Athletics Ballarat Schools Information Pack 2027

Information for school sports days at the new BRAC Athletics Facility *as at 10 November 2026*

800 Howitt Street, Wendouree



A welcoming place to compete



Schools can give their students the experience of competing at a national-level track and field facility.

We promote participation and the enjoyment of athletics for athletes and spectators of all ages.

Our mission is to provide a safe and inclusive place to train, compete, and socialise.

We deliver professional and inclusive schools programs for students and teachers.

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Facilities and equipment

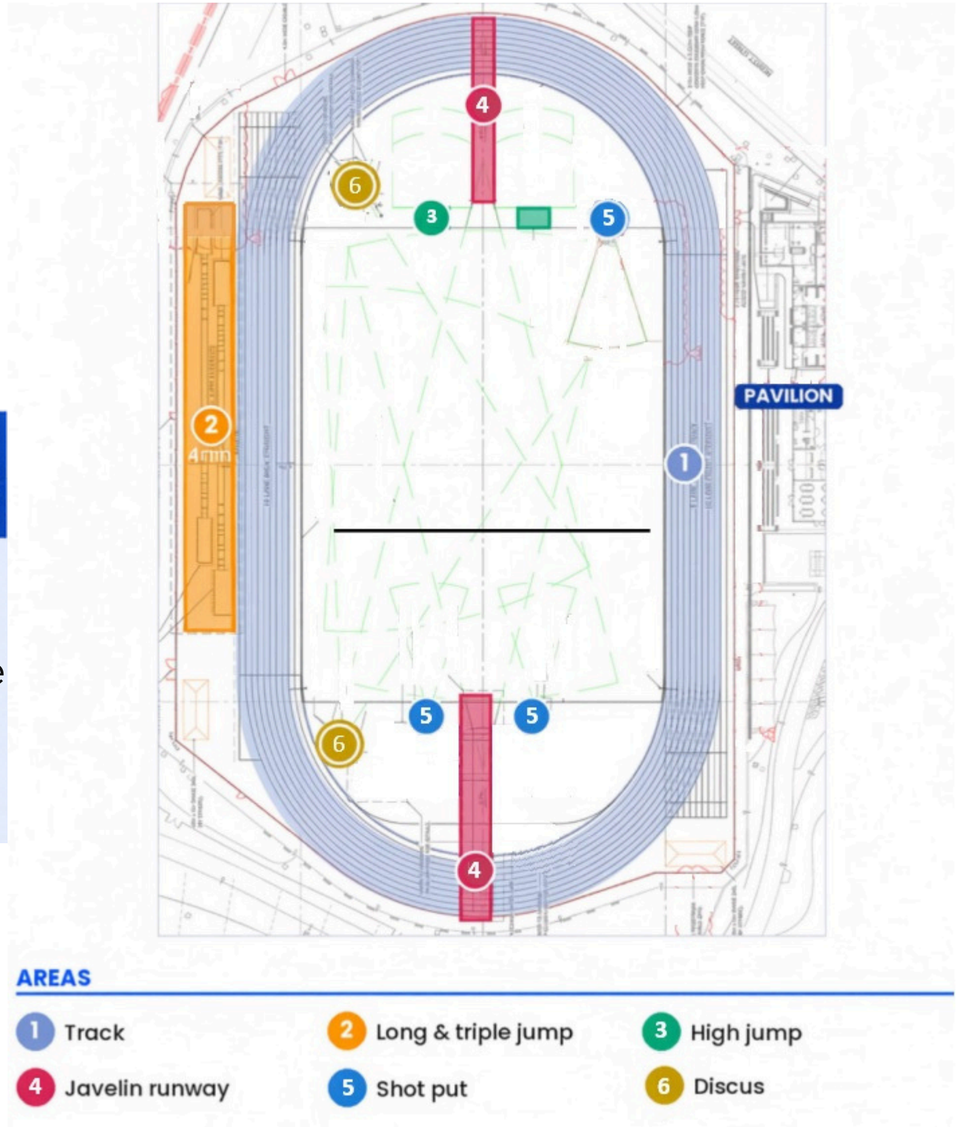
Track & Field

- 9 lanes around the track
- 10-lane front and back straights
- 4 jump pits
- 3 shot put rings
- 2 javelin runways
- 2 high jumps
- 2 discus cages

What's different from our previous facility?

Our new facility includes:

- An additional shot put ring
- A permanent second discus cage
- Brand new high jump mats
- Permanent photo finish camera



Equipment

Standard equipment is available on request:

- Discus
- Hurdles (junior & senior)*
- Javelin (regular & turbo jav)
- Long Jump equipment (rakes, brooms, spikes)
- Shot puts
- Miscellaneous (large witches hats, relay batons, changeover flags, starting blocks, microphones)
- Tape measures

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* additional fees applies

Amenities

Access

- Bus drop-off via Creswick Road *(shaded green)*
- Pedestrian access via Howitt Street or Creswick Road *(shaded pink)*
- 68 car parks on Howitt Street with additional parking on Creswick Road *(shaded orange)*

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Spectators & support

- Administration building
- Function space*
- 2 x toilet and change-rooms
- Undercover seating (600+)

What's different from our previous facility?

Our new facility includes:

- Larger administration space
- Fully accessible amenities
- More undercover seating
- Modern facilities



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Bookings, Costs and Extras

Capped to 30 June 2027	Per Day
Primary school under 150 students	$550
Primary school 150+ students	$650
Secondary schools	$750
Combined schools and SSV events	$750

1 July 2027– 30 June 2028 [DRAFT]	Per Day
Primary school under 200 students	$550
Primary school 200+ students	$700
Secondary schools	$800
Combined schools and SSV events	$800

To ensure the new facility remains clean and well-maintained, a fee increase has been introduced to cover these additional running costs.

Booking and payment information

- Our booking system allows you to book your carnival, equipment and extras. You will also receive automatic updates from us.
- Bookings for 2028 will open late November; dates traditionally fill around two years ahead.
- Individual schools are able to run multi-day carnivals, however, these can only be booked in Terms 2-4.
- An invoice is emailed within a week of your event and is due within two weeks.

Paid extras

Hire of hurdles	$110
Hire of electronic timing (track events) *Includes operator*	$700
Hire of function space	TBA
Tailored Programs *See over for additional offerings from Athletics Ballarat*	TBA
World Athletics qualified officials (all events) *Dependant on availability*	TBA



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Tailored Programs

We can provide your school with a range of tailored programs to meet your needs. Prices are available on request.

Pre-event support

- **Carnival Schedule**: We will prepare the schedule mapping out events, tailored specifically to your school's student numbers and our venue.
- **Volunteer & Staffing Roster**: We will provide a breakdown of exactly how many officials and helpers are required, complete with pre-drafted job descriptions for each role.
- **Event Guides**: We will provide quick guides to support your volunteers & staff to deliver the events.

Event day management

- **Competition Director**: We will provide a competition director to oversee and manage your carnival.
- **Event management**: We will be on the ground managing delays, resolving disputes and keeping the program on time.
- **Briefings**: We will provide a morning briefing to your volunteers & staff to ensure everyone knows their roles.

Fully managed carnival

This program combines both **pre-event support** and **event day management**.

We take away the hassle of planning and executing the carnival.

Our team will work with you to carefully plan and deliver your carnival.

School coaching

- **Carnival prep program**: A 4-6 week program delivered during mid-week school sport or PE blocks. Our coaches teach students the fundamental mechanics of sprinting, hurdles, relay changeovers, high jump, long jump, shot put, and discus. This ensures students can compete safely and confidently at their upcoming carnival.
- **Athletics Clinics**: We run an intensive 2-hour or full-day clinic for your students at your school. They will be guided by an Athletics Australia accredited coach.



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Planning your day

Three (3) weeks prior

We will email you the equipment booking form.

Event day (set-up)

- The facility manager is on site by 7:30am and aims to have the venue ready by 8:30am on most days.
- The facility manager will set up permanent structures and requested equipment before the event.
- Coordinators should arrive early to check the setup; earlier access must be arranged by email.

Event day (pack-up)

Any damaged or broken items are to be reported immediately to the facility manager.

One (1) week prior

Schools to provide us with:

- Equipment booking form
- Event timetable/schedule

Event day (during)

- The facility manager will be located in the office and will be available during the day.
- Our canteen operates for school carnivals with more than 50 visitors. Our menu includes healthy eating options.
- Tables and chairs may be used, but all equipment must be returned in its original condition.

NB: alternative food and beverage options required by schools (i.e. food vans) must be submitted in writing. We will review and determine if this can be accomodated.

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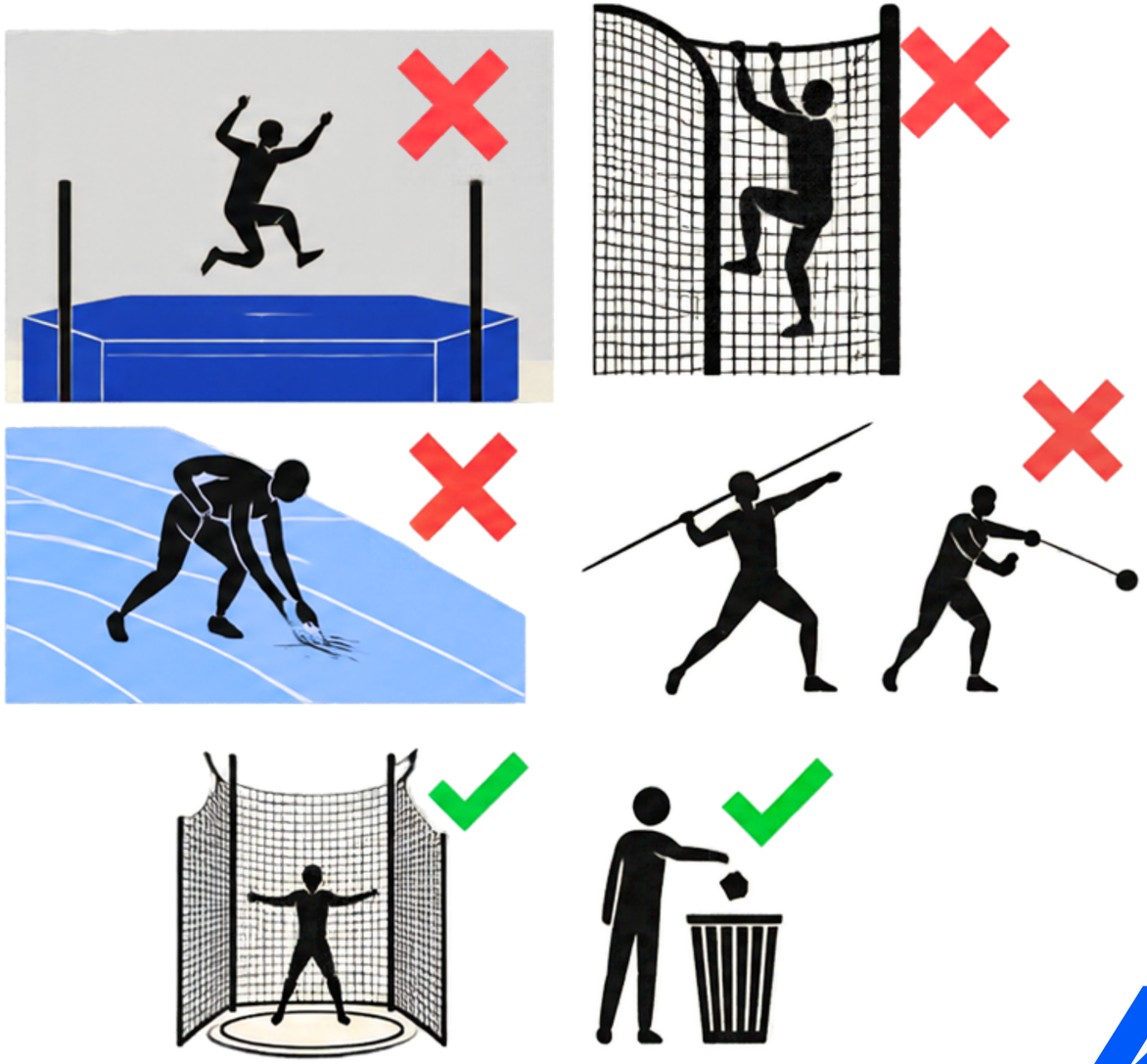
Facility rules

Everyone who uses our new facility helps keep it safe, fit for purpose, welcoming, well looked after and suitable for its intended use.

Please ensure that the following rules are observed:

- **No** jumping on the pole vault mats
- **No** climbing/standing on the hammer cage or discus cage net
- **No** deliberately scratching or scraping the track
- **No** non-biodegradable tinsel or feathers allowed
- **No** javelin and hammer/discus competitions at the same time from the same end
- Only use the hammer/discus circles when the cage is up
- Put rubbish in the bins and respect the amenities at the venue
- Parents are **not** to enter the field of play (fenced area) unless requested to attend to their child by a teacher/authorised person
- All marquees within the facility need to be weighted (no pegs)



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