

Competition Rules & Regulations Changes – Season 2024-2025

The following rule changes come into effect at the beginning of the 2024-2025 Summer Track & Field season and apply to all levels of competition.

Competition Regulations:

- Rule 601 - Added Race Walking Road Championships and Winter Track & Field Series to table of State and Region competitions.
- Rule 602.6 – Added Race Walking Road Championships and Winter Track & Field Series – no additional entry requirements.
- Rule 604.1 – Amended table and provided explanation below table to highlight Under 16 and Under 17 age group field sizes can exceed maximum where athletes qualify via newly added Rule 604.11.
- Rule 604.9 – Added a sentence to clarify that countback rules do not apply when separating performances achieved at 2 or more separate events.
- Rule 604.11 – New Rule added to provide opportunity for Under 16 and Under 17 athletes competing at the AV State Championships to still qualify for LAVic State Championships. Note that these qualifiers are in addition to those that qualify via Region Carnivals to ensure that no athlete is disadvantaged.
- Rule 611.2 – Amended to allow more than 8 athletes in those track events where there are more than 8 lanes available.
- Rule 611.4 – Added provision for lane allocation where more than 8 lanes are used.
- Rule 611.7 – Added provision for lane allocation where more than 8 lanes are used.
- Rule 613.12 – Added provision to allow LAVic to form Combined Multi-Class teams for Cross Country Relays from multiple Regions where there are insufficient athletes available to form a Region team.

Competition Rules:

- Rule 1 – Added State Race Walk Road Championships and Winter Track and Field Series to list of sanctioned events.
- Rule 163.3 – updated rule regarding running in lane on a bend as per WA Rule update.
- Rule 170.16 – updated rule regarding takeover zone for Relays as per WA Rule update.
- Rule 184.2 – Added description of landing area for horizontal jumps as per WA Rule update.
- Rule 187 – Inserted Multi-Class Javelin weights table.
- Rule 187.9 – Added runway to areas where practice trials cannot be done during competition. Added note that implements cannot be used outside of the circle or runway. Added note that human body fluids cannot be applied to implements.
- Rule 187.14 – Reworded rule around contact outside the throwing circle to align with WA Rule update.
- Rule 189.1 – Added that there shall be no loose parts of the discus as per WA Rule update.
- Rule 193.6 – Added clarification of loose items in determining a failure as per WA Rule update.
- Appendix 1 (Standard Events Table) – added Race Walking Road distances to table.

Centre Level Standard Event Table:

Road Race Walking maximum distances added to table. Under 11 increased from 1.5km to 2km and Under 13 increased from 2km to 3km to align with Cross-Country distances.

Specification Documents and World Athletics Rules:

No changes to specifications for any of the existing documents other than updating the year and format.

World Athletics (Technical and Competition) Rules – updated to latest versions (Jan 2024).

Centre Level Standard Event Table:

Updated contact details for suppliers.

Centre Officiating Booklet:

Inserted updated Standard Event Table. Updated the "other resources" section at the end of the document.

Winter Track & Field Regulations:

Added an extra tie-breaker for Multi-Class (Scoring System 4e).