

Queensland Race Walking Club Inc.

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



December 25th 2025



Season's Greetings from the Management Committee

The Management Committee of the Queensland Race Walking Club would like to wish all our members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We extend our sincere thanks to all our members, volunteers, officials, coaches, parents and supporters for your dedication and enthusiasm throughout the year. Your commitment is the heartbeat of our club and the reason our race walking club continues to punch about its weight year in year out.

We hope you enjoy a safe and relaxing festive season, and we look forward to another exciting year of race walking when the winter road walk season kicks off for 2026.

Warm regards,

The QRWC Management Committee



Winners in the 2025 World Athletics Race Walking Tour

World champions Maria Perez of Spain and Evan Dunfee of Canada have been confirmed as the overall winners in the 2025 World Athletics Race Walking Tour following the conclusion of the Tour in Dublin on Sunday. The scoring system combines each athlete's three best world ranking performances from the series. The man and woman with the highest score each win US\$25,000.

Perez retained her 20km and 35km titles at the World Athletics Championships Tokyo 25, clocking 1:25:54 and 2:39:01. Her performance score from the longer discipline contributed to her season tally in the World Race Walking Tour. Prior to Tokyo, she had also won over 20km in La Coruna and over 35km at the European Race Walking Team Championships in Podebrady. The Spaniard's undefeated season culminated with a winning score of 4136 in the World Race Walking Tour – the highest any athlete has ever achieved in the standings in its current format. The athletes who claimed silver medals behind Perez in Tokyo – Mexico's Alegna Gonzalez and Italy's Antonella Palmisano – finished second and third respectively in the tour standings with just two points separating them. Gonzalez, the world 20km silver medallist, finished second to Perez in La Coruna then went on to win over 35km in Dublin in a North American record. World 35km silver medallist Palmisano, meanwhile, finished second to Perez in Podebrady.

Dunfee's road racing campaign got off to a flying start as he clocked a North American record of 1:17:39 over 20km in Adelaide in February. One month later, he broke the 35km race walk world record with his 2:21:40 in Dudince. The Canadian ended his 2025 campaign by clinching gold in the longer discipline at the World Championships in Tokyo in 2:28:22, bringing his tour tally to 4077 – the highest score ever achieved in the men's standings in its current format. World 20km champion Caio Bonfim, who also claimed 35km silver behind Dunfee in Tokyo, finished second in the tour standings. Earlier in the year the Brazilian had won in Kobe, where he clocked a national record of 1:17:37. World 20km bronze medallist Paul McGrath of Spain, winner at the European Race Walking Team Championships, was third in the tour.

The 2026 World Race Walking Tour – which has events in Europe, Asia, North and South America and Oceania – kicks off on 11 January with the USA Marathon Race Walking Championships. The first gold level meeting of the season will be held on 1-2 March in Taicang.

2025 World Race Walking Tour final standings

Women

- 1 Maria Perez (ESP) 4136
- 2 Alegna Gonzalez (MEX) 3960
- 3 Antonella Palmisano (ITA) 3958
- 4 Paula Milena Torres (ECU) 3925
- 5 Kimberly Garcia Leon (PER) 3862
- 6 Peng Li (CHN) 3825
- 7 Katarzyna Zdziebło (POL) 3775
- 8 Nanako Fujii (JPN) 3770

Men

- 1 Evan Dunfee (CAN) 4077
- 2 Caio Bonfim (BRA) 4044
- 3 Paul McGrath (ESP) 3940
- 4 Toshikazu Yamanishi (JPN) 3932
- 5 Qian Haifeng (CHN) 3927
- 6 Massimo Stano (ITA) 3884

7 Christopher Linke (GER) 3853

8 Hayato Katsuki (JPN) 3850

RESULTS RESULTS RESULTS

Queensland Masters Athletics

Saturday December 20th QSAC

1500 Meter Race Walk

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Official results for Sunday December 21st 3,000 metre & 800 metre walk not available at this time.

Queensland Athletics Track Season

January 11th QSAC 3,000/5,000 metres

January 17th QSAC 3,000/5,000 metres

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

February 28th UQ 3,000 Metre Championships

March 7th QSAC 3,000/5,000 metres

March 25th 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 – 22nd 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 25th

8:15 am 10000m Race Walk Women Senior

9:25 am 5000m Race Walk Men U20

January 26th

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 6-9th 2026

Draft Walks Programme

Friday 6th 1,500 metres AIS track

Saturday 7th 5,000 metres AIS track

Monday 9th 10km Stromlo Forest Park

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

2026 AA Half Marathon Race Walking Championships

War Memorial Drive, Adelaide, South Australia

March 15th 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 16th 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 17th April

11.15am 5000m Race Walk U17 Men

11.15am 5000m Race Walk U18 Men

Monday 20th 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 8th** on the Luke Harrop Criterium cycling circuit at Runaway Bay starting at 7am.

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

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 and 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

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

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Race Walk Coaching

If you are looking for 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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racewalkqld@outlook.com Articles for the newsletter, to send in results, to join newsletter mailing list.

Website

[Queensland Race Walking Club](#)

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.