

UniSport Australia Guideline

Distance Running

Men and Women

UniSport Australia (UniSport) distance running competitions are conducted in accordance with the rules of [Australian Athletics](#) except where these differ from UniSport competition guidelines; in which case the latter shall take precedence.

1. Individual entry

- 1.1. There is no maximum limit on the number of competitors that can enter the events.
- 1.2. At least four universities need to fulfil the minimum entry qualifications for the event to be recognised as a UniSport Nationals competition.
- 1.3. For a university to be eligible to contest the championship pennant, they must enter a minimum of two competitors in the event (each gender competition is considered separate). The two competitors can be entered in either the 10km, half marathon, full marathon or a combination of the distances (i.e. one the 10km and one in the full marathon).

2. Competition format

- 2.1. The competition shall comprise of the 10km, half marathon (22.1km) and marathon (42.2km) distances for both men and women.
- 2.2. The competition will be conducted as part of a single event hosted by an external provider as published on the UniSport event calendar. The event will rotate around various states and/or territories on a yearly basis.
- 2.3. Participants must check the 'UniSport Nationals' tick box upon entry and enter their university and student number at the time of registration for their result to count towards their university's point score in the championship.
- 2.4. The general format and conduct of the events will be contested under the rules of the specific event organisers.

3. Point score

- 3.1. Points will be allocated to the top 15 places in the 10km, half marathon and marathon distances based on the below point-score table:

Finishing position	Competition points allocated
1	15
2	14
3	13
4	12
5	11
6	10
7	9
8	8
9	7
10	6
11	5
12	4
13	3
14	2
15	1

- 3.2. The men's and women's overall champion universities will be the university with the greatest combined total point score (i.e. 10km, half marathon and marathon combined) at the completion of the competition.

- 3.3. In the instance that two or more universities are tied for first place at the completion of the competition, the university with the highest number of first placings will be deemed the winner.
- 3.3.1. If universities are still equal, then the process will follow to the University with the highest number of second placings, third placings and so on until a winner is found.
- 3.4. Final results will be calculated upon the completion of eligibility checks post-event. UniSport will post medals out to the sport departments of the top three placed athletes in each distance for distribution on campus, unless presented at the event.

4. Multi-Class Point Score

- 4.1. Multi-class athletes will only be eligible to compete in the 10km distance.
- 4.2. Multi-class athletes will be incorporated into the overall competition and is not considered a separate competition to the overall men's and women's point score.
- 4.2.1. Athletes will be required to select their event and classification at the point of registration.
- 4.3. Multi-class athletes contribute to their university's point score based on their result/s achieved as outlined in items 4.4 and will receive medals in the multi-class category men and women's.
- 4.4. Multi-class events shall be scored as a percentage from the 1500m time outlined in the [Australian Athletics baseline](#).
- 4.4.1. The percentages calculated will determine the placing order, with the highest calculated percentage being first. The subsequent percentage will take second place, and this will continue until all placings have been filled.

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Previous amendments

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*All competitions will be held in accordance with the UniSport competition guidelines.