



# SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

## TRACK & FIELD - PRIMARY

These rules apply to State, Region and Division competitions. Any variations to these rules at Region and Division levels will be found on the relevant page on the SSV website.

- Venue:** Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park
- Parking:** There is metered parking in the Lakeside Stadium Car Park and Albert Drive. The costs are approx. \$5.20/hour or All-Day parking costs approx. \$13.90 (meters take credit card & coins & does not give change).  
This information is correct at the time of printing.
- Entry Fees:** Adults: \$5 Students and Children (Under 15) are Free.  
Teachers will be given free entry on production of their VIT Registration Card or school ID Card.  
Officials will have their names listed on a sheet at the entry gate for free entry.
- Times:** Please note that these State Championships will not be cancelled due to inclement weather.  
The Convener/Competition Coordinator has the right to modify the timing of the program to ensure efficient and safe conduct of the Championships.
- Format:** Finals for athletes qualifying from Region finals.  
The SSV State Track and Field Championships are conducted in accordance with the World Athletics (WA) and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) rules, except for the following:  
All children must compete in the heats (track events) in order to progress to the final.  
Children who do not report in for and compete in their heats are ineligible to compete in finals.
- Age Groups:**
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| 9/10 Years  | born 2015, 2014 |
| 11 Years    | born 2013       |
| 12/13 Years | born 2012, 2011 |
- Note:** Children in Year 7, regardless of age, are ineligible to compete in the Primary Track & Field State Finals.
- Events:** The following events will be conducted separately for both boys and girls:  
100m, 200m, 800m, 1500m, 80m Hurdles, 4x100m Relay  
High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Shot Put and Discus.  
Please see the [SSV Primary Schools Resource Manual](#) for more useful sport specific information.
- Qualifying Athletes:** Ages are calculated as at December 31 in the year of competition.  
Competing athletes are those qualified at each of the eight Regions of SSV and must be bona-fide primary students.  
Regions may be represented by 2 competitors (or relay teams) in each event. If a tie occurs for 2<sup>nd</sup> place at region this must be resolved at region e.g., Jump Off, Race Off etc.  
A competitor may be entered in a maximum of two individual events and one relay only:  
2 track events and 1 relay **or** 2 Field events and 1 relay **or** 1 Track, 1 Field and 1 Relay  
A competitor may compete in an older age group provided they only compete in one age group for all of their individual events.  
A competitor may compete in a different relay age group to their individual event age group.  
Competitors may only compete in one age group in relays.  
The age group an athlete competes in at District Level cannot be changed when competing at higher levels of competition.  
Multi Class Athletes (Athletes with a Disability) are permitted to compete in **three** events at the State Championships. There are no Multi Class Athlete relays.  
Changes to entries, as notified by the Region Coordinator, will only be accepted up to two (2) working days prior to the Championships. After this time, changes will not be accepted.

<b>Multi Class Athletes:</b>	Multi Class events are conducted in 100m, 200m, 800m, Long Jump and Shot Put.
<b>(Athletes with a Disability)</b>	Multi Class events will be conducted using the multi disability format for both boys and girls: Intellectual Impairment, Ambulant and Wheelchair. Results calculated using the Athletics Australia Multi Disability Standards (MDS) tables.  Each event will be conducted using WA/IPC rules, with Athletics Victoria Officials as Referees.  Each Multi Class competitor <b>MUST</b> have competed at the Region level.  Students must hold a current classification. Students without a classification must contact Athletics Victoria (see contact details on the SSV website)  Multi Class Athletes wishing to compete in able body events (including relays) must qualify according to the regular SSV progression pathway.  School Sport Victoria reserves the right to invite extra Multi Class athletes who have not placed 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> at their Region competition based on their region performances and the MDS points system.
<b>Conditions:</b>	See School Sport Victoria's <a href="#">'General Conditions of Competition'</a> .  All players, teachers, spectators and officials are bound by the <a href="#">'SSV Codes of Conduct'</a>  A girl cannot play in a girls' team and a boys/mixed team in the same sport.  The level of competition chosen by a student at District level remains binding through to Division, Region and State levels.
<b>Marshalling – Call Room:</b>	Events being marshalled will be called over the PA system and displayed on the Call Room notice Board 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the event.  Athletes will not be required in the Call Room until their event is called.  Parents, coaches and teachers will <b>not</b> be permitted to enter the call room.  Athletes will be escorted to their event from the Call Room.  Competitors should be aware that the scheduled times printed in the program are approximate and subject to change. Appropriate announcements will be made concerning any substantial alterations.
<b>Clash of Events:</b>	Where a clash of a track event and a field event occurs, a competitor must report for both events in the Call Room.  Where appropriate, the competitor will be taken to the field event first and, if time permits, take one or more trials. The Referee will assist the competitor to then marshal for his/her track event and return to the field event immediately after the track event and complete his/her three trials. The three trials must be completed within the time allocated to the event.  Where a clash occurs between a track event and a high jump event the competitor must return to the high jump as quickly as possible after the track event. The high jump event will continue in their absence. The competitor must continue at the new height when he/she returns. The bar will not be lowered.
<b>Seeding and Lane Allocation:</b>	Seeding and lane allocation will be drawn according to the WA and IPC Rules.  Track competitors may be required to wear identifying numbers on their uniform.
<b>Hip Numbers:</b>	Track Competitors in 800m and 1500m events will be issued with hip numbers for photo finish recording.
<b>Starts:</b>	The one false start rule will be used. The first 'break' will be deemed a 'False Start'. Any further 'breaks' (by any competitor) will result in disqualification of the offending competitor.  Competitors are encouraged to use a crouch start for 100m, 200m, Hurdles and Relays (first runner only). However, this is not compulsory, and athletes may use a standing start. The use of starting blocks is not compulsory, but they will be provided.  Private starting blocks will <b>NOT</b> be permitted.
<b>Hurdles:</b>	Hurdles used for Primary hurdles races (i.e., 9/10 years, 11 years and 12/13 years) must be collapsible in line with Little Athletics Victoria specifications.
<b>Qualifying - 100m:</b>	The first three placegetters from each heat plus the next 4 fastest qualifiers make a final of 10.
<b>Qualifying - 200m, Hurdles, Relays:</b>	The first three placegetters from each heat plus the next 2 fastest qualifiers to make a final of 8 for 200m, Hurdles and Relays.
<b>Finalists:</b>	A list of finalists will be posted on a notice board at the track.
<b>800m:</b>	800 metre events will be conducted as a final of 16 competitors with two athletes assigned per lane. Competitors must run in their lanes for the first 100m. At the 100m mark (green break line) they move out of their lanes provided they do not interfere with other athletes.

<b>1,500m:</b>	1,500 metre events will be conducted as a final of 16 competitors (+ any invitation competitors). The 1,500m will start on a curved line.
<b>Field Events:</b>	The order of competition will be in accordance with WA and IPC Rules.  In all field events, except High Jump, all competitors, at the State Championships, will receive three attempts with the top eight competitors receiving a further one attempt.  If field events (other than the high jump) are running behind schedule, the Championship Convener reserves the right to reduce the number of trials to three attempts only.
<b>Field Event Winner:</b>	Triple Jump Boards available for competition are the 5m, 7m, 9m, 11m and 13m Boards In all field events, other than the high jump, where two or more competitors have the same 'best' trial, their second-best trials will be compared to determine the winner. If still equal, the third best trials are compared.  If a tie occurs in high jump, the WA rules on resolving a tie will be applied, except there will be no jump off for first place.
<b>Relay Teams &amp; Team Sheets:</b>	The four members of each relay team must be students at the same school/campus, with names submitted on the relay team sheet prior to the competition.  Small schools from the same Sports District with a combined enrolment of 300 pupils or less may select a combined relay team.  Teams will be disqualified if a relay team sheet is not supplied or runners in the event do not match the names listed. Alterations can be made to the team sheet up to 1 hour prior to the first relay event running.  Primary Girls are permitted to compete in a Primary Boy/Mixed Relay provided they do not also compete in a Primary Girls' Relay. A Boys/Mixed team must be made up of a minimum of one Boy. Boys are not permitted to compete in the Girls' Relay
<b>Relay Batons:</b>	Relay batons will be provided.
<b>Protests (WA Rule):</b>	Protests will be heard on the day of competition ONLY. Protests received after the day of competition will not be accepted.  Protest concerning the conduct of an event, in the first instance, should be made to the appropriate Referee (Track Referee for all track events; Throws Referee for shot put and discus; Jumps Referee for high jump, long jump and triple jump; Disability Referee for all disability events) by the athletes or their teacher. If their teacher is not in attendance, the adult responsible for the athlete may act on the athlete's behalf. This can be made immediately an incident occurs or within 10 minutes of the conclusion of the event.  If the Referee, makes a decision that is not agreed with, an appeal to the Jury of Appeal may be made, accompanied by a <b>fee of A\$50 cash</b> , which will be forfeited if the appeal is not upheld. This appeal <b>must</b> be in writing within 10 minutes of the conclusion of the event or the Referee's decision, whichever comes first. The written appeal must be given to the Administration Manager located in the Official's Room.  No other form of protest will be heard.  Presentations will be held for 10 minutes.
<b>Presentations:</b>	Immediately after each final, and providing there are no protests, the first 3 placegetters must report to the victory dais for presentation of medals.
<b>Dress and Spikes:</b>	<b>All Competitors Must Wear Footwear</b> – SSV policy states the children will not be permitted to compete in any event in bare feet.  'Pyramid' or 'Christmas Tree' spikes are permitted in hurdles, sprints, relays and jumps, but must be removed at the completion of the event, in all age groups.  <b>All age groups are permitted to wear spikes for 100m, 200m, Hurdles, Relay, Long Jump, Triple Jump and High Jump.</b>  <b>Spikes are not permitted in the 800m or the 1500m events – for any age groups.</b>  The maximum length of spikes is 7 mm for all events with the exception of high jump, long jump and triple jump where 9mm spikes are permitted.  'Needle' or 'Pin' spikes are not permitted to be worn in any event.  All athletes must compete in either their school sport's uniform or appropriate athletic apparel Athletes may use starting blocks. Only those supplied by ground Management are permitted.
<b>Canteen:</b>	There will be canteen facilities throughout the day.
<b>Hydration:</b>	It is recommended that all athletes bring their own water bottles.

**First Aid:**

The first aid room is situated in the main stand. First aid personnel will be in attendance.

Sports Tape MUST be supplied by the student/competing team. Strapping for injury prevention as required MUST be performed by the student/competing team. NB. The First Aid Responder attending the state finals are NOT permitted to perform strapping.

**SSV Privacy Policy:**

The Information Privacy Act 2000 requires School Sport Victoria to inform you that, in the conduct of school sport, photographs may be taken of participants and results compiled to record student participation, celebrate student success and achievement and to promote SSV and events conducted by SSV.

We limit the use and disclosure of any personal information to the purpose of participating in school sport.

By accepting the invitation to participate in events under the auspices of SSV, you undertake to abide by the SSV Privacy Policy.