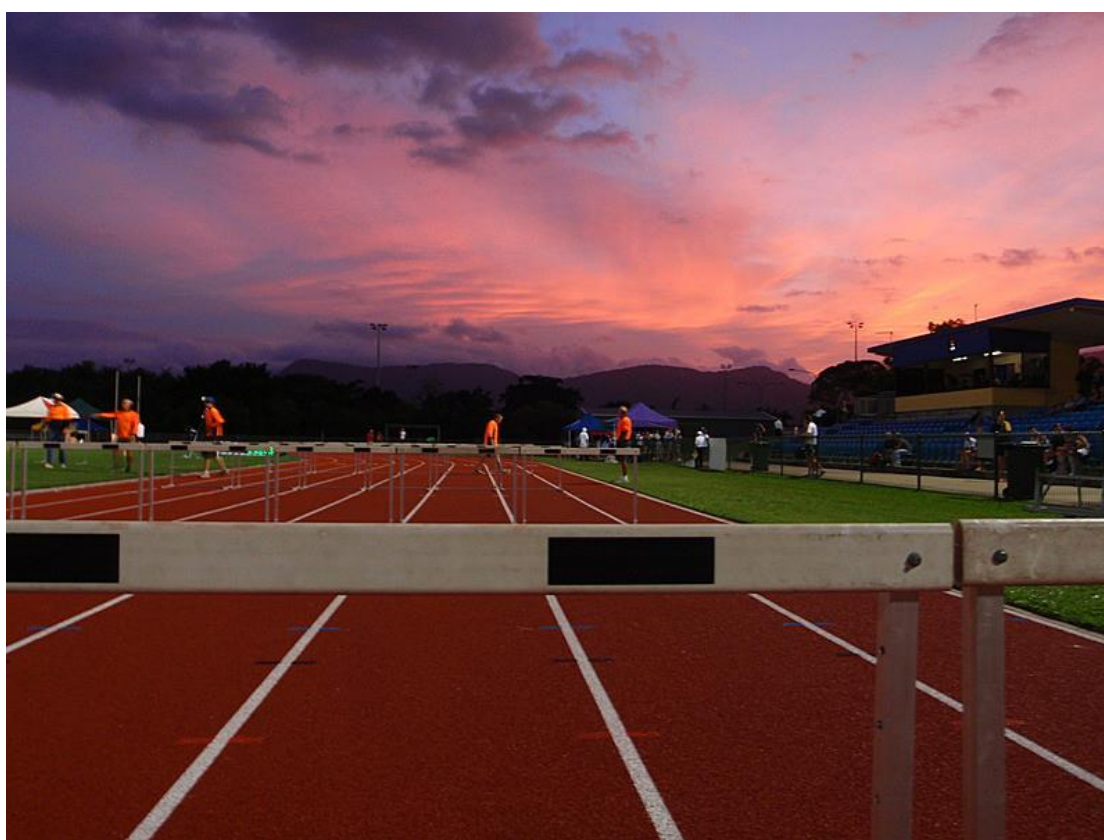


2018 Australian All Schools Track and Field Championships (Secondary State Team)

**Barlow Park Athletics Centre, Parramatta Park, QLD
Friday 7 December - Sunday 9 December 2018**

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Tasmanian Team Information

The Australian All Schools Track and Field Championships (Secondary) will see athletes from across Australia compete at the Barlow Park Athletics Centre in Cairns from 7 Dec to 9 Dec 2018. The program will include events for age groups from U14 to U18. Athletes are selected to represent their state at these championships.

This bulletin is to provide you with basic information that you need to know in order to enter and nominate for the Championships as well as book flights. Further details on all aspects will be provided in a Team Handbook that will be sent out when finalized.

The budget for the Championships is still being developed and as such the Levy is not finalized for the trip. This will be done ASAP and will be put in the Team Handbook.

The following entry guidelines are applicable to all Tasmanian athletes aiming for selection for the 2018 Tasmanian Team to compete at the School Sports Australia Track and Field Championships.

1. Selection Criteria

Selection criteria for the Tasmanian Team for the 2018 AAS Championships can be found on the Athletics Tasmania Website via the following link:

<http://www.tasathletics.org.au/Portals/51/Competition/Selection%20Criteria/2018/SSA%20Track%20and%20Field%20Policy%202018.pdf>

Traditionally, athletes have had the opportunity to stay with team management, which is certainly a part of the state team program that has been treasured by Athletics Tasmania. The unreasonable policies of accommodation providers in this instance have made it impossible for the organisation to provide team accommodation. This is not intended to be our standard practice for future state team travel and each trip will be viewed on its merits.

The **2018 Tasmanian All Schools Track and Field Championships** are being held at the Domain in Hobart on 27th and 28th October 2018. For the event timetable and to enter, use the following link on the Athletics Tasmania Website. Entries close 23rd October.

<http://www.tasathletics.org.au/News/tasmanian-all-schools-track-field-october-27-28>

If you are intending to nominate for the Tasmanian State Team to compete at the Championships, here is the link to do so. **Nominations close on 17th October in order to be selected for the Tasmanian Team (late nominations will be accepted - \$150 + \$30 late nomination fee).** There is a nomination fee of \$150. If

successful in making the team based on the above selection criteria, this cost will be taken off the Levy to go to the Championships in Cairns. If unsuccessful in making the team, this cost will be refunded minus the administration fee for processing. Please note that the late nomination fee of \$30 will not be refunded.

<https://secondaryallschools2018.eventdesq.com/>

2. Team Handbook

The Team Handbook for the 2018 Australian All Schools Track and Field Championships (Secondary) in Cairns will be made available once the team is announced and further information regarding the trip has been finalized.

Once released, please download a copy and read it so that you are familiar with the details of the Championships and the requirements for all athletes.

3. Event and Event Timetable

Information regarding the Championships can be found on the Athletics Australia Website via the following link:

<http://athletics.com.au/Compete/Events/2018-australian-all-schools-championships>

No timetable is available for download as yet. It will be made available once I have it but please keep an eye on this link.

Once the timetable is released, please consider this timetable when booking flights and accommodation

Age Qualifications:

Please ensure that the following is applied when nominating for these championships:

- Under 14 - athletes must not have their fourteenth birthday on or before 31st December 2018 (i.e. must be born in 2005 or 2006)
- Under 16 - athletes must not have their sixteenth birthday on or before 31st December 2018 (i.e. must be born in 2003 or later)
- Under 18 - athletes must not have their eighteenth birthday on or before 31st December 2018 (i.e. must be born in 2001 or later)



PLEASE NOTE: Athletes MUST turn 12 (attending either Primary or Secondary School) in the year of competition in order to compete in these Championships.

Entry Rules:

- Under 14 – two athletes per event
- Under 16 – four athletes per event, where at least two must be U15
- Under 18 – four athletes per event, where at least two must be U17
- Para athletes – two ambulant and two wheelchair per event in both U16 and U18 age groups (para divisions will still be calculated as one, not individual medals for ambulant and wheelchair)

Championships Program:

DAY	DATE	ACTIVITY
1	Friday 7 th Dec	Visiting Teams arrive, Track Orientation – 12 noon event commences – Day 1 Competition
2	Saturday 8 th Dec	Day 2 Competition
3	Sunday 9 th Dec	Day 3 Competition – 4:30pm event concludes

4. Travel Arrangements

Athletes are requested to arrive at Cairns on Thursday 6 December (day before competition starts). Athletes are requested to depart Cairns on Monday 10 December (day after competition finishes). Unless other travel arrangements can be made to accommodate your events.

You are to book and arrange your own travel to Cairns. Team management have booked the following flights from Hobart to Cairns return and you are welcome to book these flights in order to travel with them, however this is not compulsory and other more convenient flights can be booked.

Thursday 6th Dec 2018: Departing 10:25am Hobart
Virgin flight: VA1531 to Sydney and **VA1421** to Cairns arriving 4:20pm
(VA1089 from Launceston)

Monday 10th Dec 2018: Departing 12:00pm Cairns
Virgin flight: VA1294 to Melbourne and **VA1332** to Hobart arriving 8:55pm
(VA1378 to Launceston)

You are to arrange your own transfer/car hire from the airport to your accommodation.

5. Accommodation

You are to arrange your own accommodation when at the Championships.

There will be no athletes staying with team management this year. Please arrange suitable accommodation close by the event.

Location of the Championships is:

BARLOW PARK ATHLETICS CENTRE
Cnr Scott & Severin Street
Parramatta Park QLD 4870

6. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

A list of frequently asked questions has been made to hopefully answer any questions you might have regarding the Championships. Please go through these FAQ that you can find below in this bulletin.

In the case that your question is not answered, please email your questions to stateteammanager@tasathletics.org.au.

FAQ:

1. Q. What uniform items are required and how to I order my uniform?
A. The uniform for the Championships will be the new Tasmanian State uniform. Compulsory items for the uniform are the competition running top and shorts as well as the walk out T-Shirt and shorts. Other items such as tracksuits are not compulsory but are available for purchase. An online order form will be sent out to those that make the team once the state team is announced.
2. Q. When will the Tasmanian Team be announced?
A. The team will be announced middle of the week following the Tasmanian All School Championships on the 27th and 28th October.
3. Q. What flights should I book?
A. All athletes **must** book their own flights according to their event schedule. Athletes are requested not to book flights to Cairns on the day of their event. Please book flights the day earlier on the flights suggested above.
4. Q. What are the call times and check in times for each event?

- A. These will be made available closer to the date. A running sheet will be developed providing these details and will be accessible each day at the track.
5. Q. How do we stay in regular communication regarding updated information?
- A. A Facebook group will be set up for all athletes/parents/coaches. After the team is known, an invite to join this Facebook group will be sent to the athletes/parents/coaches.
6. Q. Is there a withdrawal fee if I withdraw from the Championships?
- A. Athletes require a medical certificate if they withdraw after the levy and entry fee is paid. The entry fee will be refunded if the athlete withdraws before the cutoff date of entry. After this date, there will be no refunds paid if athletes withdraw for some reason.