

2013 NSW COMBINED EVENTS CHAMPIONSHIP

1. ENTRIES

- 1.1 Athletes competing must be registered with Athletics NSW for the 2012-13 season and wear their 2012-13 registration numbers and club uniform.
- 1.2 Athletes registered outside of NSW are encouraged to compete as long as written approval from the relevant member association is sought prior to the athlete competing.
- 1.3 The NSW Combined Event Championships is conducted in the Under 14, Under 16, Under 18, Under 20, Open, 30+ and 50+ age categories. Ages for all under age and open age groups are determined by age of the athlete on the 31st December 2013. Masters ages are determined as at the first day of competition, the 5th January 2013.
- 1.4 Entry for the NSW Combined Event Championships will be available online. This is a safe and easy way of submitting your competition entry and takes just minutes. In order to submit your entry online, visit the Athletics NSW website www.nswathletics.org.au and click on the 'Online Entry' tab, available on the home page, and locate the event you wish to enter. Should you experience any difficulties whilst entering online, please contact the Athletics NSW office. Athletes without a credit card or internet access should contact the Athletics NSW office well in advance of the closing date to arrange an alternative entry.
- 1.5 All entries with accompanying payment must be submitted by Tuesday 18th December 2012 at midday, 12:00pm.
- 1.6 Entry fees are non-refundable, regardless of circumstance.
- 1.7 Combined Event State Championship entry fee is \$25 for athletes competing in the Decathlon, Heptathlon or Pentathlon.
- 1.8 Registration is not available on the day at the Combined Event Championships. Athlete registration is to be organised before the competition.
- 1.9 Late entries are not guaranteed and are only accepted on the approval of the Athletics NSW Competition Manager. Late entries cost \$35 and must be lodged 90 minutes prior to the start of the event on the official entry form. If this is the case, athletes are encouraged to contact the Athletics NSW office after the close of entries to confirm their interest/availability in the event.
- 1.10 All Athletes must check the entry lists and final timetable which is posted on the ANSW website after the close of entries. It is each athlete's responsibility to check the start time of their event closer to the competition date.

2. RULES AND PROCEDURES

- 2.1 The Championship will be conducted in accordance with the IAAF and WMA Rules, subject to minor modifications approved by Athletics Australia and Athletics NSW and as printed below.
- 2.2 2012-13 registration numbers must be worn front and back (except for high jump and pole vault) and must be clearly visible. Interstate/International athletes will be issued a bib number upon checking in.
- 2.3 All athletes must report to Athlete Check-in to advise of their intention to compete at least sixty (60) minutes before the scheduled starting time of the combined event. Failure to check-in by this time may result in the athlete being scratched from the event by the Technical Delegate.
- 2.4 Athletes withdrawing are required to inform the Combined Events Referee as soon as possible and especially at the conclusion of day one.
- 2.5 For track events, athletes are to report to the start area at least ten (10) minutes prior to the start time of the event.
- 2.6 For field events, athletes must report to the event site at least twenty (20) minutes prior to the advised start time of the event to allow for warm ups to be completed.
- 2.7 Starting blocks must be used for all events up to and including 400m except as provided for in the WMA rules.
- 2.8 The Blacktown Athletics track is a synthetic track, therefore spikes must be no longer than 9mm for High Jump and Javelin, or 7mm for other events.
- 2.9 Field events and hurdles specifications for Championship events are included on the ANSW website and in the online Summer Handbook.
- 2.10 The Combined Events Referee, in consultation with the athletes, will determine the starting heights for High Jump and Pole Vault.
- 2.11 **Protests:**

2.11.1 Protests concerning the status of an athlete to participate must be made prior to the closure of entries for the event to the Technical Delegate, with a right of appeal to the Jury of Appeal.

2.11.2 Any protest regarding competition must be made orally to the referee by the athlete or by a person acting on his/her behalf within 30 minutes of the official announcement of the result. The referee may decide on the issue or refer the matter to the Jury of Appeal. The athlete has the right to appeal to the Jury, but this must be in writing and submitted to the Administration Manager within 30 minutes of the announcement of the referee's decision. This protest must be accompanied by a fee of \$20 which will be forfeited should the protest be dismissed. Copies of a suitable Protest Form are available from the Administration Manager.

2.11.3 Please note, in a field event, if an athlete makes an immediate oral protest against having an attempt judged as a foul, the Referee may direct that the attempt be measured and the result recorded, in order to preserve the rights of all concerned. (IAAF Rule 146.4) However, the attempt will be recorded as a foul.

2.11.4 Any protests regarding programming, order of events or timetabling must be made to Athletics NSW at least three (3) weeks prior to the first day of competition.

2.12 **Private Implements.** Athletes who wish to include their own throwing implements in the championship equipment pool MUST lodge them with the Technical Manager at the Technical Room, no later than 90 minutes before the scheduled starting time of the particular event. Private implements will be returned to the Technical Room at the conclusion of the event. Athletes can collect their implement/s from the Technical Room after the event. Athletes are to provide their own vaulting poles. The Organising Committee will not provide poles.