



International Sport Federation for Athletes with an Intellectual Impairment



**Event Manual:
2025 Virtus World
Athletics Championships**

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Welcome Message

Welcome Message from Helen Croxford, President of Sport Inclusion Australia

Dear Virtus Members, Athletes and Coaches,

On behalf of Sport Inclusion Australia, we would like to invite you to the 2025 Virtus World Athletics Championships, now proudly hosted in Brisbane, Australia, from 8–15 October 2025! It is an absolute honour to welcome athletes, coaches, officials and supporters from around the world to this prestigious event in one of Australia's most dynamic sporting cities.

This championship builds on the proud legacy of past Virtus Games, including the 2019 Global Games in Brisbane and the 2022 Virtus Oceania Asia Games, both of which showcased world-class performances, unforgettable moments and lasting friendships. We are excited to once again bring the world's best athletes together, continuing to set new standards for excellence and inclusion.

This event, sanctioned by World Para Athletics, will bring together over 300 elite athletes and team officials from across the globe, including youth events aimed at identifying future champions.

It is particularly special to host this event in Brisbane—the future host city of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. This provides an incredible opportunity for both elite and emerging athletes to compete at the highest level, inspiring the next generation of champions.

At Sport Inclusion Australia, we firmly believe that no one should be left behind—sport should be a place where everyone is welcomed, valued and included. This championship is more than just a competition; it is a powerful platform to showcase the talent, resilience and determination of athletes with an intellectual impairment on a global stage.

Sport Inclusion Australia would like to acknowledge the Australian, Queensland and Brisbane governments and key delivery partners Athletics Queensland, Australian Athletics and Oceania Athletics.

To all athletes, I encourage you to put your hands up for your national team selection. We encourage you to give your best, support one another and make memories that will last a lifetime.

See you at the 2025 Virtus World Athletics Championships— let's continue the legacy of inclusion and excellence in sport!

Helen Croxford

President, Sport Inclusion Australia

About the 2025 Virtus World Athletics Championship

Location:

Brisbane, Australia

Dates:

8-15 October 2025

Venue:

The championships will be held at the Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre, a world-class facility renowned for hosting international athletic events.

Highlights of the Event

- **Opening Ceremony:** Join us for a warm welcome at the opening ceremony on the evening of October 10, featuring performances that celebrate the spirit of sport and inclusion.
- **Athletic Competitions:** Witness athletes from around the world compete in a full schedule of track and field events, showcasing their exceptional talents and dedication.
- **Youth Competition:** Brisbane 2025 will continue the inclusion of Youth events to provide opportunities for developing athletes from around the World.
- **Cultural Experiences:** Engage in cultural activities and explore the sights of Brisbane - the future host city of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Connect with fellow members and stakeholders in the field of athletics and participate in discussions and workshops aimed at fostering the growth of inclusive sports.

Technical support for the championships will be provided by qualified technical officials Queensland Athletics ensuring adherence to international standards for competition and event management.

- WPA Sanctioning,
- IPC Classification (pending confirmation)
- Competition managed by qualified World Athletics officials.

About Sport Inclusion Australia

Sport Inclusion Australia (SIA) is the national sporting organisation established to assist the inclusion of people with a disability, with a focus on athletes with an intellectual impairment into the mainstream community using sport as the medium.

Working together with our National and State sporting organisations and Government partners, SIA aims to deliver a successful internationally sanctioned athletics event for elite athletes with intellectual impairment in a world class athletics venue in a welcoming and inclusive environment.

Our vision is a world where everyone can be included through sport.


In addition to providing a World class event, our goals include fostering engagement with Asia Pacific nations and include classifier training to build capacity in Australia and the Pacific region.

Contact Information

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Event Information

Competition Location: Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre (QSAC)

Location	Brisbane
	<p>World Class Facility with International Standard Track and Field</p> <p>The facility is used for International and local athletics events as well as other major events including concerts with some of the worlds most famous artists (Madonna, Pearl Jam, AC/DC, Dire Straits, Bruce Springsteen, Rolling Stones, Elton John to name a few.</p> <p>The first International competition hosted at Queensland sports and Athletics Centre being the 1982 Commonwealth Games. More recently QSAC has hosted the 2019 Virtus Global Games and 2022 Oceania Asia Games.</p>
Venue	<p>The venue has two 10 lane Rekortan tracks with full throwing and jumping facilities.</p> 
Climate	<p>October is a good time to visit Brisbane with average temperature of 26 with a low of 17. The average rainfall in October is 10 days.</p>

Live streaming

It is planned to live stream the Championships. Details of live streaming will be provided closer to the Championships.

Branding, Marketing and Media

A comprehensive Brand, Marketing and Media plan will be prepared. For assistance on event brand assets for Team Delegation uniform or merchandise, please contact sport@siasport.org

Medical Provision

Comprehensive medical support will be available at all competition venues and official hotels, including emergency medical services and on-call physicians.

VISA

Participants from certain nations will require a visa to enter Australia. It is the responsibility of each delegation to secure their visas prior to arrival. The LOC will provide invitation letters upon request to support visa applications.

More information will be provided as it comes to hand.

As a general guide, all travellers must present a valid passport or passport linked to a valid Australian visa.

All participants need to apply for their Australian visa well ahead of their travel date. All visa holders must continue to meet Australia's health, character and security requirements on arrival.

If you require assistance, please contact: sport@siasport.org

Travel and Transportation

Airport	Brisbane International Airport and Brisbane Domestic Airport
Travel Time	30-45 minutes from the airport to Brisbane City
Local Transport	The LOC will provide transport services between the airport, competition venues, hotels, and official events.

Cost

Sport Inclusion Australia is committed to making the event as viable as possible. Cost options for delegations will be announce soon.

Competition Schedule

Competition Schedule (subject to change)

ATHLETES & DELEGATION	
8 October (Wednesday)	Arrivals
9 October (Thursday)	Training / Classification / Technical Meeting
10 October (Friday)	Training / Classification / Opening Ceremony
11 October (Saturday)	Competition Day 1
12 October (Sunday)	Competition Day 2
13 October (Monday)	Competition Day 3
14 October (Tuesday)	Competition Day 4 / Closing Ceremony
15 October (Wednesday)	Departures
OTHER ACTIVITIES (To be confirmed)	
International Sport Summit	
Classifier Training	



Sports Rules and Regulations

All competitions will adhere to **World Athletics, World Para Athletics Rules** and **Virtus Athletics Specifications**, ensuring fairness and consistency throughout the championships.

Entry Criteria

The entry criteria must be in line with the Virtus Sport Specification.

- Maximum of 3 entries per nation for individual events.
- 1 entry per nation for relay events.
- Developing member nations may enter 1 athlete in each event who has not met the minimum qualifying standard.
- Athletes who have qualified in one event may also enter an additional similar event without meeting the minimum qualifying standard, subject to maximum of 3 athletes per country rule.
- Entry is subject to the [Virtus Conditions of Entry](#) and [Code of Conduct](#) , [Safeguarding Code](#), and the [Virtus Privacy Policy](#)

Eligibility and Accreditation

Athletes must be listed as **“Active”** on the Virtus Master List.

Accreditation will be issued to each athlete after she/he personally has shown her/his passport to the Virtus officer. All staff members will also receive accreditations.

Results System

The event will use the **Hy-tek Competition Management System** to manage and display competition results. Live results will be displayed online.

Youth competition

The Youth competition will be conducted as a multi-point scoring event with athletes eligible to compete in a wide range of events where they score points based on their performance, with the best three-point scoring events counting to their score for overall awards for Youth athletes.

Medal Criteria

Medals will be awarded for **1st, 2nd, and 3rd places** in each event.

In Youth events, medal presentation will be conducted as one overall presentation for Boys and Girls, with no medals for individual events.

Anti-Doping

Random doping tests will be conducted under the supervision of **Sport Integrity Australia**, in accordance with international anti-doping regulations.

Accreditation

Accreditation will be issued upon identity verification and validation of eligibility. Accreditation must be worn at all times to access competition and official event areas.

Competition Program

Technical Meeting:

The first technical meeting is planned for **9 October 2025**.

Qualifying Standards

EVENT	II1		II2 – Additional Physical		II3 - Autism		Youth (II-1)	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Boys	Girls
100m	12.30	15.00	16.50	21.50	13.20	15.30	Open	Open
200m	25.00	31.50	34.30	52.00	30.00	35.00	Open	Open
400m Hurdles	57.00	75.00	1:40.00	2:40.00	62.00	78.00	Open	Open
800m	2:12.00	2:45.00	4:00.00	5:30.00	2:24.00	3:00.00	Open	Open
1500m	4:45.00	5:50.00	8:30.00	10:00.00	5:30.00	6:15.00	Open	Open
3000m		13:30.00				16:00.00		
5000m	17:30.00	22:30.00			21:00.00			
10,000m	42:00							
100m/110m Hurdles	22.00 (110m)	21.50 (100mH)						
400m Hurdles	77.00	89.00						
3k Steeplechase	12:45.00	14:40.00						
Race Walk	32:00.00 5000m	36:50.00 5000m	14:10.00 1500m	15:00.00 1500m				
Pole Vault	1.80m	1.60m						
High Jump	1.60m	1.15m					Open	Open
Long Jump	5.70m	4.00m	3.00m	2:00m	5.00m	2.75m	Open	Open
Triple Jump	10.50m	8.00m					Open	Open
Shot Put	10.00m (7.26kg)	8.00m (4kg)	5.00m (4.kg)	4.00m (3.kg)	7.00m (7.26kg)	6.00m (4kg)	Open	Open
Discus	22.00m (2kg)	15.00m (1kg)	14.90m (1kg)	10.50m (750gm)	15.00m (2kg)	12.00m (1kg)	Open	Open
Javelin	30.00m (800g)	16.00m (600g)	12.90m (600gm)	9.00m (400gm)	20.00m (800g)	15.00m (600g)	Open	Open
Hammer	20.00m	20.00m						
4x100m Relay	1 x country	1 x country	1 x country	1 x country				
4x200m Mxd Relay	1 x country							
4x400m Relay	1 x country	1 x country						
Multi	Open	Open	Open	Open				

Hurdle Heights: 100m (0.84m), 110m (0.91m), 400m Men (0.84m), 400m women (0.76m)

Steeple Heights: 2000m 0.762 (women), 3000m 0.914m (men);

Multi Events: II1 – Heptathlon (100m H/110mH, High jump, Shot put, 200m, Long jump, Javelin, 800m),
II2 – Triathlon (100m, long jump and shot put)

Schedule of events

Draft timetable for 2025 Virtus World Athletics Championships as at 29 January 2025

Day 1 Events	Class	Gender	Round
10,000m	II-1	M	Final
100m	II-1	M	Heats
100m	II-1	W	Heats
1500m	II-1	M/Y	Heats
1500m	II-1	W/Y	Heats
400m	II-1	M/Y	Heats
400m	II-1	W/Y	Heats
5,000m	II-1	W	Final
Heptathlon 100m H	II-1	W	Hep 1
Heptathlon 110m H	II-1	M	Hep 1
Heptathlon High Jump	II-1	M	Hep 2
Heptathlon High Jump	II-1	W	Hep 2
Heptathlon Shot put	II-1	M	Hep 3
Heptathlon Shot put	II-1	W	Hep 3
Heptathlon 200m	II-1	M	Hep 4
Heptathlon 200m	II-1	W	Hep 4
Shot put	II-1	M	Qualifying
Shot put	II-1	W	Qualifying
Tri 100m	II-2	M	Tri 1
Tri Shot	II-2	M	Tri 2
Tri Long Jump	II-2	M	Tri 3
Tri 100m	II-2	W	Tri 1
Tri Shot	II-2	W	Tri 2
Tri Long Jump	II-2	W	Tri 3
Triple Jump	II-1	M	Final
Triple Jump	II-1	W	Final

Notes

Tried to base on Vichy program, with some of my preferences
youth events and placement to be confirmed following close of entries
I prefer to run heat and final on consecutive day,
I prefer to have IPC events on early,
it provides opportunity to leave early also.

Day 2 Events	Class	Gender	Round
100m	II-2	M	Semi and Final
100m	II-3	M	Semi and Final
100m	II-1	M/Y	Semi and Final
100m	II-2	W	Semi and Final
100m	II-3	W	Semi and Final
100m	II-1	W/Y	Semi and Final
1500m	II-1	M	Final
1500m	II-2	M	Final
1500m	II-3	M	Final
1500m	II-1	W	Final
1500m	II-2	W	Final
1500m	II-3	W	Final
4 x 200m	II-1	Mixed	Final
400m	II-1	M	Final
400m	II-2	M	Final
400m	II-3	M	Final
400m	II-1	W	Final
400m	II-2	W	Final
400m	II-3	W	Final
400m H	II-1	M	Final
400m H	II-1	W	Final
Heptathlon Long Jump	II-1	M	Hep 5
Heptathlon Long Jump	II-1	W	Hep 5
Heptathlon 1500m	II-1	M	Hep 7
Heptathlon 800m	II-1	W	Hep 7
Heptathlon Javelin	II-1	M	Hep 6
Heptathlon Javelin	II-1	W	Hep 6
Javelin	II-2	M	Final
Javelin	II-3	M	Final
Javelin	II-1	M/Y	Final
Javelin	II-2	W	Final
Javelin	II-3	W	Final
Javelin	II-1	W/Y	Final
Long Jump	II-1	M	Qualifying
Long Jump	II-1	W	Qualifying
Pole Vault	II-1	M	Final
Pole Vault	II-1	W	Final
Shot put	II-1	M	Final
Shot put	II-1	W	Final

Day 3 Events	Class	Gender	Round
800m	II-1	M/Y	Semi
200m	II-1	M/Y	Semi
200m	II-2	M	Semi
200m	II-3	M	Semi
4 x 100m	II-1	M	Final
4 x 100m	II-2	M	Final
Steeple	II-1	M	Final
Discus	II-1	M/Y	Final
Discus	II-2	M	Final
Discus	II-3	M	Final
Long Jump	II-1	M/Y	Final
Long Jump	II-2	M	Final
Long Jump	II-3	M	Final
800m	II-1	W/Y	Semi
200m	II-1	W/Y	Semi
200m	II-2	W	Semi
200m	II-3	W	Semi
4 x 100m	II-1	W	Final
4 x 100m	II-2	W	Final
Steeple	II-1	W	Final
Discus	II-1	W/Y	Final
Discus	II-2	W	Final
Discus	II-3	W	Final
Long Jump	II-1	W/Y	Final
Long Jump	II-2	W	Final
Long Jump	II-3	W	Final

Day 4 Events	Class	Gender	Round
110m H	II-1	M	Final
200m	II-1	M	Final
200m	II-2	M	Final
200m	II-3	M	Final
200m	II-1	W	Final
200m	II-2	W	Final
200m	II-3	W	Final
3000m	II-1	W	Final
4 x 400m	II-1	M	Final
4 x 400m	II-1	W	Final
5000m	II-1	M	Final
800m	II-1	M	Final
800m	II-2	M	Final
800m	II-3	M	Final
800m	II-1	W	Final
800m	II-2	W	Final
800m	II-3	W	Final
Hammer	II-1	M	Final
Hammer	II-1	W	Final
High Jump	II-1	W/Y	Final
High Jump	II-1	M/Y	Final
Shot put	II-2	M	Final
Shot put	II-3	M	Final
Shot put	II-1	Y	Final
Shot put	II-2	W	Final
Shot put	II-3	W	Final

Expression of Interest

Virtus Member Nations are asked to lodge an Expression of interest by 14 March 2025

Expression of Interest: [Click Here](#)

<https://sportinclusionaustralia.supporterhub.net.au/pages/2025-virtus-athletics-wc-eoi>

Important Dates

Expressions of Interest will open in March 2025 and all information about event fees, transport and accommodation will be provided in the updated Event Information Booklet.

Date	Activity
1 August 2024	Qualification Period Starts
14 March 2025	Expression of Interest
TBC	Entry by Numbers,
TBC	30% Fee of total fee to be paid
TBC	Entry by Name and Event".
TBC	Athlete registration must be with Virtus
TBC	Balance of entry fee to be paid
1 September 2025	Timetable and events confirmed
9 October 2025	IPC Classification Commences
11 October 2025	Competition Commences