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**APPLICATION FOR DOMESTIC TRAVEL FUNDING FROM ATHLETICS INTERNATIONAL in 2016: LAST FOUR TRACK CLASSICS**

**Background**

Athletics International (AI) is a group of former and current elite athletes, one of whose aims is to foster improvement in our sport. AI, with the support of the AI Trust, has a limited amount of funds to assist athletes travel to selected domestic competitions in the 2015-16 season. AI is running a competitive application process to allocate $300 per athlete, to assist with travel and accommodation costs associated with attending one of the last four Australian Athletics Tour meetings in 2016, with applications for the first four meets having closed on 15 January 2016. AI has enough funds to allocate around six to eight grants for each of the last four meets.

**Conditions**

1. To be eligible for funding:
	1. you must not be receiving Athletics Australia (AA) Travel Funding or funding from AA in another capacity;
	2. your performance this season must be within the standard set by AI (see attachment 1); and
	3. you must be an Australian citizen and eligible to represent Australia in major international events (eg Olympic Games, IAAF World Under 20Championships).
2. Given AI’s focus on assisting young and emerging athletes, AI will also accept applications from those athletes who have achieved a World Under 20 Championship qualifying performance for the 2016 Championships.
3. Funding will only be provided for those wishing to compete in AA funded events at each of the last four Australian Athletics Tour meetings. Documents detailing these can be found on the AA website.
4. Athletes wishing to compete at two ‘funded’ events at any single meet, but who may fall just outside the AI funding criteria may also apply for funding. The AI Grants Committee will use its discretion in deciding whether to fund such multi-event applications.
5. Athletes can be awarded a **maximum of two** domestic travel grants across the eight eligible meets.
6. AI will require a successful applicant to let AI know if he/she intends expending the funds by a specified date so that any surplus can be re-allocated in a timely manner.
7. Should you perform at any event so as to warrant AA Travel Funding, but you successfully applied for funding from AI, you **must** return the funds to AI. As well, should you receive funding from AI but not travel to your nominated meet, you **must** return the funds to AI.
8. Once you have expended the funds, by the end of April 2016, you will need to provide a short report to AI on your performances over the 2015-16 domestic season, and how the AI funds assisted you.
9. If you have received any AI grant in the last two years, and not provided the requested feedback, you are not eligible to apply for this round of grants.

**Decision Criteria**

For each meet, AI’s Grants Sub-committee will order the list of eligible applications by their position on the 2015-16 season ranking list and their improvement over the last twelve months. The Committee will also take into account life time bests. AI will liaise with both the applicant and Athletics Australia to ensure that the applicant has a place in the field and is intending to compete. AI will advise successful grant applicants as soon as possible prior to each of the eight meets. AI will also advise those applicants who are unsuccessful.

If you wish to apply for funding from this process, please send your completed application form to Lynne Williams at:

lynneswilliams@bigpond.com

* by **COB, Friday, 19 February 2016** if applying for funding to the IAAF Melbourne World Challenge or the Perth, Queensland or Sydney Track Classics.

**APPLICATION FORM FOR ATHLETICS INTERNATIONAL DOMESTIC TRAVEL FUNDING 2016**

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| **CONTACT DETAILS** |
| Name |  |
| Address |  |
| email |  |
| Mobile/phone |  |
| Date of birth |  |

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| **TRACK CLASSIC MEET AND EVENT (S) FOR WHICH FUNDING IS REQUESTED (please circle or bold)** |
|  | ***Men*** | ***Women*** |
| Melbourne IAAF World Challenge5 March | 100m, 200m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m400mHLong jumpShot put, Hammer5000mW | 400m, 1500m100mH, 400mH, 3Km steepleHigh jump, Pole vault, Triple jumpShot put, Discus, Javelin5000mW |
| Perth Track Classic12 March | 400m110mHHigh jump, Pole vault, Triple jumpDiscus, Javelin | 100m, 200m, 800m100mHPole vault, Long jumpHammer, Javelin |
| Queensland Track Classic19 March | 100m, 200m, 400m400mHLong jump, Triple jumpShot put, Discus | 400m, 800m100mHHigh jump, Pole vaultJavelin |
| Sydney Track Classic19 March | 800m, 1500m110mH, 3Km steepleHigh jump, Pole vaultJavelin | 100m, 200m, 1500m, 5000m400mHLong jump, Triple jumpShot put, Discus |

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| **YOUR PERFORMANCE IN EVENT(S) FOR WHICH FUNDING IS SOUGHT** |
| ***Event (s)*** | ***Personal best*** ***(and date)*** | ***Best performance in 2015*** | ***Best performance since 1 October 2015*** |
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**Attachment 1**

**Athletics Australia and Athletics International funding grids, by event**

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| **EVENT** | **MEN** | **WOMEN** |
|  | ***AA*** | ***AI*** | ***AA***  | ***AI*** |
| 100 metres | 10.33 | 10.54 | 11.55 | 11.78 |
| 200 metres | 20.80 | 21.22 | 23.30 | 23.77 |
| 400 metres | 46.42 | 47.35 | 53.15 | 54.21 |
| 800 metres | 1.47.35 | 1.49.50 | 2.02.10 | 2.04.54 |
| 1500 metres | 3.40.00 | 3.44.40 | 4.10.75 | 4.15.77 |
| 5000 metres | 13.30.00 | 13.54.3 | 15.39.39 | 16.07.57 |
| 100m Hurdles |  |  | 13.25 | 13.65 |
| 110m Hurdles | 13.80 | 14.21 |  |  |
| 400m Hurdles | 50.50 | 52.02 | 57.17 | 58.89 |
| 3000m Steeple | 8.33.00 | 8.58.65 | 9.59.97 | 10.17.97 |
| High Jump | 2.21m | 2.14m | 1.87m | 1.81m |
| Pole Vault | 5.35m | 5.19m | 4.24m | 4.11m |
| Long Jump | 7.82m | 7.59m | 6.45m | 6.26m |
| Triple Jump | 16.40m | 15.91m | 13.49m | 12.81m |
| Shot Put | 19.00m | 18.43m | 16.58m | 15.75m |
| Discus Throw | 59.00m | 57.23m | 58.11m | 55.20m |
| Hammer Throw | 69.00m | 66.93m | 63.50m | 60.32m |
| Javelin Throw | 76.83m | 74.53m | 55.46m | 52.69m |
| 5km Walk(based on AA 20km criteria) | 1hr 24m 15sec | 1hr 28m 12 sec | 1 hr 35m 00sec | 1hr 39m 45sec |