



Arafura Games

incorporating the Oceania Paralympic Championships

DARWIN - NORTHERN TERRITORY AUSTRALIA

7-14 May 2011

Oceania Paralympic Championships

Athletics

Dates of Competition:

Sunday, 8 May – Thursday, 12 May 2011

Venue:

The Track and Field competition will be held at Arafura Athletics Stadium, Abala Road, Marrara.

This facility is a fully equipped athletic track and field centre with photo-finish electric timing. The facility has undergone significant work in 2010 to upgrade the track and improve lighting.

There are large change rooms and amenities at the stadium. Athletes will have full access to these facilities for training before and during the Games except for competition times.

Arafura Stadium is fully accessible.

Competition Program:

The following events will be contested.

Ambulant Track: 100m (M&F), 200m (M&F), 400m (M&F), 800m (M&F), 1500m (M&F), 5000m (Male only)

Ambulant Field: Discus, Javelin, Shot Put, High Jump, Long Jump (all M&F)

Ambulant Classes Track – 11, 12, 13, 20, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 42, 43/44, 45/46

Ambulant Classes Field – 11, 12, 13, 20, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 42, 43/44, 45/46

Entry Standards:

- For T/F20 events, the events that are on the Paralympic schedule for London 2012 will be offered. These events are 1500m, Shot Put and Long Jump (M&F). In addition, 100m and 200m will also be offered.
- All Ambulant athletes entering the AWD 800m must be able to complete the event within 3:32.00.
- All Ambulant athletes entering the AWD 1500m must be able to complete the event within 8:00.00.
- Reflecting the Paralympic schedule of events, the AWD 5000m is open to only male ambulant athletes who must be able to complete the event within 30:00.00
- The minimum starting height for High Jump is 1m.



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- With the exception of the qualification times listed above, the remaining OPC Ambulant events do not have qualification times/distances.

Wheelchair Track: 100m (M&F), 200m (M&F), 400m (M&F), 800m (M&F), 1500m (M&F), 5000m (M&F)

Wheelchair Field: Secured Throws – Discus, Javelin, Shot Put (all M&F)

Wheelchair Classes Track – 34, 51/52, 53, 54

Wheelchair Classes Field – 32, 33, 34, 51/52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58

Entry Standards:

- All Wheelchair athletes entering the 800m must be able to complete the event within 4:00.00.
- All Wheelchair athletes entering the 1500m must be able to complete the event within 7:30.00.
- With the exception of the qualification times listed above, the remaining Wheelchair events do not have qualification times/distances.

The competition program will be available following the close of entries on the Games website www.arafuragames.nt.gov.au

IPC License:

All Athletes must hold a current IPC Athletics License in order to compete at this event. International Athletes should contact their National Paralympic Committee for further information. Australian Athletes should contact Athletics Australia.

Athletes with an intellectual disability (T/F 20) **MUST** be listed on the [INAS-FID](http://www.inas-fid.org) Classification Master List under the sport of 'Athletics' in order to obtain an IPC Athletics license. Information on how to register through INAS-FID can be retrieved from <http://www.inas-fid.org/athletereg.html>. Australian athletes should contact Athletics Australia for more information regarding the process.

Classification:

Athletes who do not hold a Confirmed International classification, i.e. who are New or Review status, will be required to attend International level Athletics classification.

Classification will be conducted on Friday 6 May and Saturday 7 May, so athletes must arrive in Darwin no later than Thursday 5 May 2011.

Athletes will be notified of their appointment time following the closure of entries.

Athletes that do not meet the minimal eligibility criteria will not be eligible to compete as an athlete with a disability. At the discretion of the Organising Committee, an athlete may be



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eligible to compete in the able bodied equivalent competition where athletes meet the entry standards and if numbers permit.

Entry:

Entry to events closes on 8 April 2011. This deadline will be strictly adhered to.

Please visit the Arafura Games website to register now www.arafuragames.nt.gov.au

Minimum age:

Athletes must be 15 years of age by 31 December 2011.

Implements

Note all athletes will be required to use the Open Weight Implements

Competition Format:

The competition will be conducted under International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Rules.

The events will be conducted in a multi-disability format. Athletes will compete in Ambulant or Wheelchair events.

Progression through to finals and the awarding of medals is calculated against the percentage of the World Record for the individual athlete's classification. The percentage calculated is then ranked and athletes progress to finals or win medals accordingly. In the case of Secured Throws, the IPC Score Tables will be used.

Awarding of Medals

All athletes with a disability will be eligible for Arafura Games medals. Oceania Paralympic Championship (OPC) medals will be awarded to athletes from OPC member nations only.

IPC Records:

Only athletes holding a current IPC License will be eligible to have their results considered for World and Regional rankings and records. These results will only be applied to IPC recognised events.

Arafura Games able-bodied events:

Athletes with a disability may enter Arafura (able-bodied) events provided they enter the AWD event if that event is on the program (eg 100m Arafura & 100m AWD) and meet the minimum qualification criteria set by the event organisers.

Qualification standards for Arafura Games events are available on the Arafura Games website. Athletes with a disability may enter non AWD events on the Arafura program as an open athlete (eg Hammer Throw) and must compete using open weights, provided they meet the qualification criteria.



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Managers Meeting:

A Team Managers Meeting will be held prior to the start of competition. Details of the Managers Meeting will be advised by the Organising Committee following the closure of entries.

Accommodation:

Arafura Games has a central accommodation booking service. Details are available on the Arafura Games website www.arafuragames.nt.gov.au

Transfers and transportation:

Airport transfers and venue transportation are provided free of charge to all accredited athletes and officials and is fully accessible.

Cost:

There is no entry fee for the Arafura Games. Athletes are responsible for travel to Darwin, meals, accommodation, visa costs and other incidentals.

Visa Information:

Information on Visa requirements is available at the Arafura Games website. The organising committee is unable to provide official letters of invitation or assistance to athletes who do not hold a relevant visa.

Website:

The Athletics section on the website will be updated regularly please continue to check this in the lead up to the Games.

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