

ATHLETICS NEW ZEALAND HIGH PERFORMANCE ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS TOUR

Athletics New Zealand (Athletics NZ) High Performance will be sending a management team to the Australian Junior Championships in order to assist those Youth and Junior athletes in the P2P Programme who wish to travel to Sydney for international competition.

Athletics Australia have combined their Junior and Senior Championships together for 2017 to feature an 8 day festival of Athletics.

26 March	Day 2- Mon	Day 3- Tue	Day 4- Wed	Day 5- Thu	Day 6- Fri	Day 7- Sat	2 April
Day 1 – Sun (U17, U18, U20)	(U17, U18, U20)	(Under 17, Under 18, Under 20)	(U14-U20)	(U14, U15, U16, Open)	(U14, U15, U16, Open)	(U14, U15, U16, Open)	Day 8- Sun (U14, U15, U16, Open)
	9am-1:30 pm	9am-2pm	8:30am- 2pm	9am-2pm	8:30am-2pm	9am-2pm	9am-12:30pm
2:30pm-9pm							1pm-4:30pm
	5pm-8:45 pm	4:45pm-9pm	4:30pm-9pm	4:45pm-9pm	5pm-9pm	5:30pm-9pm	

Age groups: The competition categories available are from under 14 to under 20. You must be under the age of the category you wish to compete in by 31 December 2017. i.e. If you are currently 16 but turn 17 before 31 December 2017 then you are competing in the Under 18 age group.

We will not be accepting entries into this tour for athletes in the under 16 category or younger.

Although we do not yet have the draft timetable (expected from Athletics Australia in late November) we have an [event matrix](#) detailing what events will be held on what day to help you plan. Hopefully by establishing the logistical arrangements now, it will help to keep costs down. To achieve this we need to know the demand from athletes to attend this competition within this tour structure.

We will arrange accommodation, transport to and from the airport*, to and from the track, entries into the Champs and supply a management structure for athletes within this tour. If the demand is high enough we will also provide a physio. This is a self-funded trip, however Athletics NZ will be making a contribution towards the management costs.

Athletes are required to send an expression of interest (EOI) by Friday 9 December 2016 at the latest to [Kat Austin](#). Please provide your full name, date of birth and a contact number. Please note, you do not have to confirm your event/s until next year.

Final commitment to this trip will be required in mid-December once we can confirm exact costing's for you, but please indicate your interest by the stipulated December date.

Athletes will be required to book their own flights, however we strongly recommend you do not do this until the EOI timeframe has finished and we establish how many are interested. We will publish further details about this tour and the set times for airport collection and drop offs in late-November*.

Unfortunately we do not have the qualification standards from Athletics Australia yet. These are due out in mid-December. If you are concerned about this please let me know and I can request an indication from Athletics Australia.

This is a good opportunity to gain some quality competition and we strongly encourage those athletes who are eligible and in the P2P programme to consider this trip. Any athlete outside the P2P programme who is interested in attending can express their interest by the same December deadline, and will be considered if we are able to manage the total numbers.

You can also attend the Australian Junior Championships (if eligible) outside of this arranged structure. Details on how you enter will be confirmed in December. Further information will also be provided once we have the entry standards.

** Set timings for transport to and from the airport will be arranged by Athletics NZ. If you wish to utilise this offer you must be available for collection and drop offs at the set times, or you can choose to wait. These have been established around the flight schedules into Sydney from NZ and will be published after the EOI deadline.*

ESTIMATED COSTS (NZD):

\$550.00	Flights (<i>at your own costs/purchased individually</i>)
\$65.00	Accommodation (per night) <i>This figure may be slightly reduced down once numbers are confirmed</i>
\$25.00**	Entry Fee (\$20.00 for every other event)
\$35.00 per day	Food (<i>3 meals a day and snacks</i>). Please apply to your own appetite
\$350.00	Team Management fee - including van hire and petrol. <i>This figure may be slightly adjusted (up or down) once numbers are confirmed</i>

QUICK FACTS

- Australian Juniors; Sunday 26 to Wednesday 29 March 2017, Sydney (for U18-U20)
- Indicate interest by Friday 9 December 2016 to Kat Austin (kat@athletics.org.nz)
- Set timings for transport to and from the airport will be arranged by Athletics NZ
- Accommodation costs have been set at \$65.00 (NZD) per person, per night
- Transport to and from the accommodation and track will be arranged by Athletics NZ
- **Entry fee is \$25.00 for your first event and then \$20.00 for every event entered after that
- Management and some coaching (event dependent) support will be available. Depending on uptake there may be a physio available as well.
- You will be required to wear your center competition uniform
- There will be a Team Management charge, estimated at \$350.00 per person (dependent on the uptake of athletes).
- This is a self-funded trip

Please direct any questions to Kat Austin, Kat@athletics.org.nz, 021 193 3388