

# Queensland Race Walking Club Inc.

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*Building on a fine tradition of race walking, 70 years in the making.*



December 18<sup>th</sup> 2025

## **AA & LAA reach agreement-in-principle to unify athletics at a national level**

*Australian Athletics (AA) and Little Athletics Australia (LAA) are excited to share an important and historic update for our sport across the country. Today, both organisations have reached an agreement-in-principle to unify and deliver the sport under a single national body.*

*As you will know, AA and LAA have already taken significant steps together this year, including the alignment of the 2026 Australian Junior Athletics Championships and the Australian Little Athletics Championships in Brisbane. Building on this momentum, both organisations have been working closely to explore broader opportunities to strengthen and future-proof the sport. Unification has long been a shared ambition, and today's announcement reflects a renewed sense of trust, collaboration and a collective belief in the power of a connected athletics community.*

*Under the agreement, AA and LAA will come together as one national organisation operating under the name Australian Athletics, which will remain Australia's recognised National Member Federation with World Athletics, World Para Athletics and the Australian Sports Commission. As part of the unification there will be continuation of the existing Little Athletics brand, program and centres /clubs and the role it plays in attracting and developing young participants to the sport. State and Territory Little Athletics Associations will become Associate Members of Australian Athletics.*

*Once formed in the new year it is envisaged the new unified national body will start work on several key National projects that will ultimately see a significant improvement in pathways and operational efficiencies. Unification of age groups and implements, the possibility of a single National database, unified coaching and official programs are just a few projects identified.*

*In Queensland, Queensland Athletics, Little Athletics Queensland and Athletics North Queensland will continue to operate as they have done to date, with no immediate changes planned. After the merge we will work with Australian Athletics on ways to improve and simplify the athletics pathway for all ages and look forward to the possibility of unified age groups and implement specifications. We are also keen to explore operational opportunities such as a single database and coaching and officials' education.*

*This step is being taken with the support of AA and LAA Member associations, noting that structures and operational arrangements do differ across different states. It is important to note that national unification does not require state or territory member associations to unify and that this is a matter for each individual jurisdiction.*

*There is more work ahead to ensure a smooth and successful implementation, and we will*

*continue to communicate transparently with our Members throughout the process. We ask that you share this information with your club community. Athletics in Australia is entering a golden era. Participation is rising, our elite athletes are performing at unprecedented levels, running is the country's most popular sport and the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games are on the horizon. National unification will amplify this momentum and strengthen the foundations of our sport for generations to come. We appreciate everything that you and your club and its athletes and volunteers contribute to our athletics community.*

*Kind regards,*

*Jane Flemming OAM President Australian Athletics*

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## **THIS WEEK**

### **Queensland Masters Athletics**

There are still opportunities to get a race in before Christmas. Qld Masters have competition on both days this weekend with a total of three walks on offer.

#### **20th December 2025 Saturday, Main Track**

9.00am 1,500m Race Walk

[Member Registration](#)

[Visitor Registration](#)

#### **21st December 2025 Sunday Main Track**

8.15am 3,000m Race Walk

9.30am 800m Race Walk

[Member Registration](#)

[Visitor Registration](#)

**Entry Fee** \$12

Non Masters members and juniors welcome

## **RESULTS RESULTS RESULTS**

### **World Race Walking Tour**

**St Anne's Park, Dublin Ireland**

**December 14<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Men's Marathon Race Walk**

1. Jonathan HILBERT GER 3:07:42
2. Cameron CORBISHLEY GBR 3:13:48
3. Lucas MAZZO BRA 3:44:56  
David KUSTER FRA DQ

#### **Men's Half Marathon Race Walk**

1. Oisín LANE IRL 1:30:26
2. Eduardo CAMARATE POR 1:30:41
3. Joe MOONEY IRL 1:32:35
4. Pablo RODRIGUEZ ROJAS ESP 1:32:55
5. Andreas PAPASTERGIOU GRE 1:34:01
6. Caballero HODEI ESP 1:34:06
6. José Manuel PÉREZ ESP 1:34:06
8. Matthew GLENNON IRL 1:44:10

9. Jerome CAPRICE MRI 1:45:52
10. Georgios ALIFIERAKIS GRE 1:45:53
11. Edmund Chye SOON SGP2:15:56
- Zachary WHITLEY USA DNF
- Tomáš MENCEL SVK DNF
- Jake O'BRIEN IRL DNF

**Women's Marathon Race Walk**

1. Viviane LYRA BRA 3:24:54
- Sara VITIELLO ITA DNF

**Women's Half Marathon Race Walk**

1. Nicole COLOMBI ITA 1:35:44
2. Ema KLIMENTOVÁ CZE 1:38:31
3. Michelle CANTÒ ITA 1:38:53
4. Liv MASSON FRA 1:39:30
5. Alžběta FRANKLOVÁ CZE 1:41:56
6. Zeldá Aletta BOTHA RSA 1:45:54
7. Aliisa KIISKI FIN 1:47:08
8. Isa FERREIRA POR 1:47:29
9. Joana PONTES POR 1:49:29
10. Abigail JENNINGS GBR 1:49:32
11. Aisling LANE IRL 1:52:49
12. Eabha DE FAOITE IRL 1:59:25
14. Emily GHOSE GBR 2:01:10
15. Anett TORMA HUN 2:04:09

**Women's 10 Kilometres Race Walk**

1. Erika KELLY GBR 48:05
2. Ciara WILSON-BOWEN IRL 51:52
3. Jessica WILTON GBR 53:31
4. Natasha MITCHELL GBR 53:46
5. Erika PONTAROLLO ITA 1:00:37
6. Aikaterini-Paraskevi KARAMANLI GRE 1:08:12

**Men's 10 Kilometres Race Walk**

1. Jake O'BRIEN IRL 45:47
2. Tomáš MENCEL SVK 47:33
3. Gonzalo Antonio BUSTAN JAPON ECU 52:18
5. David MITCHELL GBR 59:52
6. Stephen ALLEN GBR 1:00:24
7. Peer A. JENSEN DEN 1:09:25
8. David KISSANE IRL 1:13:09
- Ross ALEXANDER IRL 53:18

## Queensland Athletics Track Season

January 11<sup>th</sup> QSAC 3,000/5,000 metres

January 17<sup>th</sup> QSAC 3,000/5,000 metres

February 21 QSAC 3,000 metre / 10,000 metres QA Championships

February 28<sup>th</sup> UQ 3,000 Metre Championships

March 7<sup>th</sup> QSAC 3,000/5,000 metres

March 25<sup>th</sup> QSAC 5,000 metres

## Queensland Masters Athletics Track Season

**17th January 2026 Saturday Main Track\***

7.30am **3000m Race Walk Championship**

9.50am 1 Mile Race Walk

**24th January 2026 SAF\***

9.40am 1500m Race Walk

**31st January 2026 SAF\***

7.30am 3000m Race Walk

9.55am 800m Race Walk

**14th February 2026 Saturday, Venue SAF**

9.00am 1500m Race Walk

**15th February 2026 Sunday, Venue SAF**

8.15am 3000m Race Walk

9.30am 800m Race Walk

**Saturday 21st February 2026 - Track Events State Athletics Facility**

**QMA State Championships**

9.00am **5000m Walk Championship**

**Sunday – 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

9.30am **1500m Walk Championship**

**28th February 2026 Saturday, Venue SAF**

8.10am 3000m Race Walk

## 2026 AA 10,000m Race Walking Championships & U20 AA 5,000 metre Championships – Supernova AIS Athletics Track, Bruce, Canberra, ACT

**January 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 am 10000m Race Walk Women Senior

9:25 am 5000m Race Walk Men U20

**January 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 am 10000m Race Walk Men Senior

9:15 am 5000m Race Walk Women U20

**Entries** [Roster Athletics · 2026 Supernova - Australian Championships & World Athletics Race Walking Tour Silver](#)

## Australian Masters Athletics Championships Australian Institute of Sport, Leverrier Street, Bruce ACT March 6-9<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Draft Walks Programme**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 1,500 metres AIS track

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 5,000 metres AIS track

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 10km Stromlo Forest Park

Website : <https://canberra2026.com.au/>

## 2026 AA Half Marathon Race Walking Championships

War Memorial Drive, Adelaide, South Australia

March 15<sup>th</sup> 2026

Details and entries to follow



**WORLD ATHLETICS  
RACE WALKING TEAM  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
BRASILIA 26**

## **World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships will be held in Brasilia, Brazil on 12 April 2026**

Selection standards and policy on which Australian Athletics will select its representative team for the World Race Walking Team Championships in Brasilia, Brazil, 12 April 2026

Men	Event	Women
43:00 at 10km or 10,000m	10km (Under 20)	50:00 at 10km or 10,000m
1:26:00 at 20km or 1:31:30 at half marathon	Half Marathon	1:36:00 at 20km or 1:42:00 at half marathon
2:40:00 at 35km or 3:18:00 at marathon	Marathon	2:58:00 at 35km or 3:40:00 at marathon

The qualification period is:

Events	Dates
10km, half marathon, marathon race walk	1 January 2025 – 15 March 2026

All performances must be achieved during official competitions which must be sanctioned by World Athletics. A complete list of sanctioned competitions is available online. Performances on both the track and the road are accepted as qualifying performances. All performances accepted by World Athletics and appear in World Athletics lists as valid performances will be accepted by Australian Athletics.

A selection trial will be held for all events as per the table below:

Events	Competition	Dates
Under 20 10km race walk	Specific Trial, Adelaide	15 March 2026
Senior half marathon race walk	Australian Championships, Adelaide	15 March 2026
Senior marathon race walk	Australian Championships, Canberra	29 November 2025

## **2026 National Junior Athletics Championships QSAC Brisbane**

Australian Athletics (AA), and Little Athletics Australia (LAA), are pleased to announce dates for the inaugural aligned athletics championships in Brisbane in 2026.

### **April 12 – 14: Australian Little Athletics Championships**

#### **Events on Offer**

##### **U12 athletes**

- 1500m Walk

##### **U13 athletes**

- 1500m Walk

### **April 15 – 20: Australian Athletics Junior Championships**

#### **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

10.00am 3000m Race Walk U14 Men

10.00am 3000m Race Walk U14 Women  
5.25pm 5000m Race Walk U17 Women  
5.25pm 5000m Race Walk U18 Women  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April

11.15am 5000m Race Walk U17 Men

11.15am 5000m Race Walk U18 Men

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

10.55am 3000m Race Walk U15 Women

10.55am 3000m Race Walk U16 Women

11.45am 3000m Race Walk U15 Men

11.45am 3000m Race Walk U16 Men

## 2026 Oceania Athletics Championships Darwin May 2026

**Tuesday 19 May**

10:25am Masters Men 3,000m Race Walk

Masters Women 3,000m Race Walk

**Friday 22 May**

7:00am Masters Women 5000m Racewalk

Under 18 Women 5000m Racewalk

Under 20 Women 5000m Racewalk

8:00am Masters Men 5000m Racewalk

Under 18 Men 5000m Racewalk

Under 20 Men 5000m Racewalk

## LBG Walking Carnival 2026



The LBG Carnival will be held on Sunday 8 June 2026 at Stromlo Forest Park in Canberra. All club members are entitled to compete. No qualification standards, all ages, all abilities - U10- Masters. Individual, teams and handicap awards.

The ACT Walkers Club & the Australian Federation of Race Walking Clubs will release full details shortly/

## QRWC host of 10km walk 2026 Pan Pacific Masters Games

The Athletics – 10km Road Race Walk as part of the 2026 Pan Pacific Masters Games will be held on **Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup>** on the Luke Harrop Criterium cycling circuit at Runaway Bay starting at 7am.

Track and field events at these Games will be on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> & Monday 9<sup>th</sup>

**Entries Open** 3 March 2026 (9am AEST - QLD time)

**Games fee periods**

\$140 Early Bird (3 March – 31 May 2026)

\$155 Saver (1 June – 31 August 2026)

\$170 Standard (from 1 September 2026)

**Road Walk Age Requirements**

- Age is determined as of Sunday 8th November 2026
- Minimum age for competition is 30 Years

**10km Road Walk Sport Fees:** \$30 per person

**Road Walk Entries Close:** Sunday 29th October 2026 (11:59PM AEST)

## Important Masters Meets in 2026/27

### 2026 WMA Outdoor Championships

Date: August 22- September 3, 2026

Venue: Daegu Stadium, Daegu S.K.

From the 1st July 2026 the only Australian uniform that you will be able to wear is the AMA Valour uniform. All athletes intending to compete at the World Champs in Daegu will need to have the Valour competition uniform.

AMA will be opening the Uniform Shop for orders in March /April and will have sample sizes at the Australian Championships for athletes to try on.

### 2027 OMA Championships

- Date: January 27 – 31, 2027
- Venue: Christchurch NZ

### 2027 AMA National T & F Championships

- Date: April 23 – 26, 2027
- Venue: WA Athletic Stadium, Floreat, WA
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## QA MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION 2025-2026

**Season Period: 01 OCTOBER 2025 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2026**

The Queensland Racewalking Club (QRWC) is excited to announce that we have opened up our registration portal to members who wish to register with QRWC with a view to representing QRWC at Queensland Athletics (QA) meets in the coming year.

Our membership year will now commence in October each year to align with Qld Athletics' membership year. This will allow athletes wishing to compete at QA events representing QRWC, to take out a combined QRWC/QA membership in or after October each year. Once registered, athletes can represent QRWC at the various QA competitions held throughout the year, including the QA Road Walking Championships, QA Shield Meets and Qld Athletics Championships. Please note that QA offers 3 levels of membership.

**Membership Fee:** \$25.00 (club fee on top of Qld Athletics membership)

[Click here to register Membership – Qld Race Walking Club – revolutioniseSPORT](#)

## Rules of Race Walking

*There are two basic rules in Race Walking:*

- **Contact:** The athlete must never have both feet off the ground at once.
- **Knees:** The advancing leg must be straightened (not bent at the knee) from when the foot first makes contact with the ground until the vertical upright position.

## Blue Cards

As part of our legal obligations and a condition of our affiliation with QA we must maintain a current Blue Card register. We have a duty to be fully aware of exactly who is coaching or providing services to our members, particularly when those members include children or young people under 18.

**Equally important is ensuring that every coach or provider engaged in child-related activities holds a current and valid Blue Card, as required under Queensland legislation.**

This is not only a matter of compliance, but also a fundamental part of maintaining a safe and trusted environment for all participants. Our club will continue to ensure that we are meeting our duty of care and fulfilling our legal obligations under the Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000.

[Individuals requiring a blue card | Your rights, crime and the law | Queensland Government.](#)

*If you have any questions or require assistance, please don't hesitate to contact our club Blue Co-ordinator [bluecardqrwc@gmail.com](mailto:bluecardqrwc@gmail.com)*

## QRWC Uniforms

Wearing a club uniform at our club meets is desirable but not compulsory. All Race Walking Australia event competitors **MUST** wear the uniform of their Club, as registered with Race Walking Australia. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

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## Racewalking Queensland Management Committee 2025/26

**President:** P Bennett

**Vice President:** J Blackburn

**Secretary:** N. McKinven

**Treasurer:** Vacant

**Committee:** S Pearson, I Jimenez, R Wales, J Dale, B Gannon, S Dale

**Patron:** S Perkins

**Registrar:** S Dale

**Handicapper:** A Guevara / N McKinven

**Uniforms:** S Dale

**Publicity / Media:** P Chadwick

**Results:** R Wales / N McKinven

**Newsletter Editor:** P. Bennett

**Equipment Officer:** Ignacio Jimenez & Noela McKinven

**Canteen Convenor:** R Wales, J Dale

**Blue Card Co-ordinator:** B Gannon

**Club Captains:** Phoebe Chadwick, Alex Bradley

**Vice Captains:** Mia Bergh, Kai Dale

## Race Walk Coaching

If you are looking for a coach or would like to be part of a training squad here are the qualified coaches in the club:

Noela McKinven Walks Level 4

Robyn Wales Walks Level 3

Shane Pearson Walks Level 3

Steve Langley Walks Level 3 Performance coach

Jasmine-Rose McRoberts Level 2 Club coach

Argenis Guevara Level 2 Development coach

Katya Martin Level 1

## Contact emails:

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Website

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**About us ....***Racewalking Queensland* conducts its own winter road walk programme from April until September. Thank you to all our contributors of results & reports to this newsletter. We value your input.