided according to their time.

3.2.9.5 Qualifiers - 800 metres

- Two heats — three from each heat will qualify for the final with other qualifiers being decided according to their time.
- Three heats — two from each heat will qualify for the final with other qualifiers being decided according to their time.

A maximum of three heats will be run for all 800 metre events. Where the number of nominations exceed the number of lanes for any one event, heats in that event will be started with two competitors in lanes as required for the first curve or from a curved start line.

3.2.9.6 Qualifiers - 1500 metres

- Two heats – four from each heat will qualify for the final with other qualifiers being decided according to their time.
- Three heats — three from each heat will qualify for the final with other qualifiers being decided according to their time.

If 16 or fewer nominations are received, or if 16 or fewer athletes check in for the event, the event will be conducted as a final at the time scheduled for the final in the program.

3.2.9.7 Lane Allocation

Lanes will be allocated according to World Athletics Rule 166 (20.3); Ranking and Composition of Heats (refer Appendix 1).

3.2.9.8 The following events will be run as finals only:

3000 metres	5000 metres	3000 metres walk
2000 metres steeplechase	5000 metres walk	

3.2.9.9 Starting

Managers should ensure that competitors are familiar with the World Athletics Rule re the start (Rule 162 (16)) (refer to Appendix 2).

Points to note:

- i) Starting instructions for races up to and including 400 metres, and for races longer than 400 metres.
- ii) Crouch starts must be used for all races and in all age groups up to and including 400 metres (including hurdles).
- iii) Starting blocks, as provided, must be used for all races up to and including 400 metres for all ages.
- iv) Disqualification rule for false starts.

Consideration will be given to Athletes competing in a Multi Class Event in relation to points ii) and iii) above. Multi Class team managers accompanying athletes should ensure that the Track Referee is aware of any required dispensation as the athletes enter the start area.

3.2.9.10 All multi-class track events will be conducted as timed finals

3.2.10 Field Events

3.2.10.1 In field events (except vertical jumps and events for Multi Class athletes) all athletes will compete in the first three rounds of competition. After the first three rounds, the top eight (8) athletes will have one (1) further trial.

3.2.10.2 In field events for athletes competing in a Multi Class Event all athletes will compete in three rounds of competition only. In the case of a field size greater than 8 entries, provisions will be made for one (1) further trial for the top eight (8) athletes.

3.2.10.3 An athlete who has been competing in another event at the same time as the field event may be allowed to take a trial within the one round in an order other than that drawn and indicated on the event recording sheet. To be eligible for this the athlete must:

- report to the chief judge before leaving the competition area
- indicate the other event in which he/she will be competing
- verify participation in the other event
- return to the field event immediately after the completion of the track event
- report to the chief judge immediately on returning to the competition area.

3.2.10.4 High Jump

3.2.10.4.1 Increments - two increments of five centimetres, subsequent increments of three centimetres each.

3.2.10.4.2 An athlete who is competing in another event at the same time as the high jump competition may, upon returning to the high jump competition, be given three trials at the height at which the bar is set, provided that the competitor:

- reports to the high jump chief judge before leaving the competition area
- indicates the other event in which he/she will be competing
- reports to the high jump chief judge immediately on return to the high jump competition area
- has not had three consecutive failures

3.2.10.4.3 Jump off

- In the case of a tie for first place between two 13, 15, 17 or 19 Years athletes at the point where both athletes have had 3 consecutive failures, a jump off will not be conducted. Two gold medals will be awarded. A jump off will be conducted in the 14 and 16 Years age groups where two athletes have tied for first place at the point where both athletes have had 3 consecutive failures.
- In the case of a tie for first place between 3 or more athletes in any age group at the point where all athletes concerned have had 3 consecutive failures, a jump off will be conducted according to the WORLD ATHLETICS rules.
- In the case of a tie for second and third place at the conclusion of the 13, 15, and 17 Years events, a jump off will be conducted according to the WORLD ATHLETICS rules.

3.2.10.5 Pole Vault

3.2.10.5.1 The minimum starting height for all pole vault events will be two metres. This is determined by the minimum height at which the pole vault equipment in use at QSAC can be set.

3.2.10.5.2 Competitors must supply their own poles for this event.

3.2.10.5.3 Jump off

- In the case of a tie for first place between two 13, 15, 17 or 19 Years athletes at the point where both athletes have had 3 consecutive failures, a jump off will not be conducted. Two gold medals will be awarded. A jump off will be conducted in the 14 and 16 Years age groups where two athletes have tied for first place at the point where both athletes have had 3 consecutive failures.
- In the case of a tie for first place between 3 or more athletes in any age group at the point where all athletes concerned have had 3 consecutive failures, a jump off will be conducted according to the WORLD ATHLETICS rules.
- In the case of a tie for second and third place at the conclusion of the 13, 15, and 17 Years events, a jump off will be conducted according to the WORLD ATHLETICS rules.

3.2.11 Relays

3.2.11.1 Relays will be conducted across two age divisions for each male and female event: 13-15 Years and 16-19 Years.

3.2.11.2 A region may nominate one (1) team in each relay event.

Athletes must be the age and gender specified for the event.

3.2.11.3 Regions may combine to form a relay in each age group if numbers are insufficient to form a relay for each region in that age group. A minimum of 2 athletes must be from the same region for a combined team to be formed.

3.2.11.4 Due to team size limitations, North West and South West regions may request approval to include a 13-15 years runner from either their own or another region to compete as part of a 16-19 Years team. This request should be received by the organising committee at the pre-championship meeting. These athletes must be of the same gender as per the event in which they are competing. 16-19 Years runners cannot be considered for a 13-15 Years event.

3.2.12 Warm up for events

- 3.2.12.1 Warm up for throwing events must be organised and supervised by the regional team managers.
- 3.2.12.2 The use of the warm up facilities may be restricted during the hammer throw competition times (this applying to both track and field events) to ensure that workplace health and safety and CARA requirements are met.
- 3.2.12.3 In all field events athletes will be permitted two warm up throws/jumps at the competition area prior to the commencement of the event.

3.3 School Based Competitions

No school-based competitions are conducted by QSS 13-19 Years Track and Field.

3.4 Sponsorship

No sponsorship agreements are currently in place for QSS 13-19 Years Track and Field.

4 Access to State Championships

4.1 Eligibility

- 4.1.1 All 13-19 year-old students enrolled in a Queensland educational program are eligible to participate in the Queensland School Sport program.
- 4.1.2 Students wishing to participate in the 13-19 Years Track and Field Championship must have achieved the qualifying standard as advertised on the Queensland School Sport website.
- 4.1.3 Additionally, students must have been selected via the district and regional pathway as part of a regional team.
- 4.1.4 Consideration will be given to athletes that transfer from interstate during the district and regional pathway progression, where performances can be verified, and where the qualifying standards have been met in the 12 months preceding the starting date of the State Championships. These students will compete as part of their applicable Regional School Sport team.

4.2 Centres of Athletic Development

4.3 Guidelines for Gender Equity in Sport

5 Conduct of State Championships

5.1 Championship Host

- 5.1.1 The 13-19 Years Track and Field Committee are the hosts of the 13-19 Years Track and Field Championships, in conjunction with South West School Sport.
- 5.1.2 Where a championship is held outside of Brisbane, the committee will be supported by the Regional School Sport Office for the region in which the competition venue is located.

5.2 Participation

All Queensland School Sport Regions are eligible to participate in the 13-19 Years Track and Field Championships.

5.3 Finance

The championship budget will be developed by the 13-19 Years Track and Field Committee Treasurer and the applicable Regional School Sport Officer. This will determine the levy payable by all participants.

All invoices for budgeted costs are to be sent to the Treasurer for committee approval, and subsequent payment through the applicable Regional School Sport Office. As per 3.1.4.4, regions will be journalled for final regional team participant numbers.

5.4 Accommodation Framework

Regional team officials will make their own arrangements for accommodation requirements through their Regional School Sport Office.

5.5 Event Officials

Competition Officials will be sourced through Queensland Athletics, Brisbane Athletics Officials' Club or Athletics North Queensland as appropriate.

5.6 Complaints Management

The Championship Organising Committee should be approached in the first instance for all complaints regarding issues that are not specific to the immediate conduct of the competition. Immediate concerns should first be managed in accordance with 5.6.1 (Protests) below.

5.6.1 Protests

5.6.1.1 Any protest, in the first instance, must be made verbally by the team manager to the relevant referee within ten minutes of the completion of the event. Team managers should make contact with the referee via the TIC.

5.6.1.2 The referee may decide on the protest or may refer the matter to the jury. If the referee makes a decision, there shall be a right of appeal to the Jury of Appeal.

5.6.1.3 An appeal to the jury must be made in writing by the team manager within 30 minutes of the announcement of the decision made by the referee.

5.6.1.4 Managers should make themselves familiar with the World Athletics Competition Rules, Rule 146 Protests and Appeals.

5.7 Meetings

5.7.1 A pre-championship meeting will be conducted on the afternoon prior to the first day of competition.

5.7.2 A post-championship meeting will be conducted at a suitable time after the commencement of competition and prior to the conclusion of the championship.

5.7.3 The Annual General Meeting of the 13-19 Years Track and Field Committee will be conducted immediately prior to the post-championship meeting.

5.8 Health and Safety

- 5.8.1 All risk-assessment documentation will be completed in accordance with the Queensland Department of Education requirements for Track and Field competition.
- 5.8.2 Convenor's risk assessment documents will be completed by the 13-19 Years Track and Field Committee when the championship is held in Brisbane. Where the championship is held outside of Brisbane, this will be completed by the Regional School Sport Officer, with local knowledge of the venue.
- 5.8.3 Event-specific risk assessments will be completed by the 13-19 Years Track and Field Committee for each event discipline, as required by Queensland School Sport.
- 5.8.4 Certificates of Competency and Activity Consent forms may be required for each athlete, depending on the event discipline in which athletes are competing. Blank copies of these forms will be provided to Regional School Sport Officers prior to Regional Track and Field Championships for distribution to all team members.

5.9 Excursions and Functions

- 5.9.1 There is no excursion associated with the 13-19 Years Track and Field Championships.
- 5.9.2 An official championship function for Regional Team Officials will be held at an appropriate time during the championship, as determined by the competition timetable. Details of this function will be included in Championship bulletins.

5.10 State Team Selections

All selections for the Queensland Team for the Australian All Schools' Championship are made by Queensland Athletics, and determined by the team parameters set by Athletics Australia. All enquiries regarding this process should be directed to Queensland Athletics in the first instance.

5.11 Host Report

5.12 Travel Subsidy

5.13 Requests for Access to Students

5.14 Loss or Damage of Equipment at State Championships

- 5.14.1 Competition equipment is hired through the host venue and any damage or loss will be ascertained with the venue on a case-by-case basis.

5.15 Photography

Team photographs are not to be taken at the venue. These should be arranged at an alternative location with the photographer at the discretion of the Regional School Sport Office concerned. Official action photographers are not engaged for this championship. No photographer will be admitted to the competition arena without written permission being granted by the Championship Organising Committee prior to the beginning of the carnival.

5.16 Trophies and Presentations

5.16.1 Medals

Competitors placed first, second, and third in a field event or track final will receive a medal. The presentation will take place as soon as practicable after the conclusion of the event at

the time of the announcement of the result. Medal winners are to remain in the vicinity of the presentation area until the presentation has been made.

5.16.2 Ivor Hawes Memorial Trophy

This trophy is awarded to the winner of the 19 Years & Under Men's Javelin event.

5.16.3 Ned Burrows

This trophy is awarded to the winner of the 17 Years Women's 400m event.

5.16.4 Bill Sole Memorial Trophy

This trophy is awarded to the winning team in the Women's 13-15 Years 4 x 100m Relay event.

5.17 Areas of Responsibility

Please see the Track and Field Competition Manual for role descriptions for key officials and other personnel requirements.

5.18 Minimum Venue Standards

Please see the Track and Field Competition Manual for venue requirements.

5.19 Regional Delegates Role

Regional delegates are responsible for representing their region in all online and face-to-face committee meetings. Prior to meetings delegates should contact the Regional Sports Office to confirm their position on any agenda items that are to be discussed. Delegates should ensure that their region's position is represented and communicated in the meeting and that their vote is recorded for any motions that are presented.

Should a delegate be unable to participate in a meeting, they should contact their Regional Sports Office to determine a suitable replacement, or alternatively arrange for their region to be represented by a proxy delegate.

6 Queensland Teams

All selections for the Queensland Team for the Australian All Schools' Championship are made by Queensland Athletics, and determined by the team parameters set by Athletics Australia. All enquiries regarding this process should be directed to Queensland Athletics in the first instance.

7 Accommodation framework

8 Codes of Conduct

8.1 Team Members, Parents and Spectators

Please refer to the current Queensland School Sport Code of Conduct for Team Members, Parents and Spectators.

8.2 Team Officials

Please refer to the current Queensland School Sport Code of Conduct for Team Officials.

9 Team Officials – Duty of Supervision

10 Procedures for the Investigation and Recording of Misconduct

Appendix 1 : Seedings, Draws and Qualification in Track Events

WORLD ATHLETICS RULE 166

Ranking and Composition of Heats

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20.3 Ranking and Composition of Heats, as follows:

20.3.1 For the first round, the athletes shall be ranked with the seeding determined from the relevant list of valid performances achieved during the predetermined period.

20.3.2 After the first round:

a. for events of 100m to 400m inclusive, and relays up to and including 4 × 400m, seeding shall be based upon placings and times of each previous round. For this purpose, athletes shall be ranked as follows:

Fastest heat winner
2nd fastest heat winner
3rd fastest heat winner, etc.
Fastest 2nd place
2nd fastest 2nd place
3rd fastest 2nd place, etc.
(Concluding with)
Fastest time qualifier
2nd fastest time qualifier
3rd fastest time qualifier, etc.

b. for other events, the original performance lists shall continue to be used for seeding, modified only by improvements in performances achieved during the earlier round(s).

20.3.3 In each case, the athletes shall then be placed in heats in the order of seeding in a zigzag distribution, e.g. three heats will consist of the following seedings:

A 1 6 7 12 13 18 19 24
B 2 5 8 11 14 17 20 23
C 3 4 9 10 15 16 21 22

20.3.4 In each case, the order in which heats are to be run shall be determined by draw after the composition of the heats has been decided.

Draw for Lanes

20.4 For events 100m to 800m inclusive, and relays up to and including 4 × 400m, where there are several successive rounds of a race, lanes will be drawn as follows:

20.4.1 For the first round and any additional preliminary qualification round as per Rule 20.1 of the Technical Rules, the lane order shall be drawn by lot.

20.4.2 After the first round, athletes shall be ranked after each round in accordance with the procedure shown in Rule 20.3.2(a) or, in the case of 800m, 20.3.2(b) of the Technical Rules. Three draws for lanes will then be made:

a. one for the four highest ranked athletes or teams to determine placings in lanes 3, 4, 5 and 6;
b. another for the fifth and sixth ranked athletes or teams to determine placings in lanes 7 and 8, and
c. another for the two lowest ranked athletes or teams to determine placings in lanes 1 and 2.

Note: When there are fewer or more than 8 lanes, the above system with the necessary modifications should be followed.

Note (i): In competitions under paragraphs 1.4 to 1.10 of the International Competition definition, the 800m event may be run with one or two athletes in each lane, or with group start behind an arced line. In competitions under paragraphs 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 and 1.6 of the International Competition definition, this should normally be applied only in the first round, unless because of ties or advancement by the Referee or the Jury of Appeal, there are more athletes in a race of a subsequent round than were anticipated.

Note (ii): In any 800 metres race, including a final, where for any reason there are more athletes competing than lanes available, the Technical Delegate(s) shall determine in which lanes more than one athlete will be drawn.

Note (iii): When there are more lanes than athletes, the inside lane(s) should always remain free.

WORLD ATHLETICS RULE 162

The Start

1. The start of a race shall be denoted by a white line 50mm wide. In all races not run in lanes, the start line shall be curved, so that all the athletes start the same distance from the finish. Starting positions in events at all distances shall be numbered from left to right, facing the direction of running.

Note (i): In the case of events starting outside the stadium, the start line may be up to 0.30m in width and maybe of any colour contrasting distinctively with the surface of the start area.

Note (ii): The 1500m start line may be extended out from the outside bend lane to the extent that the same synthetic surface is available.

2. At all International Competitions, except as noted below, the commands of the starter shall be given in his own language, in English or in French.
 - (a) In races up to and including 400m (including 4 × 200m, the medley relay as defined in Rule 170.1 and 4 × 400m), the commands shall be “on your marks” and “set”.
 - (b) In races longer than 400m (except 4 × 200m, the medley relay and 4 × 400m), the command shall be “on your marks”.

All races shall be started by the report of the starter’s gun held upwards.

Note: In competitions under Rules 1.1(a), (b), (c), (e) and (i), the commands of the starter shall be given in English only.

3. In races up to and including 400m (including the first leg of 4 × 200m, the medley relay and 4 × 400m), a crouch start and the use of starting blocks are compulsory. After the “on your marks” command, an athlete shall approach the start line, assume a position completely within his allocated lane and behind the start line. An athlete shall not touch either the start line or the ground in front of it with his hands or his feet when on his mark. Both hands and at least one knee shall be in contact with the ground and both feet in contact with the foot plates of the starting blocks. At the “set” command, an athlete shall immediately rise to his final starting position retaining the contact of the hands with the ground and of the feet with the foot plates of the blocks. Once the starter is satisfied that all athletes are steady in the “set” position, the gun shall be fired.
4. In races longer than 400m (except 4 × 200m, the medley relay and 4 × 400m), all starts shall be made from a standing position. After the “on your marks” command, an athlete shall approach the start line and assume a starting position behind the start line (completely within his allocated lane in races started in lanes). An athlete shall not touch any part of the ground with his hand or hands and/or the start line or the ground in front of it with his feet when on his mark. Once the starter is satisfied that all athletes are steady in the correct starting position, the gun shall be fired.
5. On the command “on your marks” or “set”, as the case may be, all athletes shall, at once and without delay, assume their full and final starting position. If, for any reason, the starter is not satisfied that all is ready for the start to proceed after the athletes are on their marks, he shall order all athletes to withdraw from their marks and the starter’s assistants shall assemble them again (see also Rule 130). Where an athlete in the judgement of the starter,
 - (a) after the command “on your marks” or “set”, and before the report of the gun, causes the start to be aborted, for instance by raising a hand and/or standing or sitting up in the case of a crouch start, without a valid reason, (such reason to be evaluated by the relevant referee); or
 - (b) fails to comply with the commands “on your marks” or “set” as appropriate, or does not place himself in his final starting position after a reasonable time; or
 - (c) after the command “on your marks” or “set” disturbs other athletes in the race through sound or otherwise, the starter shall abort the start.

The referee may warn the athlete for improper conduct (disqualify in case of a second infringement of the Rule during the same competition), according to Rules 125.5 and 145.2. In this case, or when an extraneous reason was considered to be the cause for aborting the start, or the referee does not agree with the starter’s decision, a green card shall be shown to all the athletes to indicate that a false start was not committed by any athlete.

False Start

6. An athlete, after assuming a full and final starting position, shall not commence his start until after receiving the report of the gun. If, in the judgement of the starter or recallers, he does so any earlier, it shall be deemed a false start.

When a WORLD ATHLETICS approved false start control apparatus is in use, the starter and/or an assigned recaller shall wear headphones in order to clearly hear the acoustic signal emitted when the apparatus indicates a possible false start (i.e. when the reaction time is less than 0.100 second). As soon as the starter and/or an assigned recaller hears the acoustic signal, and if the gun was fired, there shall be a recall and the starter shall immediately examine the reaction times on the false start control apparatus in order to confirm which athlete(s) is/are responsible for the recall.

Note (i): Any motion by an athlete that does not include or result in the athlete's foot / feet losing contact with the foot plate(s) of the starting blocks, or the athlete's hand / hands losing contact with the ground, shall not be considered to be the commencement of his start. Such instances may, if applicable, be subject to a disciplinary warning or disqualification.

Note (ii): As athletes starting races in a standing position are more prone to over-balance, if such a movement is considered to be accidental, the start should be regarded as "unsteady". If an athlete is pushed or jostled over the line before the start, he should not be penalised. Any athlete causing such interference may be subject to a disciplinary warning or disqualification.

Note (iii): When a WORLD ATHLETICS approved false start control apparatus is in operation, the evidence of this equipment shall normally be accepted as conclusive by the Starter.

7. Except in combined events, any athlete responsible for a false start shall be disqualified.

In combined events, any athlete responsible for a false start shall be warned. Only one false start per race shall be allowed without the disqualification of the athlete(s) responsible for the false start. Any athlete(s) responsible for further false starts in the race shall be disqualified. (See also Rule 200.8(c).)

8. In case of a false start, the starter's assistants shall proceed as follows:

Except in combined events, the athlete(s) responsible for the false start shall be disqualified and a red and black (diagonally halved) card shall be raised in front of him and a corresponding indication shown on the respective lane marker(s).

In combined events, in case of a first false start, the athlete(s) responsible for the false start shall be warned with a yellow and black (diagonally halved) card raised in front of him and a corresponding indication shown on the respective lane marker(s). At the same time, all the other athletes taking part in the race shall be warned with the yellow and black card raised in front of them by one or several starter's assistants in order to notify them that anyone committing further false starts will be disqualified. In case of further false starts, the athlete(s) responsible for the false start shall be disqualified and the red and black card shall be raised in front of him and a corresponding indication shown on the respective lane marker(s). The basic system (to raise a card in front of the athlete(s) responsible for the false start) will also be followed in case lane markers are not being used.

Note: In practice, when one or more athletes make a false start, others are inclined to follow and, strictly speaking, any athlete who does so has also made a false start. The starter should warn or disqualify only such athlete or athletes who, in his opinion, were responsible for the false start. This may result in more than one athlete being warned or disqualified. If the false start is not due to any athlete, no warnings shall be given and a green card shall be shown to all the athletes.

9. The starter or any recaller, who is of the opinion that the start was not a fair one, shall recall the athletes by firing a gun.

1000m, 2000m, 3000m, 5000m and 10,000m

10. When there are more than 12 athletes in a race, they may be divided into two groups with one group of approximately two thirds of the athletes on the regular arced start line and the other group on a separate arced start line marked across the outer half of the track. The other group shall run as far as the end of the first bend on the outer half of the track, which shall be marked by cones or flags as described in Rule 160.1.

The separate arced start line shall be positioned in such a way that all the athletes shall run the same distance.

The break line for 800m described in Rule 163.5 indicates where the athletes in the outer group in 2000m and 10,000m may join the athletes using regular start. The track shall be marked at the beginning of the finish straight for group starts in 1000m, 3000m and 5000m to indicate where athletes starting in the outer

group may join the athletes using the regular start. This mark may be a 50mm x 50mm mark on the line between lanes four and five (lanes three and four in a six-lane track) immediately before which a cone or flag is placed until the two groups converge.

An exception to rule 162 will be implemented for the Queensland School Sport 13-19 Years Track and Field Championships.

This will apply to the section on the false start and will apply to **events designated for athletes 13 years, 14 years and 15 years of age and all multi class events**. The rule shall be modified to allow the athlete responsible for the first false start to be warned, with athletes responsible for further false starts being disqualified, as is the case for combined events.

Section 7 above will be modified as follows:

7. Except in combined events **and events designated for athletes 13 years, 14 years and 15 years of age and all multi class events**, any athlete responsible for a false start shall be disqualified.

In combined events and **events designated for athletes 13 years, 14 years and 15 years of age and all multi class events**, any athlete responsible for a false start shall be warned. Only one false start per race shall be allowed without the disqualification of the athlete(s) responsible for the false start. Any athlete(s) responsible for further false starts in the race shall be disqualified.

Section 8 will be modified accordingly.

Appendix 3 : Assistance to Athletes competing in Multi Class Events *

Assistance – General (local rule adapted from IPC Rule 7)

5. IPC Athletics recognises the special needs of athletes with a hearing impairment, and is keen to encourage and facilitate their participation in competition. In cases where deaf-blind athletes are competing in an event the technical delegate shall have the authority to make appropriate modification to these rules as may be necessary to facilitate the effective participation of those deaf-blind athletes. In principal, no rule modification that disadvantages any other athlete will be allowed.
 - (i) If the athlete is competing under the T01 classification, they must remove their hearing aids prior to entering the competition area.
 - (ii) Athletes competing under another classification other than T01 classification may wear their hearing aids if audiological information is provided that states that hearing aids are required.

IPC Rule 7: Assistance to Athletes (World Athletics Rule 144)

Assistance – Track and Road Events

6. Guide-runners for athletes in sport classes T11-12 shall be permitted and shall not therefore be considered assistance or pacing. The local organising committee shall provide distinctive vests to identify guide-runners.
7. When a T11-12 athlete starts the event with a guide-runner, the athlete and guide-runner(s) must both finish the event with bona fide effort in accord with these rules for the performance to be recognised.
8. Athletes are encouraged to provide their own guide-runner(s). However, at IPC (see Chapter 1.1) competitions the organisers should provide an appropriate guide-runner if the athlete's National Paralympic Committee has requested such assistance and followed the associated "request for a guide-runner" requirements of the local organising committee.
9. The method of guidance for athletes permitted to use a guide-runner is the choice of the athlete. The athlete may use an elbow lead or a tether. In addition, the athlete may receive verbal instruction from the guide-runner. The guide-runner must complete his task while running (or walking) and is not allowed to use a bicycle or other mechanical means of transport.

Note (i): The tether shall be made from non-elastic material and must not store energy and/or offer a performance gain to the athlete.

Note (ii): For races of 800m or longer the guide-runner shall remain no more than one full stride length ahead of his accompanying athlete.

10. The guide-runner is not allowed to push, pull or otherwise propel athletes in order to gain an advantage at any stage during a race.

Note: Sling shottling is regarded as a technique whereby the guide-runner deliberately hurls his arm (attached to the athlete) forward in order to exert propulsion towards the athlete's running direction. Such a technique is not permitted at any stage during a race.

11. For races of 5000m or longer athletes are allowed to use two guide-runners. However, only one interchange of guide-runners is permitted for each athlete per race. The interchange must take place without any hindrance to other athletes, and must take place only on the back straight.

Note: Should there be an interchange of guide-runners, the athlete and the substituting guide-runner must both finish the event in order for the performance to be recognised.

12. The intention to interchange guide-runners must be notified in advance to the referee and technical delegate. The technical officials will determine the conditions of the interchange and will communicate these in advance to the athletes.

Note: If the interchange does not take place after the technical arrangement being made, the athlete shall be disqualified from the race.

13. Some athletes in sports classes T20, T35-38 and T42-47 may require their starting blocks to be set for them by the starter's assistant. The technical delegate will provide the appropriate athletes and/or their team coach with a document on which to show their requirements

Note: Upon request, the technical delegate may permit a guide to accompany the athlete to the start to set the blocks under special circumstances.

Assistance – Field Events

14. Guides for athletes in sport classes F31-33 and F51-54 will be permitted (one guide per athlete per event) who can assist the athlete and the officials to ensure the athlete transfers safely to the throwing frame, and Assist athletes to strap themselves to their throwing frame.

Note: Strapping must be only to the frame with non-elastic material.

15. The guide must withdraw from the competition area once they have completed these tasks and must follow any directives from officials of the event while they are in the competition area.
16. For athletes in sport classes F11 and F12 a guide may bring athletes to the throwing circle or javelin runway. The guide may assist the athlete by orientating them with the throwing circle or on the javelin runway before each attempt. The guide must leave the throwing circle or javelin runway before each attempt begins. Acoustic orientation is permitted before, during and after each attempt. Athletes may only be guided from the throwing circle or javelin runway after the officials have determined whether or not the attempt was a valid one.

Note: If the official in charge of the event decides that a guide who is providing acoustic orientation is in an unsafe location then the official has the right to require the guide to move.

17. For athletes in sports class T11 acoustic assistance is permitted during long jump, triple jump and high jump. However, no visual modification to the existing facility is permitted. In events where acoustic assistance is being used complete silence shall be requested from spectators.

Note: Whenever possible, to ensure silence, events in which acoustic assistance is being utilised should not be timetabled together with other running events.

18. During jump events athletes in sports classes T11 can be accompanied onto the field of play by two persons to: a) Act as a caller to provide acoustic orientation during the approach run in high jump, long jump and triple jump, and/or; 52 Rule 7: Assistance to Athletes Athletics Rules and Regulations 2014-2015 b) Act as a guide to assist the athlete by positioning and orientating him on the runway before each attempt. Acoustic orientation is permitted before, during and after each attempt. Athletes may only receive guidance other than acoustic orientation from after the officials have determined whether or not the attempt was a valid one. During throwing events athletes in sport class F11 can be accompanied onto the field of play by one person only to act as caller and/or guide.
19. For athletes in sports class T/F12 visual modification of the existing facility is permitted during field events (i.e., paint, chalk, powder, cones, flags, etc.) at the discretion of the technical delegate. Acoustic signals may also be used.
20. In Sports Class T/F12 only one person can accompany an athlete onto the field of play to act as caller and/or guide for jumping and throwing events.
Note: The caller must stand in a position that does not hinder the officials. The caller must not run alongside or behind the athlete during a trial.
21. In field events, the guides/callers shall not conduct other than permitted under Rule 7.14- 7.20. If the official in charge of the event decides that a guide/caller is in breach of these rules (e.g. coaching in competition area), the athlete and his accompanying guide/caller shall be warned by the referee and advised that, if there is any repetition, the athlete will be disqualified from that event subject to Rule 8.
22. Some athletes in sports classes T/F20, T/F35-38 and T/F42-47 may require their runway markers to be at a pre-set distance from the take-off board. In this case, prior to the competition, the markers shall be set with assistance from a field judge. This would also apply in the javelin. the technical delegate will provide the appropriate athletes and/or their team coach with a document on which to show their requirements.

*NB – information in this appendix is subject to change based on the inclusion of additional classifications.