



Heat to Final Progression

The following is the IAAF rule for lane draws and progression to finals and the procedures that will take place during the Buffalo Sports NSW All Schools. Please note - this may be different from other carnivals, including Little Athletics.

All heats are seeded an hour prior to the start time of the event. This allows officials to remove any scratching's so heats can be evenly and fairly distributed.

Lane draws and qualification in track events:

a) The progression from heats to finals for events up to and including 800m (including hurdles) is as follows:

- i. If there are two (2) heats, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd from each heat and fastest others qualify.
- ii. If there are three (3) heats, 1st & 2nd from each heat and fastest others qualify.
- iii. If there are four (4) or more heats, winners from each heat and fastest others qualify.
- iv. In events up to 110m where heats are held, ten (10) athletes will advance to the final.
- v. For events between 200m to 800m inclusive, nine (9) athletes will advance to the final.

b) Lanes will be drawn as follows for events up to and including 800m (including hurdles):

- i. In the first round, athletes will be allocated to heats based on advice of best times this season. A draw by lot will be made for the order of heats and the lane of each athlete.
- ii. For the final, athletes will be ranked according to their positions and times in accordance with IAAF Rule 166.3(a). Then three draws will be made:

- One for the four highest ranked athletes or teams to determine placings in lanes 4, 5, 6 and 7
- another for the fifth & sixth ranked athletes or teams to determine placings in lane 8 and 9, and
- another for the three lowest ranked athletes or teams to determine placings in lanes 1, 2, 3.

NB- When 10 lanes are used for finals, fifth, sixth & seventh ranked athletes will be drawn in lanes 8-10, with the three lowest-ranked athletes drawn in lanes 1-3.

c) For 1500m events, the progression from heats to finals and lane draw is as follows:

- i. If there are two (2) or three (3) heats, 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th from each heat and fastest others qualify.
- ii. Twelve (12) athletes will advance to the final if there are less than 30 athletes in the heats; fifteen (15) athletes will advance to the final if there are 30 or more athletes in the heats.
- iii. In the first round, athletes will be allocated to heats based on advice of best times this season. A draw by lot will be made for the order of heats and the starting position of each athlete.
- iv. For the final, a draw by lot will be made for the starting position of each athlete.

Please note - when heats are no longer required, the final will be conducted at Heat Time