



AACT Championships Rules of Competition

1. All competition is carried out in accordance with the current IAAF and/or IPC Rules of Competition except as specifically varied by Athletics ACT (AACT) rules.

Entry

2. Entry to AACT Championship events is open to all athletes registered and financial for the current season with:
 - AACT, either directly or through an affiliated Club;
 - A Club affiliated with another State/Territory association that is, itself, affiliated with Athletics Australia; or
 - An overseas nation that has affiliation with the IAAF
3. Entry to each AACT Championship event/s will be by an On-Line Entry system. Athletes without internet access or credit card should contact Athletics ACT for an alternative method of entry.
4. When entering an AACT Championship event/s, athletes are required to enter a 'season best' performance (or estimate of) for each event. For track events, this performance will affect the seeded heat, lane or timed final that the athlete will be placed in.
5. Preliminary rounds (to be held in a Pre-meet on the day of the Heats) will be held for the Open Mens and Womens 100 Metres and 200 Metre events if there are more than 36 entries (100 metres) or 32 entries (200 metres) in the events.
 - a. A qualifying performance will be determined by the AACT Competition Manager, which will be based on the Australian Rankings as prepared by the AA Statistician. The qualifying standard for the Championship is top 25 in Australia, as per the Australian Rankings prepared by the AA Statistician, at the time entries go live on-line.
 - b. If the athlete's nominated performance is not listed in the Australian Rankings as prepared by the AA Statistician at the date closest to the Championship, the athlete will be required to advise the Athletics ACT office of where, and when, the performance was attained. The Athletics ACT office will then contact the relevant state associations to validate the nominated performance.



- c. Any remaining entrants will participate in the Pre-meet qualifying round with qualification to the Heats based on the normal IAAF rules. For the 100 Metres, a maximum of 9 lanes will be used for the Heats and the Final. For the 200 Metres, a maximum of 8 lanes will be used for the Heats and the Final.
6. For events with timed finals, athletes may be required to verify the submitted performance and the date of that performance.
7. After the close of entries, a final programme of events will be made available on the AACT website. For Championship events that involve heats and finals at the time of publication of the programme of events, if the final field after the close of check-in is only sufficient to support a single heat, the event will be run as a straight Final at the time scheduled for the Heats.
8. All entries with accompanying payment must be submitted by the nominated closing date and time. There will be no late entries accepted, regardless of circumstance.
9. Entry fees are non-refundable, regardless of circumstance.

Age Groups

10. Events will be conducted in the Under 14, Under 16, Under 18, Under 20 and Open age group, with age groups determined by age of the athlete as at 31 December of the year of the competition. For example, if an athlete is 15 years old and does not turn 16 until after the 31st December, they will be competing in the Under 16 age group.
11. An athlete can NOT compete in more than one age group in the same field event. Athletes who wish to compete up in age may do so but they are not then eligible to compete in their own or any other age group. For example, an Under 16 years boy may compete in the Under 18 years Discus but can NOT also compete in the Under 16 years Discus. Additionally, in throws events, an athlete may only compete up to the next implement weight. For example, an Under 14 years girl may compete in the Under 16 Shot Put but NOT the Under 20 years Shot Put.

Check In

12. Check-in to all events will close 45 minutes prior to the event unless specifically notified on the program of events. The check-in close off time will be strictly enforced.
13. There will be no call room. Athletes are to report directly to their event site no later than 10 minutes before the scheduled start time for track events and 20 minutes for field events. Warm up for pole vault will commence one hour before the scheduled start time.



14. Athletes must wear their current season competition number when competing in any of the Championship events.

Field Event trials

15. In field events, except for the high jump and pole vault, each athlete will be allowed three trials and the eight athletes with the best valid performances will be allowed a further three trials. Where there are eight athletes or fewer, each athlete shall be allowed six trials.

16. For the OPEN Age Group, the following starting heights and boards will apply¹:

Event	Men	Women
Triple Jump	13m	11m
High Jump	1.70m	1.50m
Pole Vault	2.80m	2.00m

17. For the vertical jumps (High Jump and Pole Vault), ties for the first place in any one age/gender group will be resolved in accordance with the IAAF rules.

Clashes

18. If an athlete is entered in both a track and field event (or two field events) held at the same time, the track event takes precedence over the field event. The athlete must ensure that they, or their representative reports to the field event Chief to have them recorded as participating in the event before the competition in the event starts. An athlete may be allowed to take a field trial in a different order to that shown on the recording sheets, except in the final round of competition.

Spikes

19. Spikes must be no longer than 9mm for High Jump and Javelin, and must be no longer than 7mm for all other events.

¹ These heights and distances may be altered on request. Any such request must be provided to the Competition Manager no less than 7 days before the competition date and must state the reason for the request. The Competition Manager is not obliged to agree to such a request.



Protests

20. The rules in regard to Protests are in accordance with the IAAF and IPC Rules of Competition. AACT will charge a \$50.00 deposit for each formal Protest. Refund of the deposit is subject to decision by the Jury of Appeal.

Medals

21. Athletics ACT (AACT) awards medals to the first three place getters in each event and the first three 'first claim' AACT athletes in each event where they may not be one of the first three outright placegetters.