



World Athletics Shoe Rule - National Implementation

The proposed National Implementation outlined below is based on the interim rules imposed by World Athletics (WA) on 28th July 2020. WA may amend these rules throughout the Australian Track & Field Season and National implementation will be reviewed as required:

[WA Rule 5 - Clothing, Shoes and Athlete Bibs – 28th July 2020](#)

[WA Press Release– amended 3rd August 2020](#)

[WA List of Approved Shoes – as of 3rd September 2020](#)

[WA Clarification of the Rule – 16th October 2020](#)

National Rule Application

For all competitions held in Australia there will be a dispensation from World Athletics Rule 5 - Clothing, Shoes and Athlete Bibs. This dispensation is in relation to the allowed sole thicknesses only. The following will apply:

a) Under 20 and Open

The rules in relation to sole thickness do not apply for any competition (except in high jump, long jump and triple jump [after 1 Dec]) with the exception of:

- National Championships for the Open and Under 20 categories.
- Any International Permit Meet
- **State Open Championships**

b) Under 19 (Under 14, Under 15, Under 16, Under 17 and Under 18)

The rules in relation to sole thickness do not apply for any event for athletes who compete in Under 19 competition (the competition, not athlete age) and below

c) Para – All Ages

National Para events are conducted under World Para Athletics (WPA) rules. WPA is in the process of aligning their rules of competition with World Athletics and will adopt this rule soon.

AA will distribute the updated WA rules once received.



Shoe Declaration

Athletes competing in Under 20 and Open events will be required to complete an online Shoe Declaration prior to their first State Championship (open) or National competition for the season.

Athletes will have the option to declare multiple shoes within their online portal and will be permitted to update their declaration throughout the season if required. Amendments to an athlete's shoe declaration will be permitted up until confirmation of intention to compete (athlete check-in)

An athlete's shoes will be confirmed against their declaration during the Call Room process

National Records, International Qualifiers and State Records

Shoe type will become a compulsory section of the application process for National Records, international qualifying performances and **State Records:**

a) National Meets

- U20 and Open athletes' shoes will have been checked during the call room process
- U16 & U18 shoes will be checked post event by the relevant referee

b) State Meets – Approved National Permit

- Athletes will be required to have their shoes checked post event and signed off by the relevant Referee. Notification will need to be outlined on the results.

c) State Meets – Non-National Permit

- National records and international qualifiers cannot be achieved at these meets
- **State Records – athletes will be required to have their shoes checked post event and signed off by the relevant Referee.**



Education

For the seamless delivery of all National meets, it is imperative for all stakeholders to be educated on how to comply within the rules

a) Athletes, Coaches and Parents

- Education Campaign across the 2021 season
- Onsite Compliance Checking Station at the 2021 Australian Track & Field Championships
- Online FAQ document

b) Technical Officials

- Online Seminar / Info Session
- Included in all Pre-Meet Briefings
- FAQ / Scenario document for Call Room Officials to ensure consistency
- WA Approved Shoe List with pictures

National Rankings

National Rankings lists will contain performances from both National and International meets where the rule is applied, and State meets where the dispensation is in effect.