NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2027

RACE DIRECTOR GUIDE

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Welcome!

Every year, AUTRA holds annual National Championship events over various times and distances. The AUTRA National Championships include the following events:

- 100km Road
- 50km Road
- 24 Hour Track
- 48 Hour Track
- 6 Day Ultra
- Trail Running
  - Short Course Trail (30-60km)
  - Long Course Trail (60-100km)
  - Mountain Running (uphill/downhill)
  - Vertical
- 100mile Trail

This guide provides information for all Race Directors (RDs) who intend to apply, or have been selected, to host a National Championships. The purpose of this guide is to assist RDs to put on a successful race. The information below includes details on:

1. Runner Eligibility
2. Australian Championship Requirements
3. AUTRA Support and Promotion
4. Awards Presentation
5. Results and Post Race Reports
6. Links
7. Contacts and enquiries
8. AUTRA National Championship 2027 Checklist (Sample)

1. Runner Eligibility

- Eligibility for an award at a National Championship event is open to **all Australian citizens**, with AUTRA membership no longer being a prerequisite.
- The National Championships include competitors who are both AUTRA members and non-AUTRA members.
- Eligible runners do not include visitors to Australia on work permits, student visas, visitor visas or with residency status. Eligible runners must be an **Australian citizen**.
- **RDs selected to host a National Championship event should obtain runner eligibility information during registration for the race, and validate with individuals prior to awarding any trophies or medals.**

2. Australian Championship Requirements

- All applications are required to become an AUTRA listed event for 2027 and RDs must agree with and abide by the event listing policy.
- National Championships for trail running events are encouraged to become an ITRA listed through a free account for 2027 (this will become a requirement in 2028).
- AUTRA may appoint a Championship Liaison or Technical Representative to support championship oversight and ensure compliance with National Championship requirements.
- RDs must follow all published listing requirements including any AUTRA/IAU/World Athletics guidelines for Road, Track and Trail events (including in relation to pacing, crewing and records criteria at track events). Details can be found on both the AUTRA and IAU websites with links listed below.
- **Road and track events must be certified and an IAU-labelled event**.
- **RDs must send all results in the required format to AUTRA within a week of the event.**
- RDs and race organisers should display and distribute AUTRA promotional material when available, and if requested, provide covered facilities for AUTRA representatives at pre-race activities such as expo's, and at race start and finish to allow for any promotional activities.
- **RDs must encourage AUTRA membership** by promoting AUTRA at time of registration and

include a link to join AUTRA.
- AUTRA members will be provided with a discount code to be applied at registration.
- All participants should be encouraged to become an AUTRA member and thereby receive the discount.
- RDs and race organisers should make available during the race, one volunteer dedicated to provide race updates to the AUTRA Facebook page, including images and results as soon as they become known.
- The RD retains responsibility for race operations and protest resolution in consultation with AUTRA representatives. All challenge decisions are to be finalised prior to National Championship awards being presented.
- Eligibility for records, be it Australian or World, are to follow the guidelines set out on both the AUTRA and IAU websites, with links listed below.

3. AUTRA Support and Promotion

In the lead up to, and during the event, AUTRA and its committee will endeavour to provide support promoting the race both at the event and on social media. Below is a list (but not limited to) of available support that AUTRA offers:

- AUTRA National Championship dedicated page on AUTRA's website Events Calendar, highlighting each event.
- Events will be listed on the AUTRA Events Calendar and identified as National Championship events.
- AUTRA banners.
- AUTRA to collaborate with RD on joint marketing plan with a minimum number of posts and promotional points outlined, including:
  - Marketing material - AUTRA National Championship logos for web and print will be supplied
  - UltraMag - submission, articles and interviews
  - Social Media - including Facebook and Instagram
  - AUTRA website

- AUTRA will provide a one-page checklist to assist RD and AUTRA in ensuring all activities are undertaken (sample provided at end of guide).
- RDs are encouraged to provide a monthly update of registrations to AUTRA so we can look at ways to help support and promote the event.
- Tag posts with @austtralian_ultra to make it easier for all to share. Use tags #AUTRA #ultrarunning #australianchampionships
- RDs are to promote the race as an "**AUTRA National Championship**" race on event website and in communications.
- The year and race time/distance must be included, for example "2027 AUTRA 100mile Trail National Championship".
- The AUTRA logo must be included and is available in the links below.

On listing, AUTRA will schedule a planning meeting with the RD to enable an initial discussion on the above points.

4. Awards Presentation

An AUTRA Committee member or representative will be available to present the National Championship awards in conjunction with the main race presentations. If an AUTRA representative is unavailable, the RD will be given advanced notice to allow them to present the award to the winners.

AUTRA will supply award trophies or medals to RDs to recognise:

- Trophies for top three (3) male & female (open category) for all National Championship events

AUTRA may optionally provide additional trophies and medals for the below age categories but only on consultation with the RD due to their additional administrative requirements:

- Trophies for top three (3) male & female (junior category, 18-23 years) for 50km Road, Short

Course Trail and Mountain Running National Championship events.

- Medals for top male & female (age group) for 50km Road, Short Course Trail and Mountain Running National Championship events. Age Group categories as per AUTRA Policy: Australian Records - Open and Age group

18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39
40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64
65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85-90

Note: The 100km Road and 50km Road National Championships are in conjunction with Australian Athletics (AA) and the awards will include both AA medals as well as AUTRA trophies.

5. Results and Post Race Reports

Within three (3) days of race completion, RDs are required to send through all details of National Championship podium winners (top three (3) male & female, and top three (3) junior category and age group where applicable), including any high-res photos available to be used in the AUTRA UltraMag and Annual Report.

Please forward all race results, reports and photos to the email addresses listed below:

Media Relations - media@autra.asn.au

UltraMag Editor - ultramag@autra.asn.au

President - president@autra.asn.au

6. Links

RDs may find the following links helpful when organising their National Championship events.

- AUTRA event listing policy
- AUTRA records criteria
- IAU World Records Guidelines
- Winners of previous championships
- IAU Labelling guidelines

7. Contacts and enquiries

For any questions, RDs are encouraged to reach out to the AUTRA committee at:

President - president@autra.asn.au

Vice President - vp@autra.asn.au

Director of Events - events@autra.asn.au

8. AUTRA National Championship 2027 Checklist (Sample)

This one-page checklist is to assist in ensuring all activities are undertaken to support and promote the event.

Event Name:

National Championship Event:

Event Date:

Race Director (RD):

Category	Item/Task	Owner	Status
Promotion	Initial AUTRA/RD planning meeting	AUTRA	
	AUTRA logo shared with RD	AUTRA	
	Event listed on AUTRA calendar	AUTRA	
	Event listed on AUTRA website - Dedicated page - AUTRA National Championship logo added to event website	AUTRA	
	Marketing Plan agreed	RD	
Registration	AUTRA membership promotion process at registration	RD	
	Monthly update	RD	

Race day	Awards ordered and sent to RD	AUTRA	
	AUTRA banners sent to RD	AUTRA	
	AUTRA representative for presentation	AUTRA	
	Records procedure shared with runners (for example, eligibility for awards, challenges)	RD	
	Volunteer for social media posts	RD	
Post event	Results sent to AUTRA	RD	
	Post race report sent to AUTRA	RD	
	Images sent to AUTRA	RD	