

State Individual Championships and State Challenge 2026/27 Qualification Process



The qualification process for the State Individual Championships is designed to ensure full fields for each event at the State Individual Championships.

For the Under 9 to Under 13 age groups, there are a limited number of places available in each event for each age group at the State Individual Championships.

The limits are as follows:

Events	Quota
Track events (other than Walks)	16
700m Walk, 1100m Walk, 1500m Walk*	8
Field Events	12

*Walk limit is based on these being conducted as mixed events, i.e. 8 boys and 8 girls.

Athletes may automatically qualify for the SICs by the following means

- (1) Achieving the automatic qualifying standard for the event on at least one occasion during the qualification period.
- (2) Note: Athletes must nominate for the event for the State Individual Championships to claim their place in the event.

At the close of entries, the remaining places will be filled by comparing the best performances of all athletes that have entered the event, with the best performances gaining a place (subject to minimum entry standards).

Athletes that do not gain a place for an event in the State Individual Championships will be entered into that event at the State Challenge. For example, an athlete that nominates for the 100m but does not gain a place for the State Individuals will be entered into the 100m at the State Challenge.

Note that athletes with an overall event ranking below 50th will not be eligible for the State Individuals and will be entered in the State Challenge.

Athletes can nominate in up to five events. Depending on their qualification status and places available, some of those events may be in the State Individuals and some may be in the State Challenge – they are guaranteed a place in each event they nominate for in one of the Competitions.

There are no limits for Under 14 to Under 17 events.

All athletes must also meet the eligibility requirements for the State Individual Championships

- (1) Be a registered, paid, Little Athletics SA member on or before 31st December 2026.
- (2) Have competed and recorded results in 5 meets with their centre/club within the qualifying period – 1/9/2026 to 21/2/2027.
- (3) Have two valid recorded performance in each event they wish to enter for the State Individual Championships/State Challenge.

Automatic Qualifying Standards

Athletes achieving the following qualifying standards at least once during the qualification period qualify for an automatic place in the State Individual Championships.

Boys Standards

Boys	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13
70m	11.00	10.60			
100m	15.40	14.90	13.90	13.80	13.50
200m	32.70	31.30	29.00	28.00	27.50
400m	1:19.00	1:14.00	1:09.00	1:07.00	1:03.00
800m	2:53.00	2:46.00	2:37.00	2:25.00	2:30.00
1500m			5:20.00	5:00.00	5:00.00
60m Hurdles	11.30	11.60			
80m Hurdles			14.30	14.40	15.00
200m Hurdles					33.50
700m Walk	4:23.00				
1100m Walk		7:10.00	7:05.00		
1500m Walk				9:50.00	9:30.00
High Jump	1.16	1.21	1.36	1.46	1.46
Long Jump	3.65	3.90	4.25	4.50	4.60
Triple Jump			8.70	9.60	9.80
Shot Put	6.90	7.50	8.90	10.00	9.75
Discus	18.50	24.00	26.00	26.00	30.00
Javelin			21.50	25.00	23.00

Girls Standards

Girls	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13
70m	11.40	11.00			
100m	15.90	15.40	14.70	14.10	13.70
200m	34.50	33.00	31.00	29.80	28.00
400m	1:25.00	1:20.00	1:14.50	1:10.00	1:08.00
800m	3:13.00	3:01.00	2:47.00	2:40.00	2:35.00
1500m			5:59.00	5:44.00	5:30.00
60m Hurdles	11.60	12.30			
80m Hurdles			15.20	14.80	14.80
200m Hurdles					32.50
700m Walk	4:45.00				
1100m Walk		7:30.00	7:15.00		
1500m Walk				10:00.00	10:15.00
Shot Put	5.65	7.00	8.00	9.30	9.00
Discus	14.50	18.00	23.00	23.00	27.00
Javelin			17.00	20.00	21.50
High Jump	1.08	1.16	1.28	1.36	1.38
Long Jump	3.35	3.80	4.00	4.25	4.50
Triple Jump			8.70	9.05	9.50

Benchmark Performances

Fields for each event at the State Individual Championships are filled by allocating athletes to the events based on their best performance at the end of the qualification period.

Throughout the season, a table of performances will be available at <https://live.salaa.org.au/qualify> which shows the performance that is currently ranked at the limit and the 50th ranked performance for each event. For example, for the 100m the 16th and 50th ranked performances are shown. Athletes who have a performance better than the 16th ranked performance would be on track to qualify for the State Individual Championships. Athletes with a performance better than the 50th ranked performance may qualify for the State Individual Championships depending on the number of higher ranked athletes that nominate for the event. Athletes below the 50th ranked performance would be entered in the State Challenge.

Final ranking positions are determined at the end of the qualification period.

Minimum Entry Standards

The following events have minimum entry standards. Athletes will not be entered into the State Individual Championships unless their best performance is better than the minimum entry standard.

Age Group	800m	1500m	Walk
Under 9	4:00.00	N/A	7:00.00
Under 10	4:00.00	N/A	10:00.00
Under 11	3:45.00	7:00.00	10:00.00
Under 12	3:45.00	7:00.00	12:30.00
Under 13	3:30.00	7:00.00	12:30.00
Under 14	3:30.00	7:00.00	12:30.00
Under 15	3:30.00	7:00.00	12:00.00
Under 16	3:30.00	7:00.00	12:00.00
Under 17	3:30.00	7:00.00	12:00.00