

2007-2008 Australian Domestic Athletics Season

For the 2007/08 athletics season, Athletics Australia will again support two levels of National one-day competitions: the Athletics Grand Prix Meets (existing Telstra A-series) and National Series Meets.

Athletes and coaches should note a change in the naming structure of the major athletics meets. Athletics Australia will no longer use the term 'A-series' for any competitions in 2008. The Melbourne World Athletics Tour meet (21/2/08) and Sydney Oceania Athletics Association Permit Meet (16/2/08) will now use the term 'Athletics Grand Prix'

Additionally, National Series meets will be generally termed 'Classic'.

It is the intention of Athletics Australia that Grand Prix meets and the Selection Trials & 86th Australian Athletics (Open) Championships will be the showcase events of the domestic athletics season. The Athletics Australia competitions department will, as in previous years, undertake the conduct of the Grand Prix meets. All athlete entries will be via invitation. Nomination forms will be made available to athletes on the Athletics Australia website.

Athletics Australia will provide travel funding for interstate athletes that meet specified criteria to all Grand Prix meets and selected events in the National Series. In 2007/08 this will be extended to some events in some State Championships. Details are contained later in this document. Athletics Australia has budgeted \$150,000 for this initiative during the 2007/08 athletics season.

National Series Meets

Athletics Australia, in conjunction with our Member Associations and individual event promoters, conducts a series of competitions under the banner of National Series Meets. There are three main aims of the National Series:

1. To provide structure and opportunities to athletes seeking high quality competition, particularly against highly ranked interstate athletes.
2. To engage the Member Associations in the conduct of high level athletics meets.
3. To provide a more tiered structure to one-day athletics competitions in Australia:
Interclub/All Comers Meets ⇒ National Series Meets ⇒ Athletics Grand Prix Meets.

National Series Meets are conducted and owned by either Member Associations or meet promoters working with Member Associations. Each meet has its own Meet Director and may have individual sponsors. All costs associated with the technical delivery of the meet and accommodation for funded athletes is met by the individual meet budget. Any profits from the gate takings, entry fees or sponsorship remains with the organiser.

It is important for athletes and coaches of both funded and non-funded athletes to note that competing in National Series Meets is not compulsory for selection. They are intended to provide high-level competition for those athletes to facilitate their preparations.

The vision for the National Series is that over the next few seasons each meet will develop into a fixture on the national calendar. It is important to remember that these meets are not conducted by Athletics Australia, but in association with Member Associations and/or groups of volunteers in each state. Thus, each meet will develop its own 'personality'. Some are specialist meets, such as the Milers Club 1500m Classic meet. Others will be held in conjunction with State/Territory All Comers meets or Interclub and some will be similar to Grand Prix meets in size and media attention. Over the coming years some will grow and others may be replaced by new meets.

National Series Meets

- 8 November 2007** **Bank of Queensland 1500m Classic – National Series Meet**
University of Queensland, Brisbane, Queensland
Pat Clohessy: PatC@uqsport.uq.edu.au Mobile: 0417 758 377
Tom Brandt: TomB@uqsport.uq.edu.au Phone: 07 3365 6013
- 24 November 2007** **Al Oerter Memorial Ringwood – National Series Meet**
AC Robertson Field, Ringwood, Victoria
Gus Puopolo: gp_ind@bigpond.com
Mobile: 0417 322 318
- 2 December 2007** **Ron Clarke Classic – National Series Meet**
Landy Field, Geelong, Victoria
Lee Troop: lee@troopevents.com.au
Mobile: 0412 218 780
- 13 December 2007** **Zatopek Classic – National Series Meet**
Melbourne Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria
Email: info@athsvic.org.au
Phone: 03 9428 8195
- 15 December 2007** **Drug Free Track & Field Classic – National Series Meet**
Perry Lakes Stadium, Perth, Western Australia
Wayne Loxley: wloxley@waathletics.org.au
Kylie Wheeler: info@waathletics.org.au
Phone: 08 9287 1200
- 12 January 2008** **RESI Sydney Track Classic – National Series Meet**
Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre, New South Wales
Greg Doyle: ceo@nswathletics.org.au
Andrew Matthews: competition@nswathletics.org.au
Phone: 02 9746 1122
- 18 January 2008** **Graeme Briggs Memorial Track Classic – National Series Meet**
Domain Athletic Centre, Hobart, Tasmania
Brian Roe: brian.roe@earthling.net
Richard Welsh: richard@tasathletics.org.au
Phone: 03 6234 9551
- 26/27 January 2008** **Canberra Track Classic – National Series Meet**
AIS Athletics Field, Bruce, ACT
Michael Thomson: mlthomson@optusnet.com.au
Michelle D'Ambrosio: executive.officer.act@athletics.org.au
Phone: 02 6247 1504

2 February 2008 **Australian Athletics Cup (State Teams Match)**
Queensland Sports and Athletic Centre, Nathan, QLD
Reg Brandis: startchief@bigpond.com.au
Phone: 0402 107 348

Athletics Grand Prix Meets

16 February 2008 **Sydney Athletics Grand Prix**
Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre, New South Wales
David Gynther: david.gynther@athletics.org.au
Jarrod Woff: jarrod.woff@athletics.org.au
Phone: 03 9820 3511

21 February 2008 **Melbourne Athletics Grand Prix (IAAF WAT)**
Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria
David Gynther: david.gynther@athletics.org.au
Jarrod Woff: jarrod.woff@athletics.org.au
Phone: 03 9820 3511

Guidelines for athletes

1. Athletes must enter directly to each individual national series meet regardless of travel funding arrangements. Contact details for each meet are contained within this document. In general, entries will be done via the national online entry system.
2. Athletes on the travel funding list who wish to attend any particular National Series Meet or Athletics Grand Prix Meet should in the first instance contact their relevant state performance coordinator. If they have any concerns they should contact Athletics Australia (Carol Grant: carol.grant@athletics.org.au or David Gynther: david.gynther@athletics.org.au) to confirm their intentions and details of travel arrangements.
3. All flights will be booked on Virgin Blue, unless no such flight is available. No changes to flights will be made once the original booking is made.

Travel Funding for Athletics Grand Prix and National Series Meets

Again for the 2007/08 athletics season, Athletics Australia will be providing significant travel funding to athletes attending National Series and Athletics Grand Prix meets.

For 2007/08 this will be in the order of \$150,000.

There are two main components to the Athletics Australia travel funding system:

1. **Travel Funding Grid:** This is a grid of events that Athletics Australia has designated it will fund travel. It is important to remember that for National Series Meets there may be a number of additional events on the program that are not indicated on this grid. Athletes and coaches should check the full event list for each National Series Meet as they may wish to enter one of the non travel funded events.

2. **Travel Funding List:** This is the list of athletes who will receive travel funding from Athletics Australia to either National Series or Grand Prix meets where their specific event appears on the **Travel Funding Grid**. The travel funding list will be a dynamic one; athletes will be added or dropped from the list based on form. The initial list for 2007/08, as published in this document is based on athletes who have achieved the required standard, as set out in the Athletics Australia 2007/08 travel funding standard table over the 2007 ranking period. There is an additional list of athletes that achieved the required standard in the 2006 ranking period but not the 2007 period. Athletes on this list may be added to the travel funding list after proof of fitness and form, this is at the discretion of the Athletics Australia Competition Manager. Any athlete that achieves this standard at any time over the current season, and had not already met the standard, will automatically be added to the travel list. Young and improving athletes who achieve performances close to the standard may be added to the list at the discretion of the Athletics Australia Competitions Manager.

Travel funding for U20 athletes will be available in 2007/08 under the 'Juniors on Tour program'. This funding will be targeted at outstanding juniors, submissions for funding will be considered on a case by case basis by both the Athletics Australia Competition Manager and Athletics Australia National Youth Performance Manager. As a guide, athletes should (at minimum) be performing at World Junior qualification standard or higher.

Any athlete who self funds to an interstate* National Series Meet, or Athletics Grand Prix and achieves the Athletics Australia Travel Funding Standard, will have their travel cost refunded, to facilitate this they will need to produce a receipt of their flight. If athletes are unable to produce a receipt they will receive \$250 from Athletics Australia (\$500 for Perth to East Coast). *Interstate does not include NSW to ACT.

Ground transport and accommodation for National Series Meets is organised and supplied by the organisers of the National Series Meet, not Athletics Australia.

Athletes on the Travel Funding list will be contacted by their State/Territory Development Coordinator in relation to arrangements for nomination to Grand Prix and National Series Meets. All other athletes interested in competing in National Series Meets should contact the Meet Director of that meet directly.

General Rules

UNIFORMS - ADVERTISING / LOGOS: Applies to all events at all Grand Prix meets, National Series meets and all Australian Championships. Athletics Australia encourages athletes to wear their member association, institute/academy or club uniform when participating in the Grand Prix meets, depending on where their commitments lie.

Any athlete who wears non permitted advertising (ie other than clothing manufacturer's logos or approved club sponsor logos of the permitted size (please read IAAF Regulations if you are in doubt) will be disqualified from the event and be ineligible to receive any awards, prize money or votes. For a second 'offence', the athlete will be disqualified from participating in subsequent meets, and thereby become ineligible for selection.

It is a condition of any invitation to compete, or acceptance of entry, for any event during the Grand Prix, including Australian Championships and National Series meets, that each athlete agrees that his or her image may be used to advertise these or future Athletics Australia meets, and that when competing, he or she agrees not to undertake ambush marketing by wearing clothing or apparel (other than competition clothing accepted under IAAF Rules) or referring in any other way to companies competitive to Athletics Australia's sponsors (which at the time of publication are Telstra, Australian Sports Commission, ASICS, Novotel, SBS and Health) - *visit www.athletics.com.au for an up to date list of sponsors and partners.*

Entry into Athletics Grand Prix meets is at the discretion of Athletics Australia.

It is a condition of participation in the Grand Prix meets, National Series meets and all Australian Championships, that all athletes must abide by the Athletics Australia By-Laws, which include the anti-doping policy; and the general rules of Athletics Australia and the Grand Prix meets.

Any dispute arising at any one of the Grand Prix meets, which is not the subject of an appeal, which should have been referred to the meet Jury of Appeal, shall be referred to the Athletics Australia Track & Field Commission. It is a condition of participation in the Athletics Grand Prix meets, National Series meets and all Australian Championships, that all athletes accept that the decision of the meet Jury of Appeal is final and may not be appealed to any court or the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

ELIGIBILITY FOR AWARDS: Only athletes eligible under IAAF Rules on the day of performance, to represent a member country of the IAAF (including Australia), shall be eligible for any awards or prize money that may be made available throughout the season.

Appendix 1: Travel Funding Grid

Appendix 2: Travel Funding Standards

Appendix 3: Current Travel Funding List

Appendix 4: FTBC Athletes

Appendix 5: Australia Cup Rules

Athletics Australia Event Grid - FINAL as at 14 November 2007
TRAVEL FUNDING GRID

	Milers Club 1500m Classic (NSM) University of Queensland St Lucia 8 November 2007		Al Oerter Memorial Ringwood 24 November 2007		Ron Clarke Classic (NSM) Landy Field Geelong 2 December 2007		Telstra Zatopek Classic (NSM) Olympic Park Melbourne 13 December 2007		Drug Free Track & Field Classic (NSM) Perry Lakes Stadium Perth 15 December 2007		Sydney Track Classic (NSM) SOPAC Sydney 12 January 2008		Graeme Briggs Memorial Track Classic (NSM) Domain Athletic Centre Hobart 18 January 2008		Canberra Track Classic (NSM) AIS Athletic Field Canberra 26 January 2008		Australian Athletics Cup (State Teams Match) (NSM) OSAC Brisbane 2 February 2008		NSW, VIC, QLD State Championships 8-10 February 2008		Sydney Athletics Grand Prix SOPAC Sydney 16 February 2008		Melbourne Athletics Grand Prix Olympic Park Melbourne 21 February 2008		
Event	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	
100 metres									1	1	1	1			1	1	1	1			1		1	1	
200 metres											1	1			1	1	1	1				1		1	
400 metres							1	1			1			1	1	1	1				1		1	1	
800 metres					1	1					1	1	1	1	1	1						1		1	
1500 metres	1	1					1				1						1	1		VIC	1		1	1	
3000 metres#							U20	U20																	
5000 metres					1	1							1							NSW			1	1	
10000 metres							1	1																	
100m Hurdles												1		1									1		1
110m Hurdles									1		1				1							1			
400m Hurdles													1	1	1	1						1	1		
3000m Steeple							1													VIC	1			1	
High Jump												1		1	1	1				QLD	NSW		1	1	
Pole Vault									1							1						1	1		
Long Jump															1	1			1	QLD			1	1	
Triple Jump													1	1					NSW	NSW	1				
Shot Put													1				1	1		VIC	NSW		1	1	
Discus			1	1	1								1	1						VIC	NSW	1			1
Hammer															1	1				VIC	NSW				
Javelin						1						1		1	1			1	QLD	VIC	1			1	
Walk																20km	20km	5000m	5000m						

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2007/2008 Travel Funding Standard Table

Event	Men	Women
100 metres	10.38	11.52
200 metres	20.90	23.50
400 metres	46.50	53.00
800 metres	1.47.60	2.03.00
1500 metres	3.40.50	4.12.00
5000 metres	13.38.00	15.34.00
10000 metres	28.30.00	32.30.00
100m Hurdles		13.31
110m Hurdles	13.92	
400m Hurdles	50.50	57.50
3000m Steeple	8.40.00	10.00.00
High Jump	2.21	1.86
Pole Vault	5.50	4.25
Long Jump	7.90	6.45
Triple Jump	16.50	13.50
Shot Put	19.00	16.00
Discus Throw	60.00	56.00
Hammer Throw	70.00	64.00
Javelin Throw	76.00	55.00
Heptathlon		5700
Decathlon	7600	
20km Walk	1.25.30	1.39.00

Athletics Australia Travel Funding List as at 14 November 2007

Note: this list is subject to change

Men		Women	
100 metres		100 metres	
Daniel Batman	A	Crystal Attenborough	NT
Ambrose Ezenwa	N	Fiona Cullen	Q
Patrick Johnson	A	Melanie Kleeberg	Q
Adam Miller	N	Sally McLellan	A
Joshua Ross	N		
Aaron Rouge-Serret	V	200 metres	
Matt Shirvington	N	Crystal Attenborough	NT
Steven Tucker	W	Melanie Kleeberg	A
200 metres		400 metres	
Daniel Batman	A	Tamsyn Lewis	V
Ambrose Ezenwa	N	Jana Rawlinson	N
Patrick Johnson	A		
Adam Miller	N	800 metres	
Kurt Mulcahy	N	Lisa Corrigan	N
Joshua Ross	N	Tamsyn Lewis	V
John Steffensen	W	Madeleine Pape	V
400 metres		1500 metres	
Dylan Grant	Q	Lisa Corrigan	N
Kurt Mulcahy	N	Sarah Jamieson	V
Mark Ormrod	S	Benita Johnson	V
John Steffensen	W		
Chris Troode	W	5000 metres	
Sean Wroe	V	Sarah Jamieson	V
		Benita Johnson	V
800 metres		Eloise Wellings	N
Nick Bromley	N		
Lachlan Renshaw	N	10000 metres	
Jeff Riseley	V	Benita Johnson	V
		Anna Thompson	V
1500 metres			
Youcef Abdi	N	100m Hurdles	
Collis Birmingham	V	Fiona Cullen	Q
Lachlan Chisholm	N	Sally McLellan	Q
Mark Fountain	V		
Paul Hoffman	N	400m Hurdles	
Mitch Kealey	Q	Jana Rawlinson	N
Craig Mottram	V		
Jeff Riseley	V	3000m Steeplechase	
Jeremy Roff	N	Donna MacFarlane	T
Brad Woods	N	Victoria Mitchell	V
5000 metres		High Jump	
Collis Birmingham	V	Ellen Pettitt	W
Craig Mottram	V		
		Pole Vault	
10000 metres		Alana Boyd	Q
		Kym Howe	W

110m Hurdles		Vicky Parnov	W
Greg Eyears	N		
Justin Merlino	N		
400m Hurdles		Long Jump	
Brendan Cole	A	Bronwyn Thompson	Q
		Kylie Wheeler	W
3000m Steeplechase		Triple Jump	
Youcef Abdi	N		
Martin Dent	A	Shot Put	
Peter Nowill	Q	Dani Samuels	N
High Jump		Discus Throw	
Kane Brigg	Q	Dani Samuels	N
Nick Moroney	N	Hammer Throw	
Liam Zamel-Paez	Q		
Pole Vault		Javelin Throw	
Paul Burgess	W	Laura Cornford	N
Steve Hooker	W	Kimberley Mickle	W
		Kathryn Mitchell	V
Long Jump		Heptathlon	
Robbie Crowther	Q	Kylie Wheeler	W
Chris Noffke	Q	Walks	
Tim Parravicini	A	Jane Saville	N
John Thornell	N	Megan Szirom	V
Triple Jump		Cheryl Webb	N
Alwyn Jones	S	Claire Woods	S
Shot Put			
Justin Anlezark	Q		
Scott Martin	V		
Discus Throw			
Benn Harradine	N		
Graham Hicks	V		
Scott Martin	V		
Aaron Neighbour	V		
Hammer Throw			
Javelin Throw			
Jarrold Bannister	Q		
Josh Robinson	Q		
Decathlon			
Jason Dudley	Q		
Erik Surjan	W		
Walks			
Luke Adams	N		
Nathan Deakes	V		
Chris Erickson	V		
Jared Tallent	V		

Athletics Australia ADDITIONAL Travel Funding List as at 14 November

This additional list of athletes are those that have achieved the required standard in the 2006 ranking period but not the 2007 period. Athletes on this list may be added to the travel funding list after proof of fitness and form, this is at the discretion of the Athletics Australia Competition Manager.

Men		Women	
200 metres		200 metres	
<i>Kris Neofytou</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Lauren Hewitt</i>	<i>V</i>
400 metres		400 metres	
<i>Daniel Batman</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>Rosemary Hayward</i>	<i>N</i>
<i>David Geddes</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Annabelle Smith</i>	<i>N</i>
<i>Clinton Hill</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Jaimee-Lee Starr</i>	<i>N</i>
<i>Tristan Thomas</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>Caitlin Willis</i>	<i>Q</i>
<i>Jarret Titcombe</i>	<i>N</i>		
800 metres		800 metres	
<i>Werner Botha</i>	<i>Q</i>	<i>Libby Allen</i>	<i>V</i>
<i>Andrew Krumins</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Erica Sigmont</i>	<i>V</i>
1500 metres		400m Hurdles	
<i>Corey Tucker</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>Lauren Boden</i>	<i>A</i>
5000 metres		3000m Steeplechase	
<i>Louis Rowan</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Madeleine Heiner</i>	<i>N</i>
110m Hurdles		<i>Melissa Rollison</i>	<i>Q</i>
<i>Warwick Cregan</i>	<i>W</i>	High Jump	
400m Hurdles		<i>Claire Mallett</i>	<i>N</i>
<i>Tristan Thomas</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>Petrina Price</i>	<i>N</i>
Long Jump		Long Jump	
<i>Fabrice Lapierre</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Jacinta Boyd</i>	<i>Q</i>
Javelin Throw		<i>Kerrie Taurima</i>	<i>A</i>
<i>Oliver Dziubak</i>	<i>W</i>	Hammer Throw	
<i>William Hamlyn Harris</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Karyne Di Marco</i>	<i>N</i>
Walks		Javelin Throw	
<i>Adam Rutter</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Rosie Hooper</i>	<i>V</i>
		Walks	
		<i>Michelle French</i>	<i>A</i>
		<i>Lisa Grant</i>	<i>N</i>
		<i>Natalie Saville</i>	<i>N</i>
		<i>Kellie Wapshott</i>	<i>V</i>

AUSTRALIAN ATHLETICS CUP

The Australian Athletics Cup will be staged on 2 February 2008 at Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre, Nathan, Queensland. The Australian Athletics Cup is a National Series Meet and as such is a joint venture between the Brisbane Officials Club (the LOC) and Athletics Australia.

The Australian Athletics Cup will be a team competition over 13 individual events. The events to be contested in 2007 are:

Men: 100 metres, 200 metres, 400 metres, 1500 metres, Shot put, 5000m walk

Women: 100 metres, 200 metres, 400 metres, 1500 metres, Long jump, Javelin throw, 5000m walk

Prize Money

Prize money to the value of \$5000 will be available to the winning team. There will also be a Trophy for the winning Team.

Invited teams will be:

1. QLD/QAS
2. NSW/NSWIS
3. VIC/VIS
4. ACT/AIS/ACTAS
5. TAS/TIS/SA/SAIS
6. WA/WAIS/NT/NTIS
7. NZ
8. Pacific All Stars
9. Jump Start to London

Team

1a. Each team will consist of no more than one athlete per event, which gives a maximum team size of 7 females and 6 males.

1b. Each event will be a straight final consisting of one athlete per team.

1c. Athletes may contest more than one event if selectors so choose, however **1a.** always applies.

1d. Each team will have two captains, one male and one female.

Scoring

2a. Points will be scored:

- First 8
- Second 7
- Third 6
- Fourth 5
- Fifth 4
- Sixth 3
- Seventh 2
- Eighth 1
- DNS / DNF 0

2b. In the case of a tie in the final scores, the team with the most first places will win. If this is still a tie then the team with the most second places will win, and so on.

Team Selection

Each team will be selected by a group of three selectors per team appointed by the Athletics Australia Competition Manager. It is expected that the teams will consist of the best athletes available to each State/Institute/Academy. Athletes currently on the Athletics Australia travel funding list should be considered first by selectors.

In the case of the 'Pacific All Stars' team the Athletics Australia Competition Manager will do the selections.

To be eligible athletes must be registered with the relevant Member Association.

Selectors may select any athlete that is registered first claim with the relevant State/Territory or on scholarship with the relevant Institute/Academy.

In the case of athletes on scholarship at the AIS, the ACT/AIS/ACTAS selectors will have first choice of athletes from AIS programs. Any athletes on scholarship at the AIS not selected as part of the ACT/AIS/ACTAS team will become eligible to be selected for their home State/Territory. In order to facilitate this, the ACT/AIS/ACTAS selectors will be asked to nominate their team earlier than the other teams.

The 'Pacific All Stars' team may contain athletes from any member country of Oceania or any State/Territory in Australia and will be selected after all other teams have been nominated.

Selectors will send their nominated team to the Athletics Australia Competition Manager for final approval.

ACT/AIS/ACTAS no later than: 17 January 2008

All other teams no later than: 21 January 2008

Travel Funding and Accommodation Arrangements

On approval of the teams by the Athletics Australia Competition Manager to ensure all athletes are the best available, Athletics Australia will provide domestic airfares for each selected competitor in all teams other than the NZ team. All flights will be booked on Virgin Blue, unless no such flight is available. No changes to flights will be made once the original booking is made. To assist with ground transport, where possible, flights will be booked to ensure teams travel together.

No travel funding is available from Athletics Australia for team management or medical support.

Accommodation for one night bed and breakfast and ground transport will be provided by the Meet Organisers, the Brisbane Officials Club, for selected interstate athletes. If more than one night is required, or additional rooms for team management, contact should be made directly with the Meet Organisers. Contact: startchief@bigpond.com