

## CHEMIST WAREHOUSE AUSTRALIAN 35KM RACE WALKING CHAMPIONSHIPS

15 DECEMBER 2024

MIDDLE PARK, MELBOURNE

### TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

Athletics Australia welcomes all participants in the 2024 Chemist Warehouse Australian 35km Race Walking Championships. It is important that all participating athletes and where relevant coaches/support personnel take the time to read and adhere to the rules and regulations below, to allow smooth conduct of the Championships.

These Championships will be conducted according to the rules of World Athletics and Athletics Australia.

#### 1. Uniforms

**Open Athletes 35km** - Athletes are encouraged to wear their Member Association, Institute/Academy of Sport, or First Claim Club uniform. All uniform must comply with the World Athletics and Athletics Australia advertising regulations.

**Open Athletes 20km** - All athletes entered in the support events conducted with the 35km Championships must wear their approved Member Association uniform or that of their First Claim Club.

#### 2. Athlete Check In

All athletes are required to check in for their event at the **Bib Collection Station (BCS)** – which will be located adjacent to the finish area.

**Athletes are required to check-in no later than 30 minutes** prior to the advertised start time of their event.

#### 3. Scratching from an event

Athlete who have entered for any event and subsequently decide to scratch are requested to advise the Athletics Australia Competitions Unit as soon as they are aware that they will not participate – [competitions@athletics.org.au](mailto:competitions@athletics.org.au)

#### 4. Competition Bibs

Collection of the bibs is from the **Bib Collection Station (BCS)**. All athletes must report to the BSC immediately on arrival at the venue.

The competition bibs issued to athletes for the Championships must be worn on the front and back of their competition uniform firmly attached with no less than four (4) pins. The entire bib including sponsorship information must be always visible and no part of the bib shall be folded under the uniform.

ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA WILL ENFORCE WORLD ATHLETICS RULE TR 5.9 & TR 5.11, WHICH RENDER AN ATHLETE LIABLE TO DISQUALIFICATION IF S/HE TAMPERS IN ANY WAY THE COMPETITION BIB.

## 5. Entries

Athletes are permitted to enter only one event at this competition in accordance with the Entry Regulations set out in Appendix 1.

The following events will be conducted:

Australian Championships – 35km Men; 35km Women  
Support Events (World Athletics Calendar events) – 20km Men; 20km Women

In order to enter and compete in the above events athletes must be currently registered with an AA Member Association or Member Federation affiliated with (and not currently suspended by) World Athletics.

If after the closure of entries an athlete wishes to transfer their entry to another event for which they are eligible such request should be directed to the AA Competitions Unit - [competitions@athletics.org.au](mailto:competitions@athletics.org.au)

## 6. Warm-up

Warm-up may be conducted on the course prior to the start of the first race. Thereafter no warm-up is permitted on the course and must be undertaken on adjacent areas.

## 7. Refreshment Station

A Drink station (with water) will be provided for all athletes. Personal refreshment tables will be provided for 35km and 20km athletes only. Any 20km athletes with a personal drink must have it clearly labelled with their last name and these drinks must be on the table by 6.40am.

## 8. Call Room Procedures

There will be a call room/marshalling area in operation. All athletes are required to report to the Call Room before 15 minutes prior to their event

The call room will be adjacent to the **Bib Collection Station (BCS)**.

Having previously checked in, all athletes must report to the call room on time with their competition bibs attached with no less than four (4) pins on the front and back of their competition.

In the Call Room, athletes will be expected to demonstrate that their competition uniform and bibs, shoes and other equipment comply with the competition rules. Athletes will leave the Call Room ready to compete.

In exceptional circumstances competition management may allow athletes to take warm clothing to the start line. If this is allowed, it will be advised at the Call Room and the athletes will be responsible for retrieving their own clothing from the start line or passing it to a support person.

Athletes will proceed to the start of their event from the Call Room accompanied by a Call Room Judge or Starter's Assistant. Athletes who proceed to the event not accompanied by a judge or an official may not be allowed to start.

## 9. Penalty Zone

The Penalty Zone will be in place for each event.

## **10. Timetable Changes**

The timetable and any changes in the timetable or these regulations are available on the Athletics Australia website.

## **11. Post Event Procedures**

At the conclusion of each event athletes must report immediately to **Post Event Control** located near the finish line end of the track. Doping control may be carried out. If athletes have other duties (such as interviews or presentations) they should sign the acknowledgement and ask the chaperone to wait.

## **12. Medal Presentations for 35km events**

Medal presentations will be made as soon as possible after the event. All placegetters are asked to assist with this procedure by going with an official at the completion of the event. Each athlete must wear either their competition singlet or tracksuit top for the presentation.

All medals (gold, silver, bronze) will only be awarded if three (3) or more athletes participate in the event.

Where two athletes participate then only the gold medal will be awarded.

There will be no medal awarded where only one athlete participates.

## **13. Protests & Appeals**

These must be lodged initially with the relevant Referee as per World Athletics Rules (WA TR8).

Appeals to the Jury can be made after a Protest to the Referee is dismissed, are to be made in writing on the appropriate form and lodged with the \$50 fee. Appeals may be lodged by either the athlete or athlete's representative (usually the Team Manager) and are to be lodged in the TIC.

## **Appendix 1 – Entry Regulations**

- 1) There are no entry standards for the 35km championships or any of the support events, but athletes should self-regulate and only enter if they are able to finish in under 3:15 for men and 3:30 for women.

Any athlete aged 20 years or older on 31 December 2024 (open athletes) may enter and compete in either the 20km or the 35km race (but not both). Only open athletes are eligible to compete in the 35km events.

Any athlete aged 18 or 19 years on the 31 December 2024 (born in 2006 or 2005) may enter and compete in the 20km Race (but not the Open 35km Race).

Younger athletes may not participate in either the 35 or 20km events.

### 2) REPRESENTATION

- a) As per the current Athletics Australia by-laws, athletes in the 35km championships will represent the Member Association in which they currently reside or with which they have an established first claim registration relationship.
- b) Any uncertainty on what state/territory an athlete represents under the by-laws is to be adjudicated by AA General Manager – Sport Delivery.
- c) As these Championships are for members of AA's Member Associations, athletes who do not have Australian citizenship will be considered as eligible to represent the Member Association with which they are registered if they have been registered with that (or another AA member Association for at least the two registration seasons (including the current season) prior to the Championships. Otherwise, they will represent their country of nationality. This regulation applies to the open and under 20 age groups only. For all other age groups athletes will be deemed to be eligible to represent the MA with which they are currently registered.