2027 Centre Championships Policy

The Ridgewood Athletics Centre holds their annual Centre Championships at the end of each summer season over two weeks.

The **2027 Centre Championships** will take place on **Saturday 6th March and Saturday 13th March 2027.**

The following regulations are to be read alongside the regulations outlined in the Season Handbook.

Track Events - Regulations

All track events will be run as timed finals.

When there are more than EIGHT (8) athletes eligible to win medals competing in the straight track events (60m, 70m, 100m, & Hurdles 60m, 80m, 90m, 100m, 110m), the fastest athletes will be in the first timed final with the remaining athletes to run in the second timed final. The breakdown of athletes per timed final will be at the Track Referee and Competition Manager's discretion based on numbers on the day.

Where there are more than EIGHT (8) eligible athletes for the circular track events, (150m, 200m, 400m, 200m Hurdles, 300m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles) the fastest EIGHT (8) athletes that meet the eligibility criteria for medals will race in the first timed final, with remaining athletes to be run in the following timed finals.

300m, 500m, 800m, 1500m and Walks will be timed finals and will run as per standard rules.

Field Event Regulations

All Throws events, Long Jump and Triple Jump will have a maximum of THREE (3) Rounds for all competitors.

High Jump will be contested as per State Rules with the Centre Starting Heights applying and competition remaining until all athletes are eliminated following three consecutive failures or all athletes retire from jumping any further heights. There will be NO Jump Off for first place.

Medal Eligibility and Exemption Criteria

Centre Championship Medals are awarded for first, second and third place for each age group (Under 7 to Under 18), each gender and each event.

Multi-Class Championship Medals are awarded for first, second and third place for each Multi-Class bracket (U10-U13 & U14-U18). Medals will be determined by combining the scores achieved from results in the 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus and Javelin events. The Athletics Australia Multi-Class Baseline Scoring System will be utilised to determine the scores which will be combined to determine the overall winners of the Multi-Class Championship Medals.

Community Members are grouped by ages (Under 20, 21-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80-89, 90+) and will be eligible for medals when the following criteria are met:

2 Competitors – Gold Medal Only, 3 Competitors – Gold and Silver Medals, 4 or more Competitors – Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals.

Clubs will be competing for the Centre Championship Day Perpetual Trophy.

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Eligibility:

To be eligible to compete at the Centre Championships the Athlete's family must have completed their required rosters as per the roster policy.

To be eligible for a Centre Championship Medal in an event, the athlete must have competed in that event a minimum of **THREE (3)** times during the current Ridgewood Centre Home Event Season at Halesworth Park, Butler, including at least once during 2027.

Please note the Inter Centre competition between Ridgewood Athletics, Joondalup Athletics and Hamersley Athletics on November 28th, 2026, is excluded from the eligibility criterium due to the special event rules and regulations associated with this event.

The Ridgewood Athletics Centre Board will consider exemptions from the outlined criteria for specific events under the following guidelines:

1. The Club President and Coach can confirm that an athlete had sustained a major injury or illness during the season, which is the main reason for missing these events, and
2. If the Ridgewood program is a direct clash with another recognised athletics organisation's sanctioned competition and the athlete is competing for Ridgewood Athletics Centre. Athletes seeking this exemption, **must** advise the Ridgewood Athletics Centre Board of the competition and organisation prior to attending to confirm event eligibility.

Please provide the Centre with written details of any exemptions sought **by 5pm AWST on Saturday 20th February 2027** via email to info@ridgewoodathletics.com.au.

General Event Regulations

Athletes who are not eligible for medals in an event can still compete and are encouraged to do so. In track events, athletes who are ineligible for medals will be allowed to run but will be in the second timed final if required, ensuring the first timed final is full of eligible athletes.

Centre Championships will be run as per State Event 'Rules of Competition.' Athletes will not receive any prompts/direction/coaching from any site officials i.e., "go out the back" in discus or shot put, etc.

Coaching

Spectators/Coaches will be able to talk with the athletes about their performances during competition but must be behind the roped area. Excessive, unreasonable, or unsportsmanlike coaching can lead to disqualification, please follow the directions of the Site Officials, Referees, and Competition Managers. All Site Officials are trying their very best to conduct a fair and impartial competition.

Uniform

Athletes must wear the correct Club uniforms – Club shirt/singlet, registration numbers and Ridgewood Centre navy shorts. All athlete uniforms should be checked by the Chief Official/Track Referee prior to each event.

If an athlete does not have their current registration number bib or correct uniform on, then the athlete will be unable to compete until it has been rectified. The Chief Official/Track Referee will communicate with the Competition Managers and Announcer via radio immediately.

Blank registration numbers can be purchased for $10, Ridgewood shorts can be purchased for $40 and second-hand shorts can be hired for a gold coin donation to either the McGrath Foundation or the Perth Children's Hospital Foundation.