



Standard Rules for Competition of Little Athletics 2026-2027

These Rules are a collection of the Little Athletics (LA) Standard Events and Specifications and the Little Athletics Standard Rules for Competition.

Unless otherwise specified in this regulation, the World Athletics (WA) Technical Rules (TR), Competition Rules (CR) and Medical Rules (MR) will be used and applied as found in the WA Competition Rule book

Modifications in this document for Multi-Class athletes are based on the World Para Athletics (WPA) Rules and Regulations.

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Preface

Little Athletics aims to provide high quality, accessible opportunities through sport and physical activity to all children of all abilities, improving health, confidence, and skills, increasing positive behaviours, and bringing enjoyment and connection.

This document is divided into Three parts:

- **Standard Events & Equipment Specifications** – lists the events determined as the set of standard events for Little Athletics. It also states what events are not deemed suitable for Little Athletics competitions at all levels of the organisation.
- **Medical Rules**
- **Competition & Technical Rules** – these are the set of standard rules to be used in conjunction with the WA and WPA Competition Rules for Little Athletic competitions and are essentially a list of modifications from those Rules.

Little Athletics Standard Rules

Little Athletics competitions in Australia are conducted in accordance with the WA Technical Rules (TR), Competition Rules (CR) and Medical Rules (MR) and the WPA Rules, Regulations and Classifications currently in force with modifications provided for in these Rules.

Where it has been decided that the WA / WPA Rules are not indicative or correct for athletes in the standard age groups covered by Little Athletics, the Rule or part thereof has been rewritten to reflect the nature and abilities of athletes in the various age groups.

Where a whole Rule or part of a Rule is modified, the modification will be listed.

These rules apply to Little Athletics National and Affiliated Member Associations Little Athletics competitions (State, Region, Zone level) and are applicable to the Standard Events of Little Athletics. Except as otherwise provided in these rules, all competitions will be conducted in accordance with the WA / WPA rules of competition. The exceptions to the WA / WPA Rules stated in these rules have been modified to be age appropriate for children, competing in Little Athletics.

There are several rules relating to Affiliated Member Associations Competitions and their processes which are not covered by WA / WPA, these are listed in a separate document by each Affiliated Member Association, usually referred to as Event Specific Rules or Competition Regulations.

Little Athletics has a set of Competition Regulations for the conduct of the Australian Little Athletics Championships. They are used in conjunction with these Standard Competition Rules.

For Athletes and Officials participating in competitions covered under these Rules, you will need to understand the WA, WPA Rules and this document.

At any time where there is doubt about the application or interpretation of these rules, the benefit of that doubt shall be in favour of the athlete.

From time-to-time WA, WPA, Australian Athletics, and other bodies may release new versions of the Rules or Technical documents.

Individual Affiliated Member Association's Grievance procedures will deal with any dispute related to competitions under these Rules where processes have been exhausted through these Rules.

World Athletics – WA Competition Rule Book

Online copies of the current WA Rule Book can be downloaded from the website:

<http://www.worldathletics.org>

Click on the Competition Tab, then Rules & Regulations. On the Book of Rules page, click on Book C: Competition. C1.1 & C2.1 are the Competition Rules & Technical Rules.

World Para Athletics - WPA Competition and Classification Rule Books

Online copies of the current WPA Rule Books can be downloaded by clicking following links:

[World Para Athletics Rules and Regulations September 2026](#) and

[World Para Athletics Classification Rules and Regulations February 2023](#)

Changes To Standard Rules Since October 2025

Rule	Description	Change	Date
TR27.13	High Jump	Update to include reference, when Athlete has won the competition, which was missing in previous update	Oct 2025
Table 2	Standard Events Multi-Class	Update Notes for new Baseline additions	Oct 2025
All	All	Editorial to remove reference to Little Athletics Australia and LAA, replace with Little Athletics & LA	Jul 2026
Rule 602.3	Classification	Update National Classification for ALAC	Jul 2026
Rule 602.8	Format	Editorial update to include reference to Cross-Country Baseline table	Jul 2026
Table 1	Standard Events U9-U15 Athletes	Editorial - add Year of Birth to Age Group Add reference to include new 700g Javelin specifications	Jul 2026
Table 2	Standard Events Multi-Class	Update Table for Baseline additions, for T/F 21 – 800m & 1500m	Jul 2026
Table 3	Standard Events - U6 to U8 Athletes	Editorial -add Year of Birth to Age Group	Jul 2026
Table 4	Events - U6 to U8	Editorial -add Year of Birth to Age Group	Jul 2026
Table 5	Standard Events – U16 & U17	Editorial -add Year of Birth to Age Group	Jul 2026
Table 6	Out of Stadia Events	Editorial -add Year of Birth to Age Group	Jul 2026
TR3.2	Age Groups	Editorial - add Year and Year of Birth to Age Group – Update into a table	Jul 2026
TR24.9	Relay Races	Add reference to a substance placed on the Relay baton	Jul 2026
TR24.10	Relay Races	Update text on recovering a dropped baton	Jul 2026
TR32.6	Throwing Events	Add reference to a substance placed on Shoes	Jul 2026
TR38.1	Javelin	Update Table to include new 700g Specification Add Note on 700g in reference to ABP	Jul 2026
TR38.7	Javelin	Editorial update on rule, & Note to clarify rule	Jul 2026
TR54.16	Race Walking	Add Note in reference to issuing Yellow paddles before Red Cards	Jul 2026
CR31 & CR32	Australian Best Performance - ABP	Add Note in reference to new 700g Javelin specification	Jul 2026
CR31.11 & 12	ABP	Add reference to Photo-Finish	Jul 2026
CR31.13	ABP	Add Note in reference to new 700g Javelin specification	Jul 2026
CR31.16	ABP	Add rule for Officials & result sheets	Jul 2026
CR31.17	ABP	Add rule for Photo-Finish & result sheets	Jul 2026
CR31.21. e)	ABP	Add reference to tasks to be completed	Jul 2026

Rule	Description	Change	Date
WPA	WPA Rule Book	Updated link to WPA Rules & Regulations Released September 2026	Sept 2026
WPA 16.2	Starting Blocks	Update to include Sport Classes, T40-41, 60, 71-72	Sept 2026
WPA 16	Starting Blocks	Update Note to include Classes T12-13, 40-41, 71-72	Sept 2026
WPA 18.6	Lane Infringement	Add Note regarding 800m races may be run without lanes	Sept 2026
WPA 20	Timing & Photo Finish	Editorial – update heading to remove Photo Finish	Sept 2026
WPA 23.6	Relays	Editorial – update Judges with Umpires	Sept 2026

LA Standard Events & Equipment Specifications

LA Rule 600

Standard Events

1. Little Athletics shall determine a list of standard events for the Under 9 to Under 15 age groups. Such events and their specifications shall be listed in this document as Table 1 and must be offered by all Affiliated Member Associations in their Association Championship(s).
2. Little Athletics shall determine a list of standard events for Multi-Class athletes that are available to offer at Association Championships for the Under 9 to Under 17 age groups. Such events shall be listed in this document as Table 2 – Standard Events Multi-Class.
3. Little Athletics shall determine a list of recommended Standard Events and Specifications for the Under 6 to Under 8 age groups and a list of events that must not be offered for those age groups at any level of competition. Such events and their specifications shall be listed in this document as Table 3 and Table 4.
4. Little Athletics shall determine a list of recommended Standard Events and Specifications for the Under 16 and Under 17 age groups. Such events and their specifications shall be listed as Table 5.
5. Little Athletics shall determine a maximum allowable distance to be offered for each age group for the conduct of Out of Stadia Cross-Country races, Road Races and Road Race Walking at all levels of competition. Such events and their specifications shall be listed in this document as Table 6.
6. Little Athletics shall determine a list of Standard Implement Weights for the Under 9 to Under 15 age groups. Such specifications are listed in this document as Table 8.
7. Little Athletics shall determine a list of Multi-Class Standard Implement Weights for the Under 9 to Under 17 age groups. Such specifications are listed in this document as Table 9, 10 & 11.
8. The maximum (individual leg) distance for track and height/weight specification for field events within a relay event, must not exceed that age group's individual maximum specification as listed in the Standard Event Table and/or the Recommended Standard Events Table(s).
9. Affiliated Member Associations may, at their discretion, conduct additional events at State Championships or at any other level so long as they do not contradict what is listed in the Standard Events - Tables 1 & 2
10. Events deemed inappropriate for inclusion at all levels of competition by all Affiliated Member Associations:
 - All events over 8km
 - Pole Vault
 - Hammer Throw
 - Steeplechase
 - All events, Track or Field, which are listed as not allowed at any level of competition in Table 1- Standard Events

LA Rule 601

Guidelines for Trialling an Event

1. Ensure that all equipment and specifications are in strict accordance with that as advised by the LA.
2. The trialist must only be the age and gender as specified suitable for the event. It is not permissible to "experiment" outside these specifications.
3. The trial must be conducted under normal conditions.
4. At all times, the appropriate safety considerations must be adopted.
5. The trial shall be conducted with the greatest number of athletes in each age/gender group(s) possible.
6. The trial shall be for a maximum of two years.
7. The following points are to be reported:
 - a) age, gender, and number of athletes involved in each trial.
 - b) safety considerations.
 - c) event acceptance by athletes.
 - d) ability of athletes to learn and perform the event, level of skill attained.
 - e) compare those skill levels to other events if possible.
 - f) determine whether modifications etc. are required by consulting participating athletes/officials.
 - g) final evaluation should give an overall judgement on the event as to its viability.
 - as an additional event
 - to replace an existing event

- not to be adopted for a particular gender/age group; or
- not to be adopted for any gender/age group.

Note: Australian Best Performance cannot be claimed when an event is classified as a Trial Event or Modified Trial Event. If the event or modification is adopted as standard by LA, retrospective claims can be submitted for ratification, with the appropriate supporting documentation.

LA Rule 602

Eligibility and Classification

Eligibility:

1. All competitors must be a current registered member of a Little Athletics Centre in the current season.

Classification:

2. All competitors who compete at Regional and State Championships should have received as a minimum a Provisional Classification prior to the closing date of registration of the event. Refer to individual Member Association's guidelines.
3. All competitors who compete at the Australian Little Athletics Championships, require a National Classification prior to the closing date of registration of the event. Refer to the Competition Regulations.
4. Proof of Classification forms a part of the entry.
5. The Affiliated Member Association must check all Classifications against the Master List, located on the Australian Athletics website. If a competitor is not on the Master List the Member Associations shall check with Australian Athletics if paperwork has been received. If the competitor is a T/F20 or T/F21, classification the Member Association can also check against the Master List found on the Sport Inclusion Australia website.
6. Only the following Classifications are available for athletes to compete in Multi-Class events.
 - T/F 01 – Hearing Impairment
 - T/F 11-13 – Visual Impairment
 - T/F 20-21 – Intellectual Impairment
 - T 32-54; F 32-57 – Physical Impairment
 - T/F 60 – Transplant
 - T/F 61-64 – Physical Impairment
 - T 71-72 - Physical Impairment

Format:

7. All events to be conducted as Multi-Class events. Competitors will compete against a Baseline standard time or distance for their Classification. Placings will be determined by the competitor's time/distance calculated against a percentage of the Baseline standard for their Classification.
8. For Cross-Country and Road Races the 1500m Baseline performance can be used to calculate the final placings. There is a separate Cross-Country spreadsheet in the baseline's tables, however not all classifications are listed.
9. In all competitions involving throwing events athletes must use the implement weight specified for their classification/age group, (refer to the LA Multi-Class Implement Specification Tables 9, 10, 11).

Table 1 – Standard Events U9-U15 Athletes

Legend:	X	Must offer at Affiliated Member Association Championships
	O	Available for programming at all levels of Competition
		Not allowed at any level of Competition
	*	Where the venue does not have boards available
		May be offered at Centre Level Only

EVENT	Age Group & Year of Birth													
	U9		U10		U11		U12		U13		U14		U15	
	2018		2017		2016		2015		2014		2013		2012	
	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B
70 metres	X	X	X	X										
100 metres	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
200 metres	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
400 metres	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
800 metres	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1500 metres					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
60 metre Hurdles (45cm)	X	X												
60 metre Hurdles (60cm)			X	X										
60 metre Hurdles (68cm)														
80 metre Hurdles (45cm)														
80 metre Hurdles (60cm)					X	X								
80 metre Hurdles (68cm)							X	X						
80 metre Hurdles (76cm)									X	X	X			
90 metre Hurdles (76cm)												X	X	
100 metre Hurdles (76cm)														X
200 metre Hurdles (68cm)									X	X				
200 metre Hurdles (76cm)											X	X		
300 metre Hurdles (76cm)													X	X
700 metre Race Walk	X	X												
1100 metre Race Walk			X	X	X	X								
1500 metre Race Walk							X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4 x 100 metre Relay	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4 x 200 metre Relay	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
4 x Medley Relay (Swedish)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Long Jump (Mat)	X	X	X	X	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Long Jump (Board)					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Triple Jump (Mat)					*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Triple Jump (Board)					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
High Jump (Scissors)	X	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
High Jump					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Shot Put (2kg – Orange)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Shot Put (3kg – White)									X	X	X	X	X	
Shot Put (4kg – Red)														X
Discus (500g)	X	X	X	X	X	X								
Discus (750g)							X	X	X	X				
Discus (1kg)											X	X	X	X
Javelin (400g)					X	X	X	X	X		X			
Javelin (500g)													X	
Javelin (600g)									X		X			
Javelin (700g) – New & Old Spec														X

Note: G – Girls, B – Boys

Table 2 – Standard Events Multi-Class**Legend:**

	Available to offer at Affiliated Member Association Championships U9 – U17, Javelin – available for U11 and above
	Optional Events U11 and above
	Not Available as no Baseline Exists
	Optional Relay, Cross-Country, and Road Races

CLASS	100m	200m	400m	800m	1500m	Shot Put	Discus	Javelin	Long Jump	Relays	Cross-Country	Road Races
T/F01												
T/F11												
T/F12												
T/F13												
T/F20												
T/F21												
T/F31												
T/F32												
T/F33												
T/F34												
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T/F63												
T/F64												
T71-72												

Note1: Throwing Weights as per Implement Specifications Table 9, 10 & 11.

Note 2: Maximum Cross-Country & Road Race Distances as per Table 6.

Table 3 – Recommended Standard Events - U6 to U8 Athletes

The events listed in Table 3 are the recommended standard events that could be offered to all Under 6 to Under 8's. Events must not exceed the distances and / or specifications as listed.

Event Type	Age Groups & Year of Birth		
	U6 - 2021	U7 - 2020	U8 - 2019
Track – Running	Laned: Up to and including 100m	Laned: Up to and including 200m	Laned: Up to and including 200m
	Unlaned: Up to and including 300m (group start on arched start line)	Unlaned: Up to and including 500m (group start on arched start line)	Unlaned: Up to and including 700m (group start on arched start line)
Track – Hurdles	60m, max height 23cm	60m, max height 30cm	60m, max height 45cm
Track – Relays	Max leg of 100m	Max leg of 200m	Max leg of 200m
Track – Race Walks	N/A	N/A	Up to and including 700m
Vertical Jumps	N/A	N/A	High Jump (scissors only - bar or flexy rope)
Horizontal Jumps	Long Jump (using a 0.5m x 1.22m or for T11 and T12 athletes, a 1.0 x 1.22m mat covered with damp sand, soft earth or any similar materials where the foot imprint can be observed) Take off area must be placed at max 0.5m from the nearer edge of the landing area)	Long Jump (using a 0.5m x 1.22m or for T11 and T12 athletes, a 1.0 x 1.22m mat covered with damp sand, soft earth or any similar materials where the foot imprint can be observed) Take off area must be placed at max 0.5m from the nearer edge of the landing area)	Long Jump (using a 0.5m x 1.22m or for T11 and T12 athletes, a 1.0 x 1.22m mat covered with damp sand, soft earth or any similar materials where the foot imprint can be observed) Take off area must be placed at max 0.5m from the nearer edge of the landing area)
Throws	Shot Put - 1kg	Shot Put - 1kg	Shot Put - 1.5kg
	Discus - 350g	Discus - 350g	Discus - 500g
	Vortex - 300g	Vortex - 300g	Vortex - 300g
	N/A	N/A	Turbo Jav - 300g

Table 4 – Must not offer Events to: U6 to U8 Athletes

The events listed below **must not** be offered at any level of competition for these age groups.

Event Type	U6 - 2021	U7 - 2020	U8 - 2019
Race Walks	Any	Any	Distances greater than 700m
Throws	Javelin / Turbo Jav	Javelin / Turbo Jav	Javelin
Horizontal Jumps	Triple Jump	Triple Jump	Triple Jump
Vertical Jumps	High Jump	High Jump	High Jump, other than Scissors

Note: Maximum height for U6 Hurdles increased to 23cms, to align with manufacturers specifications.

Table 5 – Recommended Standard Events - U16 & U17 Athletes

Events listed in Table 5 are the recommended standard events that could be offered to U16 & U17 athletes.

	Age Groups & Year of Birth	
Event Type	U16 - 2011	U17 - 2010
Track – Race Walks	Up to and including 3000m	Up to and including 3000m
Track – Running	Laned - Up to and including 400m	Laned - Up to and including 400m
	Unlaned - Up to and including 3000m	Unlaned - Up to and including 3000m
Hurdles	90m - Girls (76cm) 100m - Boys (76cm) 200m - Boys and Girls (76cm) 300m - Boys and Girls (76cm)	100m - Boys and Girls (76cm) 110m - Boys (76cm) 200m - Boys and Girls (76cm) 300m - Boys and Girls (76cm)
Throws	Shot Put - Girls 3kg Shot Put - Boys 4kg Discus - Girls 1kg Discus - Boys 1kg Javelin - Girls 500g Javelin - Boys 700g	Shot Put - Girls 3kg Shot Put - Boys 5kg Discus - Girls 1kg Discus - Boys 1.5kg Javelin - Girls 500g Javelin - Boys 700g
Horizontal Jumps	Long Jump (Board) Triple Jump (Board)	Long Jump (Board) Triple Jump (Board)
Vertical Jumps	High Jump	High Jump
Relays	4 x 100m 4 x 200m 4 x 400m 4 x Medley	4 x 100m 4 x 200m 4 x 400m 4 x Medley

Table 6 – Maximum Distance Out of Stadia Events

The following distances are the **maximum** allowable distance to be offered for each age group for the conduct of Out of Stadia Cross-Country, Road Running and Road Race Walking races at all levels of competitions.

Able Bodied Athletes:

Cross-Country												
	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Girls	0.5km	1km	1km	1.5km	1.5km	2km	2km	3km	3km	4km	4km	4km
Boys	0.5km	1km	1km	1.5km	1.5km	2km	2km	3km	3km	4km	4km	5km

Road Race Walks												
	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Girls	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.2km	1.5km	2km	2km	3km	3km	5km	5km	5km
Boys	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.2km	1.5km	2km	2km	3km	3km	5km	8km	8km

Road Running												
	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Girls	0.5km	1km	1km	1.5km	1.5km	2km	2km	3km	3km	4km	4km	4km
Boys	0.5km	1km	1km	1.5km	1.5km	2km	2km	3km	3km	4km	4km	5km

Multi-Class Athletes:

Cross-Country												
	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Girls	0.5km	1km	1km	1.5km	1.5km	2km	2km	3km	3km	3km	3km	3km
Boys	0.5km	1km	1km	1.5km	1.5km	2km	2km	3km	3km	3km	3km	3km

Road Running												
	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Girls	0.5km	1km	1km	1.5km	1.5km	2km	2km	3km	3km	3km	3km	3km
Boys	0.5km	1km	1km	1.5km	1.5km	2km	2km	3km	3km	3km	3km	3km

Medical Rules

WA MR3

Medical / Safety Services at Competitions

WA Rule MR3 has been replaced by the following:

1. If on the advice of the Medical Officer:
 - a) Further treatment is required and/or
 - b) The athlete should not compete further.

The athlete should at that point be withdrawn from the event and, if required, further events. All results up to that point remain.
2. On advice from the Medical Officer to the appropriate Referee, an athlete may be removed from an event if they appear to be suffering from heat stress, an asthma attack or any other medical condition which poses a serious risk of injury.
3. Asthmatics should use their inhalers prior to the event if necessary and shall be allowed to take their inhalers to the event site. Asthma inhalers may be carried by an athlete during the event but must not be held in the hand.
4. If the inhaler is used after the event has commenced, the athlete is required to withdraw immediately and may not return to the event.
5. If following the application of Rule MR3.2, the athlete returns to competition and suffers a further asthma attack, they shall be immediately removed from that and all other events and seek medical treatment.
6. Athletes wishing to compete with any known pre-existing injury must obtain written confirmation from a qualified medical professional. This confirmation must explicitly state that participation does not pose any additional risk to the athlete, other competitors, or volunteers.

Failure to comply with these requirements may render the athlete ineligible to compete.

Note: There is a difference between preventative measures and pre-existing injuries. The use of strapping, tape, knee braces, etc, used by the athlete as preventative measures does not trigger the conditions as set out in the pre-existing injury Rule (Personal Accident /Injury Policy).

Competition & Technical Rules

Section 1 - Officials

WA CR6/WPA 2.2 Medical Delegate / Medical Safety Services at Competitions

WA Rules CR6 and WPA 2.2 have been replaced by the following:

1. A Medical Officer, with appropriate first aid or medical qualifications, should be appointed at each athletics competition.
2. A Referee may call the attending Medical Officer to examine any athlete in obvious stress or pain, due to illness or injury.

WA CR12/WPA 2.7 Jury of Appeal

WA Rules CR12 and WPA 2.7 have been replaced by the following:

1. The Appeal will be heard by the Jury of Appeal which will consist of a minimum of 3 members. Associations directly involved in the Appeal are ineligible to sit on the Jury of Appeal. In the event there are less than 3 eligible Associations to hear the Appeal, Executive member/s will form part of the Jury of Appeal.
2. The primary function of the Jury of Appeal shall be to deal with all appeals under Rule TR8 / WPA 50, and any matters arising during the course of the competition which are referred to it for decision.

WA CR18/WPA 2.13 Referees

As per WA Rules CR18 and WPA 2.13 including the following:

1. Sufficient Referees shall be appointed to cover all event areas, including but not limited to, Call Room, Track Events and Field Events.
 2. It shall be the responsibility of a Referee to:
 - a) Ensure that the field officials prepare and set up their respective areas and have them ready for inspection by the Referee a minimum of 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the first event of the day.
 - b) Ensure that the rules are observed and explained to the athletes.
 - c) Decide any technical points that arise during the competition, including those not covered by the rules.
 - d) Ensure the Chief Judges correctly supervise the measurement of performances.
 - e) Upon completion of each event check and sign the final result sheet and immediately hand to the Recording Area.
 - f) Verify that records have been correctly measured and verify High Jump record attempts are measured prior to trials being taken.
 3. The appropriate Referee shall rule on any protest or objection regarding the conduct of the competition.
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WA CR19/WPA 2.14 Judges

WA Rules CR19.2, 19.3 and WPA 2.14.2 and 2.14.3 have been replaced by the following:

1. If place judges are used, then the following applies:
 - a) The Place Judges determine the official placing's when hand timing or gate timing is used. They may be used when a Photo Finish System is in use, but only as a back-up for system failure.
 - b) Where hand timing and manual place judging is used, finishing posts should be painted white, be a minimum of 1.5m high and should be placed 20cm from the inside and outside edge of the track at the finish line.
 - c) A Chief Judge will be appointed and will be responsible for allocating Place Judges for all placing's.
 - d) Sufficient judges shall be appointed for the number of athletes entered.
 2. Place Judges shall:
 - a) Decide the order in which the athletes finish.
 - b) Write down the lane number of the athlete they are placing. These numbers must be written down without the Judge taking their eyes off the finishers.
 - c) Act independently from one another i.e., do not discuss placing.
 3. The athletes shall be placed in the order in which any part of the torso (as distinguished from the head, neck, arms, legs, hands, or feet) reaches the vertical plane of the nearer edge of the finishing line.
 4. The Chief Judge will ensure that all athletes have been placed prior to advising the athletes of their placing.
 5. The Chief Judge will notify the Chief Timekeeper or Gate Timing Operator when all Judges are ready for the next event.
 6. The judges may reconsider any original decision made by them if it was made in error, provided the new decision is still applicable. Alternatively, or if a decision has subsequently been made by a Referee or the Jury of Appeal, they refer all available information to the Referee.
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WA CR22/WPA 2.17 Starter

As per WA Rules CR22 and WPA 2.17 except for the following which replaces WA Rule CR22.2 and WPA 2.17.2:

1. The Starter has entire control of the athletes on their marks and is the sole judge of any event connected with the start. Decisions made by the starter can only be overruled by a Start Referee.
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WA CR29/WPA 2.24 Call Room Judges

WA Rules CR29 and WPA 2.24 have been replaced by the following:

1. The Call Room Judges shall ensure athletes, and all guide-runners or assistants are correctly attired, including but not limited to uniforms, spikes, bibs, and equipment/aids.
 2. Maximum Allowable Standing Height will not be applied in Little Athletics competitions.
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WPA 2.27 Classifiers

WPA Rule 2.27 has been replaced by the following:

1. Australian Athletics appointed Classifiers may be available at some events where prior organisation has taken place to evaluate and observe athletes in terms of their respective impairment and to allocate sport classes.

Section 2 - General Competition Rules

WA TR2/WPA 3

The Athletics Facility

WA Rules TR2 and WPA 3 have been replaced by the following:

1. Where possible, the venue should comply with the specifications laid out within the WA Track & Field Facilities Manual.
2. Facilities used for the conduct of the Australian Little Athletics Championships (ALAC) must hold a valid facility track certification.
3. Facilities used for the conduct of Regional, Zone and State Championships, please refer to local Association rules.
4. Only athletes / guide runners, assistants and officials are permitted on the field of play. Athletes / guide runners and assistants must leave the field of play after the completion of their event at the direction of the officials.

WA TR3/WPA 4

Age and Gender Categories

WA Rules TR3 and WPA 4 have been replaced by the following:

Age Categories

1. Little Athletics may be conducted in the age groups below.
2. Age groups shall be based on being under the specific age (except for Tiny Tots) at 31 December in the calendar year in which the Little Athletics summer season commences.
 - Tiny Tots (children who have turned 3 years of age and who will be less than 5 years of age at 31 December in the calendar year in which the Little Athletics summer season commences) to participate in approved activities for the development of gross motor skills

Age Group	Description	Date	Year of Birth
U6	Means 5 years of age at midnight on	31st December 2026	2021
U7	Means 6 years of age at midnight on	31st December 2026	2020
U8	Means 7 years of age at midnight on	31st December 2026	2019
U9	Means 8 years of age at midnight on	31st December 2026	2018
U10	Means 9 years of age at midnight on	31st December 2026	2017
U11	Means 10 years of age at midnight on	31st December 2026	2016
U12	Means 11 years of age at midnight on	31st December 2026	2015
U13	Means 12 years of age at midnight on	31st December 2026	2014
U14	Means 13 years of age at midnight on	31st December 2026	2013
U15	Means 14 years of age at midnight on	31st December 2026	2012
U16	Means 15 years of age at midnight on	31st December 2026	2011
U17	Means 16 years of age at midnight on	31st December 2026	2010

WA TR4/WPA 5**Entries**

WA Rules TR4 and WPA 5 have been replaced by the following:

Concurrent Entries

1. Except for High Jump, where a clash of events occurs, the Chief Judge may allow the athlete to compete out of round and out of order in all rounds. It is not permitted for an athlete to have two or more consecutive trials (except for seated throws), nor can an athlete demand to have a trial that has been missed.

Note: The first three rounds of trials must be completed, and a final eight determined prior to any other subsequent rounds of trials being commenced.

2. For High Jump, where a clash of events occurs, the Chief Judge may allow the athlete to compete out of order. The athlete re-joins the competition at the current height of the bar.

WA TR5/WPA 6 Clothing, Shoes, Athlete Bibs, Prosthetics and Orthotics, Eye Masks, Tethers, and Helmets

WA Rules TR5.2 & 5.4 and WPA Rules 6.2, 6.4, 6.18, 6.19 and 6.22 have been replaced by the following:

Clothing

1. In seated throws, clothing must be close fitting so that the view of the judges is not impeded.

Note: Please refer to the Organisers, Competition Rules & Regulations for any specific rules regarding clothing. In all events, the view of the Judges must not be impeded, due to the item being worn.

Footwear

2. Appropriate footwear is compulsory for all athletes in all events.
 - a) There may be instances where an athlete with a physical impairment, such as a club foot may need to wear a shoe which does not meet the normal requirements. As long as the shoe does not give the athlete any unfair additional assistance it should be allowed.
 - b) No athlete may wear football boots or cleats in any event.
 - c) Athletes in the U9 - U10 age group may not wear spike shoes.
 - d) Athletes in the U11 - U12 age group may wear spike shoes in events run entirely in lanes, long jump, triple jump, high jump, and javelin.
 - e) Athletes in the U13 and above age groups may wear spike shoes in all track events except walks. Spike shoes may also be worn for long jump, triple jump, high jump, and javelin.
 - f) All spike shoes must be worn with all holes filled with a complete set of spikes, with no more than two blanks/slugs installed.
 - g) Spike shoes cannot be worn outside the defined "Field of Play" unless all spikes are suitably covered.

Dimension of Spikes

3. Spike length (subject to any further constraint from ground policies):
 - a) Synthetic - Track - 7mm maximum
Long Jump / Triple Jump / High Jump / Javelin - 9mm maximum
 - b) Grass - Track / Long Jump / Triple Jump / High Jump / Javelin - 12mm maximum

Note: The organising body will advise participants of the dimensions and type of spikes allowed at the competition venue as determined by the venue management.

Eye Mask

4. Competitors in the T/F11 classification must wear approved opaque glasses or an appropriate substitute in all track and field events. The opaque glasses or substitute must be approved by the Competition Manager. Glasses, once approved, must be made available for checking at all times. When not competing, the athlete may remove the dark glasses or substitute them.

Tether

5. An athlete competing in Sports Class T11 and T12 with a guide runner, shall be guided with a commercially produced tether or elbow lead supplied by the athlete. It shall be made from non-elastic material and shall not store energy and/or offer a performance gain to the athlete.

Helmets

6. The wearing of helmets for Sport Classes T32 – T34 and T-51 – T54 is compulsory in all track Wheelchair and Race Running races. All helmets must meet the Australian safety standard AS/NZS 2063:2008.

WA TR6/WPA 7

Assistance to Athletes

WA Rules TR6.3.2, 6.3.5, 6.4.1, 6.4.2 and WPA Rules 7.3(b), 7.4(a), 7.4(b), 7.6, 7.9, 7.12, 7.15, 7.16 and 7.17 have been replaced by the following:

1. The possession or use by athletes of music devices, mobile phones or similar devices in the competition area shall not be permitted. This includes any device that can be used to communicate with any other person (*Rule 6.3.2*).
2. Coaching by officials at an event is not permitted. It shall not be considered coaching for an official to provide factual feedback to an athlete after a trial in a field event e.g., where the athlete's foot landed in relation to the take-off area in the long jump. (*Rule 6.3.5*)
3. For the purpose of this rule the following shall not be considered as unfair aid or assistance to an athlete and are therefore allowed:
 - a) Verbal or other communication, to or from an individual who is not in the competition area (e.g., a coach). (*Rule 6.4.1*)
 - b) A hands-on medical examination during the progress of an event by the Medical Officer(s) designated by the Organising Committee if it does not delay the conduct of the competition or an athlete's trial in the designated order. (*Rule 6.4.2*)
4. Acoustic signals are permitted for athletes in T/F11 classification, as specified in the following rules.
 - a) Where acoustic assistance is being used (e.g., Long Jump) complete silence shall be requested from the other athletes.

Assistants/Guide Runners

5. Associations shall use their own discretion and set rules for **off the field of play** for assistants based upon the needs of individual athletes.
6. **On the field of play** assistants must have a clear understanding of the rules for competition. Any breach of a rule by an assistant may result in the athlete being disqualified in that event.
7. Only assistants / guide runners for athletes in the T/F11 & 12 classification will be permitted to accompany competitors onto the track or into the throwing and jumping areas.
8. Those persons acting as assistants or guides must be clearly identifiable by wearing a bright coloured vest provided by the organising committee.
9. Guide Runners must have a clear understanding of the rules for competition. Any breach of a rule by a guide runner may result in the athlete being disqualified in that event.
10. Assistants may provide verbal instruction for positioning and orientation before, during and after each attempt.

Assistance Track

11. Athletes must provide their own guide runners for all competitions.
 - a) When a competitor and guide runner are in competition, they are to be regarded as a team. As the athlete crosses the finish line, the guide runner must be behind the athlete or disqualification will apply.
 - b) The athlete can choose the method of guidance. The athlete may use an elbow lead, or a tether. In addition, the athlete may receive verbal instruction from the guide runner. Regardless of the method used, the athlete and guide runner shall not be more than 0.50m apart at all times.
 - c) Bicycles or other mechanical means of transport may not be used by guide runners.

Assistance Field Events

12. In field events where competitors receive assistance from assistants, the time allowed for an attempt shall begin from the moment when the official responsible is satisfied that the athlete has completed the process of orientation.

Note: if the athlete loses their orientation so that they require to be re-orientate, the clock shall be stopped and only re-started (to include any elapsed time already recorded) once orientation has again been completed.

Long Jump

13. Assistants may be used only by athletes in the T11 and T12 classifications.
14. It is the task of the assistant to help the athlete orientate themselves on the runway before attempting the jump. The assistant must leave the runway before the jump can begin.
15. The assistant may re-locate themselves nearer to the take-off area to give acoustic or verbal directions to the athlete approaching the take-off board or mat to indicate where the board /mat is. However, they must not interfere with or obscure the officials view of the athlete and the jump.

Throws

16. Assistants may be used only by athletes in the F11 and F12 classifications.
17. Athletes with F11 and F12 classification, (where appropriate) must be brought to the throwing circle by an assistant.
18. The assistant may help the athlete orientate himself or herself in the throwing circle before the throwing attempt and then must leave the circle before the throw can begin.
19. Acoustic orientation is permitted for athletes with F11 and F12 classification before, during and after their throwing attempts.
20. If the event judge determines that an assistant who is providing acoustic orientation is in an unsafe location, the judge shall direct the assistant to move to a more suitable position.
21. Athletes with F11 and F12 classifications must be escorted from the throwing circle only after the judges have determined whether the attempt is valid or not.

Wheelchair General

22. If strapping is used it must only be to the chair and of non-elastic material.

WA TR7/WPA 8

Disqualification

WA Rules TR7 and WPA 8.1, 8.2, 8.3 and 8.4 have been replaced by the following:

1. The applicable Referee will speak to any athlete or relay team that does not participate in a bona fide manner, who displays unsporting behaviour, or engages in improper conduct. They have the authority to warn or disqualify any athlete or relay team, for any of these breaches.
2. If the offence is of a serious nature immediate disqualification may occur.
3. The Meeting Manager shall notify the athlete's or relay teams nominated Association representative of the behaviour and outcome.

WA TR8/WPA 50

Protests and Appeals

WA Rules TR8.2, 8.4.1, 8.5, 8.5.1, 8.5.2 and 8.10 and WPA Rule 50 have been replaced by the following:

1. Protests must be made by the Team Manager, in writing, on the approved protest form within 15 minutes of the official results being posted. The organising committee shall be responsible for recording the time of posting. The protest must be handed to the Announcer (or other designated area), accompanied by a deposit of an amount as set by the Host Association.
2. When a protest is lodged with the Announcer (or other designated area), the name of the protesting Association / Member and the reason for the protest is to be notified to all team managers and the main recording room.
3. One of two types of reasons will be notified – either on a technicality or on the judges' decision.
4. The decision will be conveyed to the relevant Team Manager/Managers prior to being notified to the Team

Managers of the other Associations / Members. The notification shall be either - dismissed, upheld, or sent to Jury of Appeal.

5. There shall be a "Right of Appeal" to the Jury, which must be lodged within 15 minutes after the notification of the decision. The Appeal must be in writing and lodged with the Announcer (or other designated area).
6. All Team managers will be notified that an Appeal has been lodged.
7. To arrive at a fair decision, the Jury of Appeal only, may consult all available evidence including video evidence however video will not be considered for any breaches of technical rules for Race Walking.
8. The decision will be conveyed to the relevant Team Manager/Managers prior to being notified to the Team Managers of the other Associations / Members. The notification shall be either – dismissed or upheld.
9. The protest fee as set by the Host Association will be refunded if the protest is upheld by either the Referee or the Jury of Appeal. If the protest is dismissed the fee will not be refunded. If the protest is deemed frivolous by the Jury of Appeal, the fee will not be refunded.
10. Additional individual local Association rules may apply for Association events.

On-Field Protests (Field Events only)

11. If an athlete in the U13 and above age groups makes an immediate oral protest against having an attempt judged as a failure, the Referee and/or Chief of the event may, at his discretion, order that the attempt be measured and the result recorded, in order to preserve the rights of all concerned. At the end of the round the Referee will adjudicate on the protest.

WA TR9/WPA 4 Competition Classification

WA Rules TR9 and WPA 4.8 have been replaced by the following:

Simultaneous Competition

1. Boys and Girls may compete together in both track and field events where warranted. All shall compete using the correct implement specifications as well as be judged and awarded for their particular age group and gender.

WA TR10/WPA 10 Measurements

WA Rules TR10 and WPA 10 have been replaced by the following:

1. The Judges shall judge, measure, and record each valid trial of the athletes.
2. All measurements shall be made immediately after each valid trial.
3. Where possible, all measurements must be made using Electronic Distance Measuring (EDM). When EDM is not available, a fibreglass or steel tape measure graduated in centimetres, or a graduated bar for high jump, should be used.
4. In measuring all field events, except the High Jump, the zero end of the tape or EDM prism should be placed at the nearest edge of the mark where the implement first lands or where the athlete makes a mark in the pit closest to the take-off.
5. Distances shall always be recorded to the nearest centimetre (0.01m) below the distance measured if the distance measured is not a whole centimetre.
6. In High Jump all measurements shall be made, in whole centimetres, perpendicular from the ground with a steel or fibreglass measuring bar to the lowest part of the upper (top) side of the bar.

Section 3 - Track Events

WA TR15/WPA 16 Starting Blocks

WA Rules TR15.1, 15.2.5, 15.3 and 15.4 and WPA 16.1, 16.2(e), 16.3 and 16.4 have been replaced by the following:

1. Starting blocks may be used by athletes in the U11 and above age groups for all races up to and including the 400 metres (including the first leg of all relays).
2. Starting blocks may be used for sport classes T11-13, T20-21, T35-38, T40-47, T60-64, and T71-72 by athletes in the U11 and above age groups for all races up to and including the 400 metres (including the first leg of all relays).

3. Personal starting blocks are not permitted where starting blocks are provided either by the venue or the Organising Committee for the Competition.
4. This rule will not apply where it contravenes any rule(s) made by the Venue Manager on the use of starting blocks. Any advice issued by the Venue Manager must be in writing on an official letterhead.

Note: Some athletes in Sports Classes T12-13, T20-21, T35-38, T40-47, T61-64 and T71-72 may require their starting blocks to be set for them by the Starter's Assistant.

WA TR16/WPA 17

The Start

WA Rule TR16 and WPA 17.1, 17.7 [excl. (a) & (b)], 17.8, 17.10 and 17.11 have been replaced by the following:

Note: Athlete(s) in Sport Class T11 and T12 under this rule shall refer to athlete(s) and/or guide- runner(s). In the event a breach of the rule committed by a guide-runner resulting in warning, or disqualification the accompanying athlete shall be consequently warned or disqualified.

1. Before the start signal is given, the Starter shall ascertain that the timing system and judges are ready.
2. In races run entirely in lanes the Starter shall make the following commands: 'On your marks', 'Set', and the firing of the gun.
3. If an athlete has a hearing impairment the starter or his assistant may use a flag, a strobe light or other visual device as well as a pistol to signal the start. In some circumstances, for athletes with both a vision and a hearing impairment, an official may touch an athlete to signal the start.
4. Once the command 'On your marks' has been given, late athletes are not permitted to join the event.
5. In events run entirely in lanes, on the command of 'On your marks' all athletes shall approach the starting line. When all athletes are steady the Starter issues the command 'Set', upon which the athletes shall assume the position from which they will commence the race. When all athletes are again steady the Starter shall fire the gun to commence the race.
6. In races not run entirely in lanes the Starter shall make the following commands: 'On your marks', and the firing of the gun.
7. In events not run entirely in lanes, on the command 'On your marks' all athletes shall approach the starting line and assume the position from which they will commence the race. When all athletes are steady the Starter shall fire the gun to commence the race.
8. No athlete may place any part of their body on the ground on or over the starting line when they are 'on their-marks'. Where a crouch start is used by the first runner of a relay race the baton may touch the ground in front of the start line, providing the preceding rules are met.
9. If for any reason the Starter has to speak to any athlete after the athletes are 'on their marks', the Starter shall order the athletes to stand up and the Starter's Assistant shall place them on the assembly line again.

False Starts

10. If either the Starter or their Assistant(s) are of the opinion that the start was not a fair one, they shall recall the athletes by firing a gun or activating a suitable audible signal. If the unfair start is not due to any athlete, no warning shall be given.
11. If the Starter is of the opinion that an athlete left their mark with hand or foot after the words 'Set' (in events run entirely in their lane) or 'On your marks' (in events not run entirely in their lane) and before the gun is fired, it shall be considered a false start.
12. An athlete, who after the command 'On your marks' or "Set" disturbs another athlete(s) in the race through sound, movement or otherwise, may be considered to have committed a false start.
13. If an athlete fails to comply with the 'set' command after a reasonable time this may constitute a false start.
14. Any athlete who commits a false start shall be warned. If an athlete is responsible for 2 false starts, or 3 in the case of Combined Events, they shall be disqualified from the event. (Refer to local Association rules).

Starting Techniques

15. Athletes may use a standing start for all track events. Where a standing start is used, an athlete who, immediately after the command “set”, moves their foot to take up their final starting position shall be deemed to have complied with the rules of starting.
16. In races run entirely in lanes the following starting methods may be used:
 - a) In a crouch start, the athlete’s feet must touch the starting blocks (if in use) and both hands must touch the ground. At the call of ‘On your marks’ the athlete must have one knee placed on the ground. At the call of ‘Set’ the athlete must raise the knee off the ground.
 - b) In a standing start, no part of the hand or knee shall touch the ground.
17. In races not run entirely in lanes only a standing start may be used.
18. In the case of wheelchair races (classes T33-34 and T51-54), including classes T31-32, the following commands and positions are required. After the ‘On Your marks’ command, an athlete shall approach the start line, assume a position entirely within his allocated lane and behind the start line. At the ‘Set’ command, an athlete should immediately take up his final starting position retaining the contact of the front wheel with the ground behind the line”.
19. It is acceptable for arm amputee athletes or those with short arms to use pads on which to rest stumps at the start or to improve balance. Pads must be completely behind the start line and not interfere with any other athlete.
20. For further information on starting techniques for other classes, please refer to the WPA rules document.

WA TR17/WPA 18

The Race

WA Rule TR17 and WPA 18 with the exception of WPA 18.2, 18.5(a) and WA 18.10 have been replaced by the following:

Obstruction

1. Any athlete or athlete’s guide runner who jostles or obstructs another athlete, so as to impede their progress, shall be liable to disqualification from that event. The Referee shall have the authority to order the race to be re- held excluding any disqualified athlete or, in the case of heats, to permit any athlete/s seriously affected by jostling or obstruction (other than the disqualified athlete) to compete in the final of the event. Normally, such an athlete should have completed the event with bona fide effort. Regardless of whether there has been a disqualification, the Referee, in exceptional circumstances, shall also have the authority to order the race to be re-held if they consider it just and reasonable to do so.
2. For further information regarding wheelchair races, please refer to the WPA rules document.

Lane Infringement

3. In all races run in lanes, each athlete and the athlete’s guide runner shall keep within their allocated lane from start to finish. This shall also apply to any portion of a race run in lanes.
 When running on a bend, the athlete shall not step or run on or inside the left-hand lane line or in the case of the inside lane, the kerb or line marking the border of the inside of the track.
 If the Referee is satisfied that an athlete has infringed this Rule and that a material advantage was gained over other athletes, they:
 - a) In the U9-U11 age group: May be disqualified.
 - b) In the U12 and above age groups: Shall be disqualified.
4. The following events shall be conducted entirely in lanes: 70m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 4x100m relay and all hurdles’ races.
5. The 700m, 1100m and 1500m Race Walks and the 1500m shall not be run in lanes.
6. The 800m shall be run in lanes as far as the near edge of the break-line marked after the first bend where athletes may leave their respective lanes. Up to two athletes may start the race in each lane.

Note: In Multi-Class the 800m races may also be run without lanes using an arced start line or group starts.

Note: For wheelchair races, cones should not be placed on the track. Coloured flat markers 50mm x 50mm may be placed at the intersection of the lane lines at the break-line.

Note: For wheelchair races, a flag, 1.5m high must be positioned on both ends of the break line. One on the infield and the other on the outside of the track.

Note: For wheelchair races, athletes may leave their respective lanes when the bottom of both rear wheels which are touching the ground have gone past the nearer edge of the break line close to the start line.

Check-Marks

7. Except as stated in WA Rule TR24.4 and WPA 23.4, athletes may not place check marks on or alongside the track for their assistance.

WA TR19/WPA 20

Timing

WA Rules TR19.1, 19.8, 19.13, 19.23, 19.24 and 19.25 and WPA 20.1, 20.9, 20.24, 20.25 and 20.26 have been replaced by the following:

1. Three alternative methods of timekeeping shall be recognised as official within Little Athletics:
 - a) Fully Automatic Timing obtained from a Photo Finish System
 - b) Hand Timing
 - c) Gate Timing System

Note: In Wheelchair and Race Running races, the time shall be taken to the moment in which the centre of the axle of the leading wheel reaches the vertical plane of the nearer edge of the finish line. Hand timing would need to be used for these classes where gate timing systems would otherwise be used.

Hand Timing

2. Sufficient timekeepers shall be appointed for the number of athletes entered; one shall be the Chief Timekeeper. The Chief Timekeeper shall allocate separate Timekeepers to record each of the minor places and where possible, shall allocate additional Timekeepers for second and third placing's.

Fully Automatic Timing and Photo Finish System

3. The System must record the finish through a camera with a vertical slit, positioned in the extension of the finishing line, producing a composite image. The image must also be synchronised with a uniformly marked time-scale graduated in 1/100th of a second.
4. Times shall be read and recorded from the Photo Finish image to 1/100th of a second. Unless a time is an exact 1/100th of a second, it shall be read and recorded to the next longer 1/100th of a second.

Gate Timing System

5.
 - a) The System shall be a commercially produced system and be checked / calibrated with a certificate supplied on a 12-monthly basis.
 - b) The System shall be a commercially produced system and be checked / calibrated with a certificate supplied on a 12-monthly basis.
 - c) The System shall be started either automatically by the Starter's gun or manually at the smoke or flash of the Starter's gun.
 - d) The System must automatically record a time through the breaking of at least two adjacent infrared beams positioned on the leading edge of the finish line. The beams should be positioned at an appropriate height so that the athlete's torso is the most likely part of the body to break the beam.
 - e) The System must be capable of printing out the time for each lane.
 - f) Judging of the race shall take place as per WA Rule CR19/WPA 2.14. The time recorded for each lane shall only be referred to in the determination of places in cases of doubt, and then only at the discretion of the Chief Judge.
 - g) Times from the Gate System shall be regarded as official unless for any reason the appropriate official decides that they obviously must be inaccurate. If such is the case, the times of the back-up Timekeepers, if possible adjusted based on information on time intervals obtained from the Gate System printout image, shall be official. Any appropriate back-up system should be appointed where any possibility exists of failure of the timing system.
 - h) Where the system is started and/or finished manually, the time shall be recorded to the 1/10th of a second. Unless a time is an exact 1/10th of a second, it shall be recorded to the next longer 1/10th of a second.
 - i) Where the system is started and finished fully automatically, the time shall be recorded as an electronic time with no adjustment.

WA TR20/WPA 21**Seeding's, Draws and Qualification in Track Events**

WA Rule TR20 and WPA 21 have been replaced by the following:

Note: Where guide runners are used by athletes in classes T11 and T12, lanes allocated for all races should be every second lane. For example: Lanes 1, 3, 5, 7 or 2, 4, 6, 8 etc.

1. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Competition Regulations, the following shall apply.

Lane and Heat Draws

2. For track events where more than one round will be applied; and if seed times are provided athletes shall be seeded in heats using a zigzag distribution method. If no seed times are provided, athletes will be randomly drawn into heats.
3. For track events where only one round of competition is applied, and progression is not necessary; and if seed times are provided, athletes shall be seeded slowest to fastest. If no seed times are provided, athletes will be randomly drawn into heats.
4. Lanes for heats shall be randomly drawn.
5. Where there are more lanes available than athletes in a heat, the inside lane should always remain free.

Progression to Finals

6. The following athletes shall progress to the final in their event:
 - a) 2 heats: 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each heat plus the next 2 fastest times
 - b) 3 heats: 1st and 2nd in each heat plus the next two fastest times
 - c) 4 or more heats: 1st in each heat with the remaining lanes filled by the next fastest times
7. In 800m events where there is more than one athlete per lane, progression from heats to finals will be at the discretion of the Competition Organisers.
8. Where there is a tie in determining the next fastest times, if possible both athletes shall progress through to the final. Failing that, the higher placed athlete in their heat shall progress. If the tie still remains, a random process with equal probability (e.g., a coin toss) shall be used to determine progression.

Note: Where the venue has nine or more lanes, the Competition Organiser shall have the discretion to allow nine or more athletes to contest the final of an event. In such cases, WA TR20.6 shall be modified by increasing the number of athletes qualified due to the 'next fastest times' as appropriate.

Lane Draw for Finals

9. Following the running of the heats, athletes shall be ranked on the following basis:
 - a) Fastest heat winner, second fastest heat winner, etc.
 - b) Fastest 2nd place in heat, second fastest 2nd place in heat, etc.
 - c) Concluding with: Fastest next qualifier, second fastest next qualifier
10. Using the rank determined in WA Rule TR20.8, a random draw of the priority lanes shall occur amongst the top four ranked athletes and a random draw of the non-priority lanes shall occur amongst the remaining athletes.
11. On an eight lane track, the priority lanes are 3, 4, 5 and 6, whilst on a nine lane track, they are, 4, 5, 6 and 7.
12. Competition organisers may, at their discretion, conduct two random draws for the non-priority lanes.
13. Where there are more lanes than athletes, the inside lane should always remain free.

Minimum Time Between Rounds

14. The following minimum times must be allowed, when practicable, between the last heat of any round and the first heat of a subsequent round or final:
 - a) Up to and including 200m.....45 minutes
 - b) Over 200m, up to and including 800m.....90 minutes
 - c) Over 800m Not on the same day

WA TR22**Hurdle Races**

WA Rules TR22.1, 22.3 and 22.5 have been replaced by the following:

1. All hurdles shall comply with the specifications set out within the Little Athletics Standard Events.
2. Hurdles **must** be of the collapsible type. (Collapsible type means when a hurdle is knocked down it lays flat on the track without any part of the hurdle protruding).

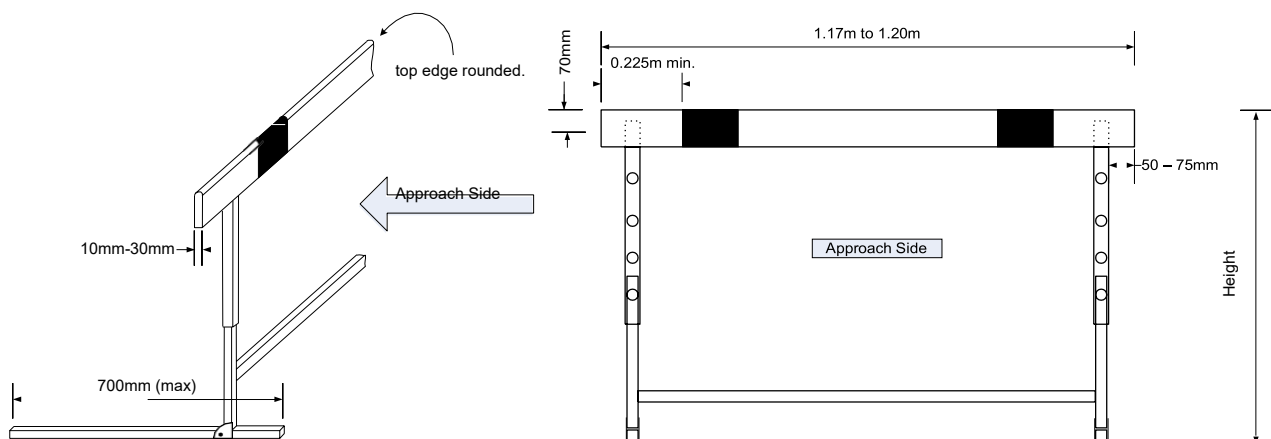


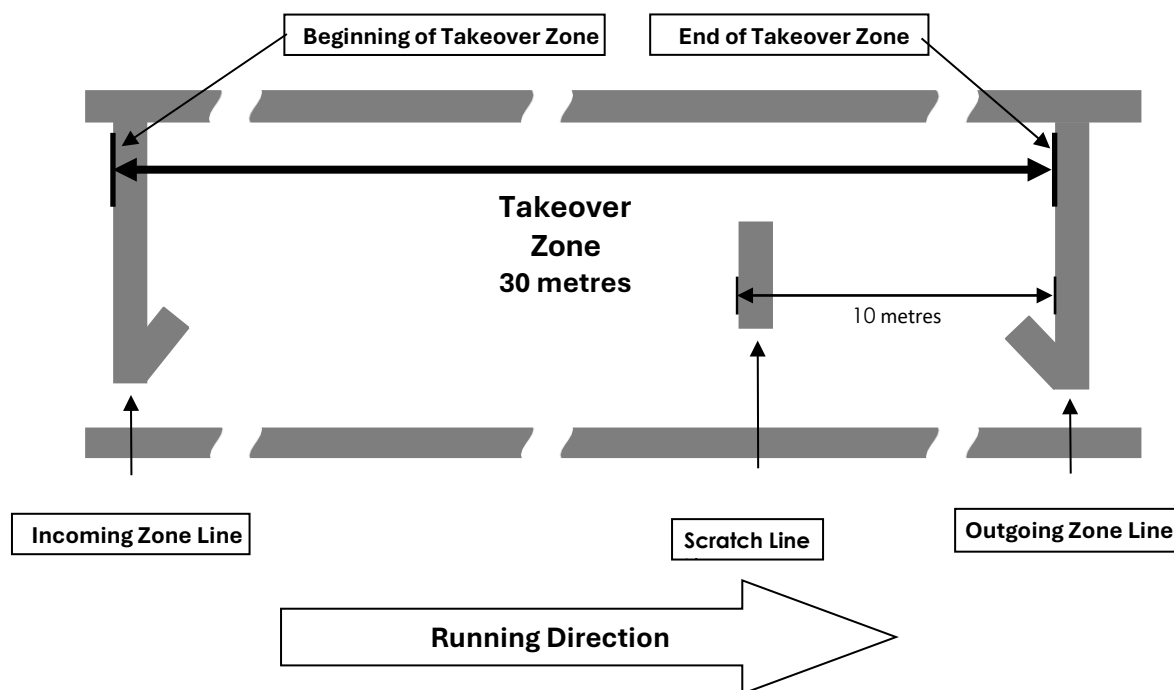
Table 7 – Hurdle Distances and Flights

Distance	No. of Flights	Run In	Distance between flights	Run Out
60mH	6	12m	7m	13m
80mH	9	12m	7m	12m
90mH	9	13m	8m	13m
100mH	10	13m	8.5m	10.5m
110mH	10	13.72m	9.14m	14.02m
200mH	5	20m	35m	40m
300mH	7	50m	35m	40m

WA TR24/WPA 23**Relay Races**

WA Rule TR24 and WPA 23 have been replaced by the following:

1. The standard distances will be: 4 x 100m, 4 x 200m (Standard optional event), 100m-300m-200m-400m Medley Relay (Swedish Medley Relay) (Standard optional event)
2. The Multi-Class standard distance will be: 4 x 100m. Team make up at Association level shall be as per each Associations regulation. The 4 x 200m, 4 x Medley Relay and other variations are available as optional events for the U9 and above age groups.
3. Lines 50mm wide will be drawn across the track to mark the distances of the legs and to denote the scratch line.
4. In the 4 x 100m and the 4 x 200m and for the first and second changes of the Medley Relay, each takeover zone will be 30m long, of which the scratch line is 20m from the beginning of the zone. For the third change in the Medley Relay the takeover zone will be 20m long of which the scratch line is the centre.
5. In the ambulant 4 x 100m Relay, the takeover zone will be 30m long, of which the scratch line is 20m from the beginning of the zone. For wheelchair relay races of 4 x 100m the take-over zone shall be 40m long of which the scratch line is 30m from the beginning of the zone. The zones shall start and finish at the edges of the zone lines nearest the start line in the running direction. For each takeover conducted in lanes, a designated official shall ensure that the athletes are correctly placed in their take over zone.



Note: Unless a track has been specifically marked for 30m takeover zones, the existing line marked on the track to denote the acceleration line shall be used as the incoming zone line.

Note: The Chief Umpires and Umpires at each takeover zone, must also ensure that for all takeovers the receiving athletes' feet are completely inside the zone before they commence their movement which eventuates in the taking of the baton. This movement may not commence at any point outside of the zone.

6. When all or the first portion of a Relay Race is being run in lanes, an athlete may place one checkmark on the track within their own lane supplied or approved by the Organising Body. No other check mark may be used. The Umpires shall direct the relevant athlete to adapt or remove any marks not complying with this Rule. If they do not the Umpires shall remove them.
7. The relay baton will be a smooth hollow tube, circular in section, made of wood, metal or any other rigid material in one piece, the length of which must be 280mm to 300mm. The outside diameter must be 32mm $\pm$ 2mm or 38mm $\pm$ 2mm and it must not weigh less than 50g. It should be coloured to be easily visible during the race.
8. A baton will be used for all Relay Races held in the Stadium and will be carried by hand throughout the race except for wheelchair relays and amputee relays. Batons do not have to be numbered but should be of a different colour in neighbouring lanes where possible.
9. Athletes are not permitted to wear gloves or to place material or substances on their hands or on the baton in order to obtain a better grip of the baton.
10. If dropped, the baton must be recovered by the athlete who dropped it. The athlete may leave their lane to retrieve it provided that, by doing so, the athlete does not lessen the distance to be covered, and no other athlete is impeded while retrieving the baton. When crossing the finish line, the baton shall be carried by the relevant athlete.

Provided these procedures are adopted, dropping the baton shall not result in disqualification.

If an athlete or guide runner does not follow this Rule, their team shall be disqualified.

11. The baton must be passed within the takeover zone. The passing of the baton commences when it is first touched by the receiving athlete and is completed the moment it is in the hand of only the receiving athlete. In relation to the takeover zone, it is only the position of the baton which is decisive. Passing of the baton outside the takeover zone will result in disqualification. For wheelchair relays (T33-34, T51-52, and T53-54) and ambulant relays (T42-47 and T61-64) the Take-over shall be by a touch on any part of the body of either the incoming or receiving athlete. The first touch must be within the Take-over Zone.

Pushing the receiving athlete to gain advantage during Take-over shall result in disqualification.

12. Until the moment when the baton is in the hand of only the receiving athlete, lane infringement rules shall be applicable only to the incoming athlete or guide-runner. Thereafter it shall be applicable only to the receiving athlete. Additionally, athletes or guide-runner, before receiving and/or after handing

- over the baton, should keep in their lanes or maintain position until the course is clear to avoid obstruction to other athletes. If, however an athlete or guide-runner impedes a member of another team, including by running out of position or lane at the finish of their leg, obstruction rules will be applied.
13. Either the athlete or the guide-runner in the T11-T13 relays can carry the baton.
 - a) The baton exchange may take place between either guide-runners or athletes without restriction, except that the conditions of the method of guidance must be met;
 - b) A fair exchange is established when the baton carrier passes the baton to the baton receiver within the take-over zone;
 - c) Once the receiving athletes and/or guide-runner leaves the take-over zone they can re-enter the take-over zone to receive the baton (i.e., if they go too early);
 - d) One (1) assistant per take-over zone will be allowed on the track to help with the positioning of any T12 athlete competing without a guide-runner. The assistant must leave the competition area prior to the start of the event and must remain in a position designated by the technical officials which does not interfere with the conduct of the race. In violation of this rule, the athlete shall be warned or disqualified.
 14. If during the race an athlete takes or picks up the baton of another team, the athlete's team will be disqualified. The other team should not be penalised unless an advantage is obtained.
 15. Each member of a relay team may run one leg only.
 16. Refer to the relevant Competition Regulations for any Relay team compositions.
 17. The 4 x 100m race will be run entirely in lanes.
 18. The 4 x 200m race may be run in any of the following ways.
 - a) entirely in lanes.
 - b) in lanes for the first two legs, as well as that part of the third leg up to the nearer edge of the breakline (an arched line marked after the first bend across all lanes other than one), where athletes may leave their respective lanes (three bends in lanes). Athletes are to be placed onto the track in lane order for the 3rd and 4th takeover.
 19. The Medley Relay race begins at the 200 metres start area, using the 200m start line staggers with the first leg run in lanes as well as that part of the second leg up to the breakline in the front straight, where athletes may leave their respective lanes. The athletes running the final two legs will, under the direction of a designated official, place themselves in their waiting position in the order of the start list (inside to out). Once the incoming athletes have passed the breakline, the waiting athletes must maintain their order and must not exchange positions at the beginning of the takeover zone. If an athlete does not follow this Rule, his team may be disqualified.
 20. If an athlete does not follow Rules WA TR24.11. 24.12 or 24.13, the team shall be disqualified.
 21. For all takeovers, athletes are not permitted to begin running or wheeling outside their takeover zones and will start within this zone. If an athlete does not follow this Rule, the athlete's team will be disqualified.
 22. In the 4 x 200m, the athletes running the final leg, and in the Medley Relay, the athletes running the third and fourth legs will, under the direction of a designated official, place themselves in their waiting position in the order of the start list (inside to out). Once the incoming athletes have passed the breakline, the waiting athletes must maintain their order and must not exchange positions at the beginning of the takeover zone. If an athlete does not follow this Rule, his team may be disqualified.
 23. In any race, when lanes are not being used for the takeover zone, waiting athletes can take an inner position on the track as incoming team members approach, provided they do not jostle or obstruct another athlete to impede their progress. In 4 x 200m and Medley Relay, waiting athletes will maintain the order in accordance with TR24.22. If an athlete does not follow this Rule, the athlete's team may be disqualified.
 24. For wheelchair relays and relays for Sports Classes T11-13 (i.e., involving guide-runners), where it is required for the relay to be run in lanes, each team shall be allocated two adjacent lanes. The athletes/guide-runners may use either of their two allocated lanes. The lines on the inner of the two allocated lanes shall be extended across the outer of the two allocated lanes to mark the distances of the stages and to denote the scratch lines. Changes will take place as for lanes 1, 3, 5 and 7. The extension-of-start and exchange box lanes should be done with tape of the same colour and width as the existing lane markings.
 25. In the case of relay events not covered by this Rule, the relevant competition regulations should specify any particular rules that should be applied and the method by which the relay should be conducted.

Section 4 - Field Events

WA TR25/WPA 24

General Conditions – Field Events

WA Rule 25 and WPA 24 with the exception of WA Rules TR25.1, 25.2, 25.3.2, 25.17 and WPA Rules 24.1, 24.2, 24.3(b), 24.17, 24.18 and 24.23 have been replaced by the following:

Markers

1. An athlete may place alongside the runway 1 or 2 markers (supplied or approved by the organisers) to assist them in their run-up and take-off.
2. The use of sharp or pointed markers or anything considered dangerous by the Referee will be prohibited.

Competition Order

3. The order in which athletes shall take their trials shall be drawn randomly.
4. In all events, except for the High Jump, where there are more than 8 athletes, each athlete shall be allowed 3 trials and the 8 athletes with the best valid performances may be allowed additional trials.
5. Except for Seated Throwing Events, no athlete shall have more than one trial consecutively.
6. In the event of a tie (after a count-back) for the 8th place, any athletes so tying may also be allowed the additional trials. (Tying means, in this case achieving the same distance).
7. Where there are 8 athletes or fewer, each athlete shall be allowed all applicable trials regardless of the number of failures recorded. If one or more athletes fail to achieve a valid trial during the first three rounds of trials, such athletes shall compete in subsequent rounds of trials before those with valid trials, in the same relative order according to the original draw.
8. The competing order for any additional trials shall be in the reverse ranking order recorded after the first 3 rounds of trials.
9. In all events except High Jump, each athlete shall have a minimum of 3 trials and no more than 6.

Commencement of Competition

10. Competition commences with the first trial in the first round.
11. The trials shall commence when the Official responsible indicates to the athlete that all is ready for the trial to begin, and the athlete is called.
12. The period allowed for this trial shall commence from that moment.
13. A round commences when the first athlete eligible to compete in the round commences their trial.
14. A round is complete when the last athlete eligible and present to compete in the round completes their trial.

Completion of Trial

15. Throws - a trial is complete when the athlete leaves the circle (discus and shot put) or runway (javelin).
16. Seated Throws – a trial is complete once the implement has landed within the permitted zone.
17. Long & Triple Jump - a trial is complete when the athlete leaves the landing pit.

Note: Leaving the pit is defined as the first contact made by the foot with the border or ground outside the landing area.

18. High Jump - a trial is complete when the Chief Judge designates a “fair/fail jump”.

Completion of Competition

19. High Jump - the high jump is complete when the last remaining athlete fails or decides to stop.
20. All other events are complete when the last round is completed.

Note: The number of rounds in a competition must be clearly stated at the start of the competition and where possible indicated in the program.

Failure

21. In all field events if an athlete incurs a failure, they will be told the reason for the failure at the completion of the trial.

Substitute Trials

22. If, for any reason, an athlete is hampered in a trial in a field event, the Referee shall have the power to award that athlete a substitute trial.

Delay

23. A time warning may be given to an athlete. Such a warning is indicated by a raised yellow flag, which is kept raised for the last 15 seconds prior to the disallowing of a trial for exceeding the time limit.

Absence during competition

24. Any athlete who leaves the immediate event area (as defined prior to the commencement of the competition by the Chief Judge or Referee) without permission, may be cautioned by the Chief Judge and warned that any repetition, may result in them being excluded from further participation in that event. The Referee may make the decision to disqualify the athlete. Any performance up to the time of a disqualification shall stand.

Change of competition area

25. Referees shall have the power to change the place of the competition in any field event, if in their opinion the conditions justify a change.
26. Such a change shall be made only after a round is completed.
27. If a change is required because conditions are dangerous, then the round shall be restarted.

Results

28. Upon completion of each event the final result sheet shall be checked and signed by the Referee and immediately handed to the recording area and/or Key site official.

Ties

29. In all field events, except for High Jump:
 - a) The 2nd best performance of the athletes tying shall decide the tie. If a tie remains, the 3rd best and so on
 - b) If athletes in field events are tied for any place after all count backs have been applied, then equal placing will be declared.
30. High Jump ties:
 - a) The athlete with the lowest number of jumps at the height at which the tie occurs shall be awarded the higher place.
 - b) If the tie remains, the athlete with the lowest total of failures throughout the competition up to and including the height last cleared shall be awarded the higher place.
 - c) If the tie remains the athletes shall be awarded the same place in the competition. There is no jump-off for placing's.
 - d) If the result determines progression to the next level of competition, then a jump off should take place. This jump off will not affect placing's.

Measuring

31. The Judges shall judge, measure, and record each valid trial of the athletes.
32. All measurements shall be made immediately after each valid trial.
33. Where possible, all measurements must be made using Electronic Distance Measuring (EDM). When EDM is not available, a fibreglass or steel tape measure graduated in centimetres, or a graduated bar for high jump, should be used.
34. In measuring all field events, except the High Jump, the zero end of the tape or EDM prism should be placed at the nearest edge of the mark where the implement first lands or where the athlete makes a mark in the pit closest to the take-off.
35. Distances shall always be recorded to the nearest centimetre (0.01m) below the distance measured if the distance measured is not a whole centimetre.
36. In High Jump all measurements shall be made, in whole centimetres, perpendicular from the ground with a steel or fibreglass measuring bar to the lowest part of the upper (top) side of the bar.

WA TR27**High Jump**

WA Rules TR27.2.1, 27.3, 27.4, 27.5, 27.7 and 27.10 have been replaced by the following:

Safety

1. The Chief Judge (or Association equivalent) shall ensure that the landing area is satisfactory and that the uprights and cross bar are in good condition.
2. The Chief Judge (or Association equivalent) shall have the power to caution any athlete using an unsafe technique, and if necessary, not allow the athlete to continue further in the event.

Validity of Jumps

3. An athlete may commence jumping at any height above the minimum height and may jump at their own discretion at any subsequent height. 3 successive failures, not necessarily at the same height, disqualifies the athlete from competing further.
4. The effect of this rule is that an athlete may forego their 2nd or 3rd jumps at a particular height (after failing 1st or 2nd time) and still jump at a subsequent height.
5. If the bar falls off without having been knocked by the athlete (e.g., due to strong wind) the athlete is not penalised.

Measuring

6. Before the commencement of the competition the Judge shall announce to the athletes the starting height and the subsequent heights to which the bar has been raised at the commencement of each round.
7. The height of the crossbar should be checked at both ends to confirm it is horizontal and, in the centre, to confirm the correct height.
8. In the case of a sagging crossbar measurement is made from the ground perpendicular to the upper edge of the crossbar at the point where it is lowest.
9. In the case of records, the Referee and Chief Judge must check the measurement when the crossbar is placed at the record height. They must recheck the measurement before each subsequent record attempt if the crossbar has been disturbed since last measured.
10. Even after all other athletes have failed an athlete is entitled to continue until they forfeit their right to compete further.
11. The heights to which the crossbar is raised shall be decided after consulting with the athlete.
12. Each athlete shall be credited with the best of all their jumps, subject to the conditions relating to ties.

Increments

13. It is recommended that the bar be raised by 5cm increments until there are Four or less athletes remaining, and by increments of 2cm thereafter until only one athlete remains. When only one athlete remains, and they have won the competition, that athlete may choose the increments.

Measurement of Run In

14. Once the competition starts, athletes may only re-measure their run up with the permission of the Chief Judge. This re-measurement must be done within the allocated time for the athletes' time for the trial. The athlete may touch the upright or bar, but should the bar be dislodged, a failure must be recorded for that trial.

Age Restrictions

15. Under 9 will be the starting age group for High Jump at Association level competitions in all Affiliated Associations.
16. The Scissor technique will be the only allowable technique performed in High Jump for the Under 8, Under 9 and Under 10 age groups at all levels of competition.

It shall be a valid scissor jump if all other relevant high jump rules are adhered to, and:

- a) The head of the athlete does not go over the bar before the leading foot (the foot of the leg closest to the bar at take-off);
 - b) The head of the athlete is not below the buttocks when the buttocks clear the bar, and
 - c) The athlete's lead foot touches the mat before any other part of the body.
17. All athletes in the Under 11 and above age groups will have the option to use any legal jumping technique where flop mats are provided at all levels of competition.

Minimum Height for mats

18. The height for scissor mats at all competition levels and in all Affiliated Associations will be between 150mm and 300mm with minimum dimensions of 5m x 3m.
19. The minimum height for flop mats at all competition levels and in all Affiliated Associations will be 400mm with minimum dimensions of 5m x 3m.

Note: LA recommends that 500mm mats or higher be the preferred height.

WA TR29/WPA 27

General Conditions – Horizontal Jumps

WA Rule TR29 and WPA Rule 27 have been replaced by the following:

1. The long jump runway and pit shall comply with the specifications set out within the WA Track & Field Facilities Manual, except as modified within this section.

Runway

2. Where possible the length of the runway shall be at least 40m. There is no limitation on the maximum length of the runway.

Take-off Board

3. Only one type of take-off area shall be used in competition:
 - a) U9-U10: A 0.5m x 1.22m mat covered with damp sand, soft earth or any similar materials where the foot imprint can be observed.
 - b) U11 and above: A 0.2m x 1.22m area, consisting of either a board sunk level with the runway, or painted on to the runway. A strip of plasticine or other suitable material (e.g., damp sand) may be placed immediately beyond the take-off line, to a maximum height of 7mm. Where a board or painted take-off area is not available a mat may be used.
 - c) All age groups Classes T11 and T12: A 1.00m x 1.22m mat covered with damp sand, soft earth, or any similar materials where the foot imprint can be observed.

Landing Area

4. The Landing Area shall have a minimum width of 2.75m and a maximum width of 3m. It shall, if possible, be so placed that the middle of the runway, if extended, would coincide with the middle of the landing area.

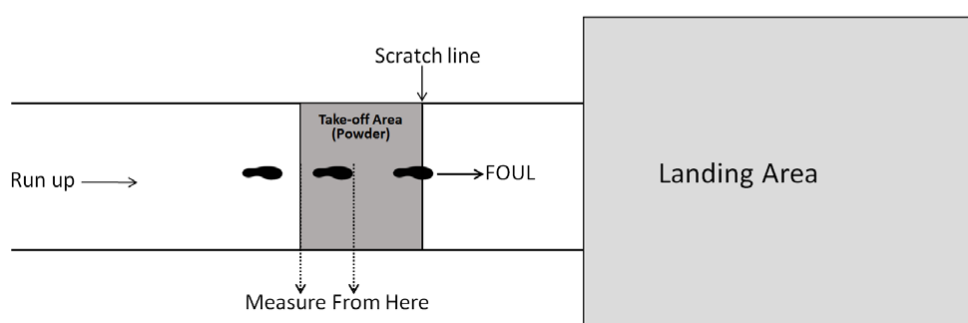
Note: If the middle of the runway is not in line with the middle of the landing area, a tape shall be placed along the landing area to achieve the dimensions, listed above.

5. The landing area should be filled with soft damp sand, the top surface of which shall be level with the take-off board.

Distance Measurement

6. U9-U10 and all ages Classes T11 & T12:
 - a) Where any part of the athlete's foot lands on the take-off area, the jump will be measured as the shortest distance from the nearest break in the landing area made by any part of the body or limbs to the imprint made in the take-off area by the take-off foot.
 - b) Where no part of the athlete's foot lands in the take-off area, the jump will be measured from the nearest break in the landing area made by any part of the body or limbs to the edge of the take-off area furthest from the landing area, or its extension. The measurement must be taken perpendicular to the back of the mat or its extension.

Horizontal Jump T11-12



7. U11 and above:

- a) The jump shall be measured as the shortest distance from the nearest break in the landing area made by any part of the body or limbs to the front edge of the take-off area.
- b) The measurement must be taken perpendicular to the take-off area or its extension.

Run Up Measurement

- 8. Once the competition starts, athletes may only re-measure their run up with the permission of the Chief Judge. This further re-measurement must not be made on the runway, except where the Chief Judge deems the outsides of the runway unsafe.

Failure

- 9. In the Long Jump and the Triple Jump, it shall be counted as a failure if:
 - a) While taking-off (prior to the instant at which they cease contact with the take-off board or ground) any part of the athlete's take-off foot or shoe protrudes over the vertical plane of the front edge of the take-off area.
 - b) If an athlete takes off before reaching the take-off area it shall not, for that reason, be counted as a failure.
 - c) In the course of landing, the athlete touches the ground outside the landing area nearer to the take-off than the nearest break in the landing area made by the jump.
 - d) When leaving the landing area, an athlete's first contact with the border or ground outside is nearer the take-off line than the nearest break in the sand made on landing or made by overbalancing.
 - e) After landing, the athlete walks back through the landing area without first correctly exiting the pit.
 - f) An athlete takes off from outside either end of the take-off area, whether beyond or before the extension take-off line.
 - g) Any sort of somersaulting is used.

Note: Shoelaces, caps, jewellery are not relevant to determining a failure in breaking the vertical plane.

Prosthetic Device(s)

- 10. For athletes competing in horizontal Jumping Events in sport classes T61-64, the use of prosthetic device(s) is optional. The relevant Official shall ensure that Rule WPA 6.12.1(b) is observed.
 - a) If the prosthetic device(s) is lost during the run-up then the athlete cannot continue without the prosthetic device(s). The athlete shall fix/adjust the prosthetic devices and recommence the trial provided they are within the time allowed for the trial;
 - b) If the prosthetic devices are lost during the process of jumping and the mark where the prosthetic device(s) lands is the closest mark to the take-off board in the landing area, then that is the mark that the trial will be measured from;
 - c) If the prosthetic device(s) lands outside the landing area, it shall be counted as a failure and recorded as such.

WA TR30/WPA 28**Long Jump**

WA Rule TR30.5 and WPA Rule 28.5 have been replaced by the following:

Take-off Line / Take-off Area

- a) **U10 & below age groups:** The take-off area or mat shall be placed at a maximum 0.5m from the nearer edge of the landing area
- b) **U11 and above age groups:** The take-off line shall be placed between 1m and 2m from the nearer edge of the landing area.

WA TR31**Triple Jump**

WA Rules TR31.3, 31.4 and 31.5 have been replaced by the following:

- 1. In the Triple Jump, the take-off lines shall be in whole metre increments from the nearer edge of the pit. The Organising Body for the Competition shall determine the take-off lines to be used for each event, prior to the commencement of the Competition.
- 2. Athletes may change their take-off board as many times as they wish, as long as they notify the officials at the event, prior to each jump.

Note: Rule 30.1.4 does not apply to the normal landing from the hop and step phases.

WA TR32/WPA 30**General Conditions – Throwing Events**

WA Rule TR32 and WPA Rule 30 with the exception WA Rules TR32. 15 and 32. 18 and WPA Rules 30. 15 and 30. 18 have been replaced by the following:

1. All implements shall conform to the specifications set out within Little Athletics Standard Events.
2. All implements shall be provided by the organisers of the Competition.
3. No athlete is allowed to use any other implements, or to take them on to the competition area.

Table 8 - Implements – Able Body

Girls				Boys			
Age Group	Event			Age Group	Event		
	Shot Put	Discus Throw	Javelin Throw		Shot Put	Discus Throw	Javelin Throw
U9	2kg	500g	-	U9	2kg	500g	-
U10	2kg	500g	-	U10	2kg	500g	-
U11	2kg	500g	400g	U11	2kg	500g	400g
U12	2kg	750g	400g	U12	2kg	750g	400g
U13	3kg	750g	400g	U13	3kg	750g	600g
U14	3kg	1kg	400g	U14	3kg	1kg	600g
U15	3kg	1kg	500g	U15	4kg	1kg	700g

Personal Safeguards and Assistance

4. No device of any kind which in any way assists an athlete when making a throw, shall be allowed except for:
 - a) Shot Put: In order to protect the wrist from injury, an athlete may wear a bandage at the wrist.
 - b) Discus and Javelin: The use of tape on the wrist will only be allowed upon the production of a doctor's certificate or authority given by the Medical Officer.
 - c) Javelin: An athlete may wear elbow protection.
 - d) The use of tape on the hand to cover an open cut.
5. In order to obtain a better grip, athletes in throwing events are permitted to use a suitable substance on their hands only.
6. An athlete may not spray or spread any substance in the throwing circle, or on their shoes.
7. In order to protect the spine from injury, an athlete may wear a belt of leather or other suitable material.
8. Once the competition has begun, athletes are not permitted to use the circle, or runway or ground within the sector for practice trials, with or without implements.

Note: The use of implements outside the circle or runway is prohibited at any time.

Note: No spitting or application by other means of human body fluids on any implement is permitted.

Throwing Area and Landing Sector

9. The dimension of the circles used for Shot Put and Discus, and the runway used for Javelin, shall conform to the specifications set out in the WA Track & Field Facilities Manual.
10. The landing sector should be extended well in excess of the best thrower.

Record Markers

11. In competitions where an Australian Best Performance or a State Best Performance can be broken, markers may be placed to indicate the current ratified records. When record markers are used, they should be placed outside the sector. (Refer to local Association rules)

Table 9- Implements – Multi-Class – Shot Put

Classification	Age Group											
	U9 / U10 / U11		U12		U13 & U14		U15		U16		U17	
	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys
F01	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	3	4	3	5
F11-13	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	3	4	3	5
F20	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	3	4	3	5
F21	1	2	1	2	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	3
F32 (Seated)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
F33 (Seated)	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
F34 (Seated)	2 (1.5)	2 (1.5)	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	3
F35	2 (1.5)	2 (1.5)	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	3
F36	2 (1.5)	2 (1.5)	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	3
F37	2 (1.5)	2 (1.5)	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	4
F38	2 (1.5)	2 (1.5)	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	4
F40/41	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	3
F42	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	3	4	3	5
F43/44	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	3	4	3	5
F45	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	3	4	3	5
F46	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	3	4	3	5
F51	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
F52	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
F53	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
F54	2 (1.5)	2 (1.5)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
F55	2 (1.5)	2 (1.5)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
F56	2 (1.5)	2 (1.5)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
F57	2 (1.5)	2 (1.5)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
F60	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	3	4	3	5
F61-64	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	3	4	3	5

Note: Weight is Kg.**Note:** If the weight differs in a classification, the U9 & U10 weights are in brackets.

Table 10- Implements – Multi-Class – Discus

Classification	Age Group													
	U9		U10 & U11		U12		U13		U14		U15 & U16		U17	
	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys
F01	500	500	500	500	750	750	750	750	1kg	1kg	1kg	1kg	1kg	1.5kg
F11-13	500	500	500	500	750	750	750	750	1kg	1kg	1kg	1kg	1kg	1.5kg
F20	500	500	500	500	750	750	750	750	1kg	1kg	1kg	1kg	1kg	1.5kg
F21	500	500	500	500	500	750	500	750	750	1kg	750	1kg	750	1kg
F32 (Seated)	350	350	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	750	750	750	750
F33 (Seated)	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	750	750	750	750
F34 (Seated)	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	750	750	750	750
F35	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	750	750	750	750
F36	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	750	750	750	750
F37	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	750	750	750	750
F38	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	750	750	750	1kg
F40/41	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	750	500	750	750	1kg	750	1kg
F42	500	500	500	500	750	750	750	750	1kg	1kg	1kg	1kg	1kg	1kg
F43/44	500	500	500	500	750	750	750	750	1kg	1kg	1kg	1kg	1kg	1kg
F45	500	500	500	500	750	750	750	750	1kg	1kg	1kg	1kg	1kg	1kg
F46	500	500	500	500	750	750	750	750	1kg	1kg	1kg	1kg	1kg	1kg
F51	350	350	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	750	750	750	750
F52	350	350	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	750	750	750	750
F53	350	350	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	750	750	750	750
F54	350	350	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	750	750	750	750
F55	350	350	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	750	750	750	750
F56	350	350	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	750	750	750	750
F57	350	350	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	750	750	750	750
F60	500	500	500	500	750	750	750	750	1kg	1kg	1kg	1kg	1kg	1.5kg
F61-64	500	500	500	500	750	750	750	750	1kg	1kg	1kg	1kg	1kg	1kg

Note: Weight is Grams – g, unless listed.

Table 11- Implements – Multi-Class – Javelin

Classification	Age Group													
	U11		U12		U13		U14		U15		U16		U17	
	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys
F01	400	400	400	400	400	600	400	600	500	700	500	700	500	700
F11-13	400	400	400	400	400	600	400	600	500	700	500	700	500	700
F20	400	400	400	400	400	600	400	600	500	700	500	700	500	700
F21	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	500	400	500	400	500	400	500
F32 (Seated)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
F33 (Seated)	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	500	400	500	500	500	500	500
F34 (Seated)	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	500	400	500	500	500	500	500
F35	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	500	400	500	500	500	500	500
F36	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	500	400	500	500	500	500	500
F37	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	500	400	500	500	500	500	500
F38	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	500	400	500	500	600	500	600
F40/41	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	500	400	500
F42	400	400	400	400	400	500	400	600	400	600	500	700	500	700
F43/44	400	400	400	400	400	500	400	600	400	600	500	700	500	700
F45	400	400	400	400	400	500	400	600	400	600	500	700	500	700
F46	400	400	400	400	400	500	400	600	400	600	500	700	500	700
F51	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
F52	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	500	500	500	500
F53	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	500	500	500	500
F54	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	500	500	500	500
F55	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	500	500	500	500
F56	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	500	500	500	500
F57	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	500	400	500	500	500	500	500
F60	400	400	400	400	400	600	400	600	500	700	500	700	500	700
F61-64	400	400	400	400	400	500	400	600	400	600	500	700	500	700

Note: Weight is Grams – g.

Validity of Throws

12. In throwing events from a circle:
 - a) An athlete must commence the throw from a stationary position. Note that stationary refers to both feet of the athlete, not the hands, arms, or other parts of the athlete's body.
 - b) The athlete is allowed to touch the inside of the iron band of the circle or stop board.
 13. It shall be a failure if the athlete, after entering the circle and commencing to make a throw, touches with any part of their body the top of the circle or the top of the stop board or the ground outside the circle, or improperly releases the implement in making the attempt.
- Note:** However, it will not be considered a failure if the touch occurs during any first rotation, at a point completely behind the white line which is drawn outside the circle running, theoretically, through the centre of the circle.
- Note:** Shoelaces, clothing, caps, jewellery are not relevant to determining a failure if they touch the ground or top of the stop board outside the ring.
14. A throw will be measured and not considered a failure, if after release, it strikes the cage and lands completely within the inner edges of the landing sector with no other rule being infringed.

Interruption of a Trial

15. It is not a failure if an athlete drops an implement and it does not touch the ground outside the throwing circle or runway, provided no other rule is breached.
16. In the case of Rule TR 32.15 above, the athlete can retrieve the implement and continue the trial within the allocated time.
17. If the implement touches the ground outside the circle or runway it becomes a failure.

Measurements

18. All measurements shall be made immediately after each valid trial.
19. The measurement of each throw will be made from the nearest mark made by the fall of the implement to the inside of the circumference of the circle, along a line from the mark to the centre of the circle.
20. For a valid trial, the implement must fall completely within the inner edges of the landing sector.
21. In Javelin the measurement of each throw will be made from where the head of the javelin first struck the ground, to the inside edge of the arc, with the tape being pulled through the point 8m back on the run-up, that being the centre of the circle of which the arc is a part.

WA TR33/WPA 31

Shot Put

WA Rule TR33.5 and WPA Rule 31.5 have been replaced by the following:

1. The shot shall be made from solid metal and conform to these specifications:

Minimum Weight for admission to competition and acceptance of a Record:					
	1.000kg	1.500kg	2.000kg	3.000kg	4.000kg
Diameter:					
Minimum	65mm	76mm	76mm	85mm	95mm
Maximum	85mm	90mm	90mm	110mm	110mm
Colour:					
	Royal Blue	Yellow	Orange	White	Red

Note: an ABP is only applicable to those Standard Events and Age Groups, as per Table 1.

WA TR34/WPA 32 Discus Throw

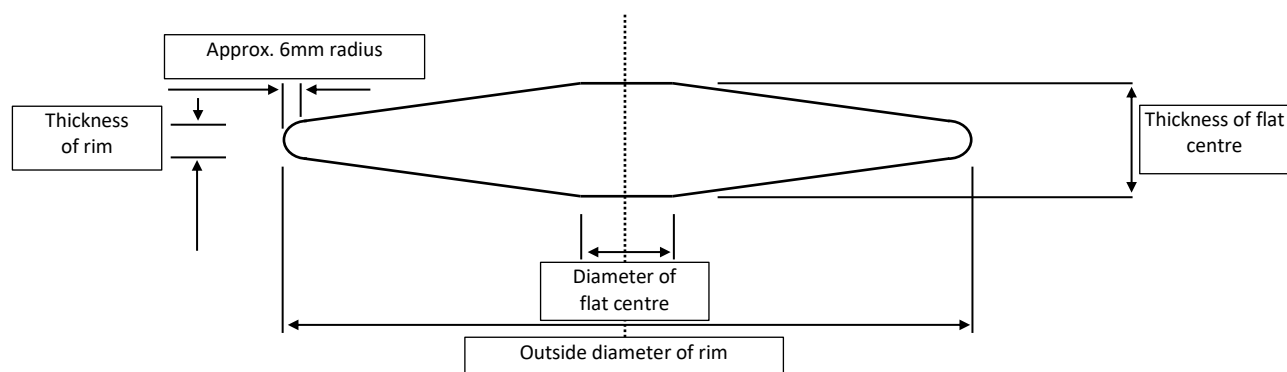
WA Rule TR34 and WPA Rule 32 have been replaced by the following:

1. The discus shall conform to the dimensions shown in the diagrams below and shall be made from rubber or synthetic compound, or wood or synthetic compound with a metal rim, the edge of which shall be circular.

Note: There shall be no loose parts.

Minimum weight for admission to competition and acceptance of a record				
	500g	750g	1.00kg	1.50kg
Outside Diameter of Metal Rim:				
Minimum	134mm	154mm	180mm	200mm
Maximum	138mm	156mm	182mm	202mm
Diameter of Metal Plate or Flat Centre Area:				
Minimum	N/A	N/A	50mm	50mm
Maximum	N/A	N/A	57mm	57mm
Thickness of Metal Plate or Flat Centre Area:				
Minimum	22mm	27mm	37mm	38mm
Maximum	27mm	35mm	39mm	40mm
Thickness of Rim (6mm from edge):				
Minimum	10mm	10mm	12mm	12mm
Maximum	10mm	10mm	13mm	13mm

Note: an ABP is only applicable to those Standard Events and Age Groups, as per Table 1

**WA TR35 Discus Cage**

WA Rule TR35 with the exception of WA Rule TR35.1 and TR35.4 has been replaced by the following:

1. The cage should be designed, manufactured, and maintained so as to stop the discus so there is no danger of it ricocheting off fixed members of the cage, back towards the athlete or over the top of the net.
2. The breaking strain of the netting should be at least 40kg.

WA TR38/WPA 33**Javelin Throw**

WA Rule TR38 and WPA 33 with the exception of WA Rules TR38.1 and 38.4 and WPA Rules 33.1, 33.2, 33.3, 33.4, 33.6 and 33.9 have been replaced by the following:

1. The javelin shall conform to the following specifications:

Minimum Weight for admission to competition and acceptance of a Record (inclusive of the cord grip):					
	400g	500g	600g	700g Old	700g New
Overall Length (L0):					
Minimum	1.85m	2.00m	2.20m	2.30m	2.40m
Maximum	1.95m	2.10m	2.30m	2.40m	2.50m
Distance from tip of metal head to centre of gravity (L1):					
Minimum	0.75m	0.78m	0.80m	0.86m	0.85m
Maximum	0.80m	0.88m	0.92m	1.00m	0.99m

Note: 700g Javelin with new specifications can be used at all levels of competition. Separate Australian Best Performance – ABP, will be recorded for each specification until the new 700g specification is fully implemented.

2. The sector may be accurately laid out by making the distance between the two sector lines 20m at a point 40m distance from the centre of the throwing arc along one of the sector lines.
3. A throw shall be valid only if the metal head strikes the ground before any other part of the javelin. The javelin is not required to stick in the ground.
4. For a valid throw, the head of the javelin must fall completely within the inner edges of the landing sector.
5. It shall be a failure if the athlete, after starting their throw, touches with any part of their body or limbs, the lines marking the runway, the ground outside the runway, or crosses the throwing arc marking the end of the runway.
6. It is not a failure if the end of the javelin touches the ground during the run up.
7. Until the Javelin has been thrown, an athlete shall not at any time turn completely around, so that their back is towards the throwing arc.

Note: This Rule refers to the run-up and the act of throwing, not to an athlete walking back before starting their attempt or after having interrupted it.

8. It shall be a failure if the athlete leaves the runway before the implement has touched the ground, or if, when leaving the runway, the athlete's first contact with the parallel lines or the ground outside the runway is not completely behind the white lines of the arc or the lines drawn from the extremities of the arc at right angles to the parallel lines. Once the implement has touched the ground, an athlete will also be considered to have left the runway correctly upon making contact with or behind a line (painted, or theoretical and indicated by markers beside the runway) drawn across the runway, four metres back from the end points of the throwing arc. Should an athlete be behind that line and inside the runway at the moment the implement touches the ground, he shall be considered to have left the runway correctly.
9. An athlete may interrupt a trial once started, may lay the implement down inside or outside the runway and may leave the runway (as required above), before returning to the runway to continue their throw within the time limit.

Note: Shoelaces, clothing, caps, jewellery are not relevant to determining a failure if they touch the throwing arc or lines marking the runway.

WPA 34**General Conditions Throwing Events For Seated Athletes**

WPA Rule 34.1, 34.2, 34.3 have been replaced by the following:

Official Implements

1. The implements used shall comply with the current Little Athletics Australia specifications. Implement weights set out in Table 9-11 above.

Note: In combined sports class events, athletes must use the correct implement weight relevant to their sport class, and age group.

2. All implements shall be provided by the organisers of the Competition.
 3. No athlete is allowed to use any other implements, or to take them on to the competition area.
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WPA 35**Seated Throwing Requirements**

WPA Rule 35.5 has been replaced by the following:

(Sport Classes F31-34, F51-57)

Note: All seated throws events will be conducted from a site with tie down devices. An athlete may use a standard day wheelchair to compete in throws. LAA and/or Member Associations take no responsibility for any damage caused to a chair through being restrained.

Time Allocation for Securing Frames and wheelchairs:

1. A reasonable amount of time will be permitted for an athlete's throwing frame or wheelchair to be secured in the circle before the athlete attains a seated position. The maximum time allowed is for athletes to secure themselves to the chair and have as many warm-up throws as time permits is:
 - a) 4 minutes for Sport Classes F32-34 and F54-57, or
 - b) 5 minutes for Sport Classes F31 and F51-53.

Note: Timing should begin at the time the chair is oriented, secured to the throwing platform and made available to the athlete to secure themselves into position.

WPA 36**Seated Throwing Requirements**

WPA Rule 36.1 (except a and b) has been replaced by the following:

1. In Seated Throw Events, all athletes (Sport Classes F31-34, F51-57) shall throw implements from a Throwing Frame or Standard Day Wheelchair in a seated position. The seated position is defined as follows.....
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Section 5 - Combined Events Competition

WA TR39**Combined Events Competitions**

Please refer to the Affiliated Member Association Rules.

Section 6 - Race Walking Events

WA TR54

Race Walking

WA Rule TR54 has been replaced by the following:

Definition of Race Walking

1. Race Walking is a progression of steps so taken that the walker makes contact with the ground, so that no visible (to the human eye) loss of contact occurs. The advancing leg shall be straightened (i.e., not bent at the knee) from the moment of first contact with the ground until the vertical upright position.

Note: The advancing foot of the walker must make contact with the ground before the rear foot leaves the ground

Note: In Race Walking events, if the Competition Rules and Regulations, or the Organisers allow for clothing to extend over, or below the knee, the view of the Judges must not be impeded, in order to apply the rules.

Judging

2. The appointed judges shall elect between them a Chief Judge unless one has already been appointed a Chief Judge for the relevant carnival.
3. The number of appointed walk judges for a track event, including the Chief, shall comprise a minimum of 4 and maximum of 6.
4. The independence of judges is extremely important and wherever possible connections between athletes and judges should be avoided. Individual Judges are required to declare their interests.
5. The Competition Director shall have the authority to allow judges where such connections exist. Connections mean relative, coach or protégé.
 - a) This is provided there are an insufficient number of available, experienced, and qualified judges without such connection.
 - b) It will be up to individual judges to disclose these connections and to indicate if they wish to stand down for a particular race.
 - c) Where possible members of the same family should not serve as a judge for the same race

Yellow Paddle

6. Any judge can give a "Yellow Paddle" to an athlete when an athlete appears to be in danger of failing to comply with the rules (definition of Race Walking per Rule TR54.1)
7. Yellow Paddles are issued verbally and briefly taking care that remarks do not constitute coaching.

Note: All remarks should be loud and clear and always in the form: e.g., "Yellow Paddle No. xx contact or knees"

8. For loss of contact ~ a wavy line in black on a yellow background
9. For knees a 45° angle < also in black on a yellow background shall be used
10. A judge can only yellow paddle an athlete once for each offence during the event
11. A yellow paddle has no bearing on disqualification. It is possible to be yellow paddled by every judge in the race yet not receive a single Red Card.

Red Card

12. A judge gives a "Red Card" for disqualification if an athlete is actually breaking the rules of race walking.
13. For the U12 and above age groups, no verbal Red Card will be given. For other age groups, the Red Card will be given verbally at the time of detection of the actual infringement.

Note: All remarks should be loud and clear and always in the form: e.g., "Red Card No. xx contact or knees"

14. Red Card is recorded on the judging pad and forwarded to the Chief Judge as soon as practicable.
15. A judge may only give an athlete one Red Card during the event irrespective of the infringement.
16. If a judge in an event requiring verbal Red Cards to be given, is not sure an athlete has heard the "Red Card" the Judge should repeat it at the next suitable opportunity.

Note: A Red Card should never be given unless there is absolute certainty the rules have been infringed. Any doubt existing must be given to the athlete and the Red Card not issued.

Note: It is recommended that, where possible, a Yellow paddle under Rule 54.6 is shown to the athlete before issuing a Red Card. The purpose of the Yellow paddle is to allow the athlete to correct their walking technique to meet the definition of Race Walking as per Rule 54.1, aiming for the greatest number of athletes to finish the competition correctly.

Disqualification

17. A Red Card by 3 or more walk judges, that in their opinion an athlete's mode of progression failed to comply with the definition of race walking brings about a disqualification.
18. Only the Chief Judge may advise an athlete of their disqualification.
19. Where an athlete is disqualified, the Chief Judge shall indicate to such athlete verbally that they are disqualified and give the reasons for the disqualification.
20. The result of an event shall not become final until the Chief Walk Judge and Track Referee has given the all clear.

Methods of Judging

21. Prior to each walking event, the Chief Judge or a judge appointed by the Chief Judge, will acquaint the athletes with the judging procedures for the event.
22. It is imperative that during an event all judges act in an individual capacity and their judging is not influenced by the judging of another judge, per medium of conversation or messages.
23. The Chief Judge shall allocate judges their judging position.
24. Walk judges, recorders or messengers shall not use transceivers during the conduct of the event.
25. The judges must adequately cover the whole of the track/course; this can be done by having approximately equal distance between judges. There should be no blind spots, judges should judge from the outside of the track/course and not encroach on an area allocated to another judge, but judge from their allotted position as walkers are passing or approaching their section.
26. Hip numbers must be worn by all walkers as supplied by the host Association. The number must be clearly visible to all judges.

Track Umpires and Referees

27. Track Umpires and Referees shall work during the event to determine the fairness of the competition other than walking rules.
28. The Track Referee should confer with the Chief Walk Judge and indicate any athletes who are to be disqualified before walk results are finalised.

Walk Judge's Master Sheet

29. A copy of the master sheets of each walk event will be posted on the notice board with the result sheet.
30. The master sheet is that document which the Chief Judge records the Red Cards of the judges and them self and indicates which athletes received 3 or more Red Cards
31. Judges should be indicated by number and not by name on the notice board copy of the sheet.

Section 7 - Road Races**WA TR55****Road Races**

Maximum distances have been set for Out of Stadia Road Races (refer LA Rule 600 – Table 6). Please refer to the Affiliated Member Association Rules regarding Road Races.

Section 8 - Cross-Country and Mountain Races**WA TR56****Cross-Country Races**

Maximum distances have been set for Out of Stadia Cross-Country (refer LA Rule 600 – Table 6). Please refer to the Affiliated Member Association Rules regarding Cross-Country Races.

Section 9 - Australian Best Performances

WA CR31 & CR32

Australian Best Performances - ABP

WA Rule CR31 & CR32 has been replaced by the following:

Note: Australian Best Performances (ABP's) are not recognised for events that have the LA Standard Rules or Specifications amended.

Note: Separate ABP's will be kept for the 700g Javelins, with the old and new specifications, until the new specifications are fully implemented.

1. A permanent record shall be kept of Australian Best Performances (ABP) for registered members of Little Athletics, for athletes in the U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14 and U15 years age groups for boys and girls, including Multi-Class. For this purpose, age groups shall be based on being under the specific age at 31 December in the calendar year in which the Little Athletics summer season commences, as per Rule TR3.
2. For Track events one (1) set of Australian Best Performances will be maintained being the quickest time obtained using either:
 - a) Electronic time (obtained using a fully automatic Photo Finish System and/or Timing Gates); or
 - b) A standardised hand time (obtained using stopwatches and/or manually operated Timing Machines and/or Timing Gates).

Note: A standardised hand time is calculated by applying the following formula to the rounded-up hand time:

- *For distances under 400m - hand held time + 0.24 seconds*
 - *For distances of 400m or 4 x 100m relay - hand held time + 0.14 seconds*
 - *For distances greater than 400m - no change*
 - *A standardised time will be indicated with {S} or similar*
3. ABP's will be recognised, for each age group, only for those events which have been determined to be Standard Events for that age group, as per Table 1.
 4. ABP's will be recognised, for Multi-Class U9 - U15 age groups only, for those events which have been determined to be Available Events for that age group, as per Table 2. The ABP will be the actual time /distance, not the converted percentage, for each Classification, as per Table 2.

Requirements for Acceptance

5. The performance shall take place at a competition conducted and controlled by the Affiliated Members Association's BOM / BOD, or at ALAC.
6. The ground on which the performance takes place must have been surveyed and the conducting Association (who should hold a copy of the Certificate of Survey) must be satisfied that no athlete has gained an advantage as a result of the ground layout.
7. The watches (stopwatches and or manually operated timing machines) used to time the performance must be checked by a competent watchmaker, within thirty (30) days of the start and conclusion of the State/Territory Track & Field season and found not to be at variance by more than 0.05 seconds over twenty (20) minutes. This certification shall apply for all Championships conducted or hosted by the Affiliated Member Association during that season, including the Australian Little Athletics Championships.
8. The Timing Gates System shall be a commercially produced system and must have been checked / calibrated / certified within 12 months prior to the competition date and a certificate supplied.
9. Where the Timing Gates System is started and/or finished manually, the time shall be recorded to the 1/10th of a second. Unless a time is an exact 1/10th of a second, it shall be recorded to the next longer 1/10th of a second and the standardised hand timing procedure will apply.
10. Where the Timing Gates System is started and finished fully automatically, the time shall be recorded as the time reads from the system with no adjustment as per the rule for electronic time with no rounding or standardized adjustment.
11. The photo-finish system meets World Athletics (WA) Rules and must have a certificate of accuracy issued within the past four (4) years prior to the conclusion of the State/Territory Track & Field season and found to have a constant delay between the Starter's gun and start of the timing system of less than 1/1000th of a second.
12. Times shall be read and recorded from the Photo Finish image to 1/100th of a second. Unless a time is an exact 1/100th of a second, it shall be read and recorded to the next longer 1/100th of a second.

13. **All** throwing implements must have been check-weighted and certified not underweight.
Note: The 700g Javelins must be clearly identified as either old or new specifications, as per Rule TR38.1.
 14. Where possible, all measurements must be made using Electronic Distance Measuring (EDM). A steel tape is no longer required to measure an Australian Best Performance when EDM is used, calibrated and the usual checks are done to confirm accuracy both prior to and after the completion of the event (the operators would normally do this). When EDM is not available, a calibrated and verified steel tape measure graduated in centimetres, or a graduated bar for high jump, should be used.
 15. All equipment (including automated Photo Finish Systems) must comply with LA rules and specifications or, where no such LA rules and specifications exist in regard to that event, with WA rules and specifications.
 16. The necessary Results Sheets must have been signed by the Officials in charge of the event and the applicable Referee and must be retained by the Association.
 17. For Track events using Photo-Finish, the Chief Photo-Finish Judge and applicable Track Referee must sign the Result sheet – Photo-Finish print out, displaying images, times and results.
 18. For Track Relay Events, all members of the team must be of the same gender only. e.g., all boys or all girls.
 19. Claims for an ABP shall be submitted using the LA approved Claim Form. A copy of all supporting documentation shall be attached to the Claim Form. All claims should be forwarded to the LA Manager Competition, Programs, and Education, within twenty-eight (28) days of the completion of the Competition at which the performance was recorded.
 20. The Association responsible for the completion and submission of the Claim Form is determined as follows:
 - a) for ABP's set at an ALAC, LA shall complete and submit the Claim Form; or
 - b) for other ABP's, the Affiliated Member Association which controls the conduct of the event shall complete and submit the Claim Form.
 21. The LA Manager Competition, Programs, and Education is responsible for:
 - a) ensuring that the ABP Claim Form has been correctly completed,
 - b) ensuring that the relevant equipment was checked and so certified,
 - c) presenting all claims for acceptance and ratification (end May, end August, end November, end February)
 - d) creating the ABP Certificates and organising the presentation to successful Athletes / Teams.
 - e) Ensuring the website is updated with the current ABP List, communicating with the Member Association's, Parents / Guardians, and coordinating the Social Media notifications.
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