

# 2015 Australian Race Walking Series



The Australian Race Walking Series is a joint initiative of Athletics Australia and Racewalking Australia and aims to engage and recognise the achievements of athletes in the critical age demographic of 16-22 years. For purposes of completeness, it also includes Open divisions as well. Focusing on a number of existing high profile events around the country, the Series will award overall Male and Female Winners in each of the Open, Under 23, Under 20 and Under 18 age groups.

**The 2015 Australian Racewalking Series will target 6 meets as detailed below:**

### **Men's/Women's Open & Under 23 Races**

	<b>Date</b>		<b>Meet</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Women</b>
1	Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	AA	Canberra Track Classic	Canberra	5km	5km
2	Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	AA	Australian 20km Race Walking Championships	Adelaide	20km	20km
3	Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	AA	Australian Athletics Championships	Brisbane	10km	10km
4	6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> Jun	RWA	Federation LBG Meet	Canberra	20mile	20mile
5	Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug	AA	Australian 'Winter' Road Walking Championships	Melbourne	20km	20km
6	Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	AA	Australian 50km Race Walking Championships	Melbourne	50km	20km

**The 2015 Australian Racewalking Series will target 5 meets as detailed below:**

### **Men's/Women's Junior Races Under 20/Under 18**

	<b>Date</b>		<b>Meet</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>U18</b>	<b>U20</b>
1	11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	AA	Australian Junior Athletics Championships	Sydney	5km	10km
2	6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> Jun	RWA	Federation LBG Meet	Canberra	5km	10km
3	Aug	RWA	Postal Challenge	All States	8km	10km
4	Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug	AA	Australian 'Winter' Road Walking Championships	Melbourne	10km	10km
5	Dec	AA	Australian All Schools Championships	Melbourne	5km	N/A

### **Rules of Competition**

1. Athletes must be registered with Athletics Australia through their Member Association at the time of competition.
2. Athletes do not have to enter the Series; rather they will be automatically included upon finishing an event.
3. Athletes may only score points in one age group in the entire competition.
4. Athletes must enter each individual competition by the closing date (as published on the AA/RWA websites)
5. All events will be conducted under IAAF and Athletics Australia



(where applicable) rules unless otherwise indicated in this document.

6. Open/U23 age groups have a choice of six races with the best four performances for each walker counting.
7. U20/U18 age groups have a choice of five races with the best three performances for each walker counting.
8. In the event of a tie at the conclusion of the Series, a count-back system (based on scoring points) will be used to determine positions.

### **Cut-off Ages**

The cut-off ages for the various age groups for the 2015 competition are:

U18 Born 1st January 1998 or later

U20 Born 1st January 1996 or later

U23 Born 1993, 1994 or 1995

### **The Allocation of Points**

Points will be awarded from 10 to 1 in order of finishing within each age group with an additional 2 bonus points awarded to those walkers who better the times documented in the Athletics Australia Performance Grid.

### **Events – Men / Women**

Bonus Standards are as follows:

Open Men	50km	3:49:00
Open Men	20km	1:21:45
Open Women	20km	1:32:30
U23 Men	20km	1:26:00
U23 Women	20km	1:39:00
U20 Men	10km/10,000m	43:00
U20 Women	10km/10,000m	48:00
U18 Men	10km/10,000m	44:00
U18 Women	10km/10,000m	50:00
U18 Men	5km/5000m	23:00
U18 Women	5km /5000m	24:00

### **Awards**

While we recognise that one important facet is the recognition which inevitably goes with being one of the 'Top Three' overall, we also see the need for some other sort of concrete recognition. The actual details of the awards will be finalised during 2015.

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