



MEMORANDUM

To: All athletes and coaches
From: David Gynther, Chief Executive Officer
Re: Expansion of age groups at the Queensland Junior Championships
Date: 1 October 2015

1. EXPANSION OF AGE GROUPS

To bring the Queensland Junior Championships into line with the Australian Junior Championships, Queensland Athletics has expanded the Under 16 and Under 18 age groups into separate U15/U16 and U17/U18 age groups.

In 2016, the Queensland Junior Championships will be conducted in the following age groups for able-bodied athletes:

- **Under 14** - athletes must not have their fourteenth birthday on or before 31st December 2015 (ie must be born in 2003 or 2004)
- **Under 15** - athletes must not have their fifteenth birthday on or before 31st December 2015 (ie must be born in 2002 or later)
- **Under 16** - athletes must not have their sixteenth birthday on or before 31st December 2015 (ie must be born in 2001 or later)
- **Under 17** - athletes must not have their seventeenth birthday on or before 31st December 2015 (ie must be born in 2000 or later)
- **Under 18** - athletes must not have their eighteenth birthday on or before 31st December 2015 (ie must be born in 1999 or later)
- **Under 20** - athletes must not have their twentieth birthday on or before 31st December 2015 (ie must be born in 1997 or later)

Please note: Athletes MUST turn 12 in the year of competition in order to compete in these Championships.

Para-athletics age groups, for athletes with a disability, are conducted using the following age groups (same as National Championships):

- **Under 16** – Ages 12 to 15 years (born during 2001-2004 only)
- **Under 20** – Ages 16 to 19 years (born during 1997-2000 only)

2. ENTERING MULTIPLE AGE GROUPS

Accordingly the event entry rules for the Queensland Junior Championships will also be the same as at Nationals in regards to competing in multiple age groups.

Athletes may compete in multiple age groups at the Queensland Junior Athletics Championships as long as they ensure that entries for multiple age groups are made in accordance with the following competition regulations:

- Athletes may only enter each event in a maximum of two age groups.
- No athlete may enter the same or similar events within the U15 and U16 age groups. **
- No athlete may enter the same or similar events within the U17 and U18 age groups. **

**** Same or similar event** refers to 80/90/100/110m hurdles; 200/400m hurdles; 3000/5000 metres and 3000/5000m walk and each of the throwing events (regardless of change in weight of implements).