

Tuesday Track Meets at WAAS

Tuesday March 29 will be the last Tuesday track meet to be held at this UWA venue – it will not be available on a Tuesday after this week. Future meets may be held at the WA Athletics Stadium (WAAS).

There will definitely be a Tuesday winter competition at WAAS, from 6 to 7.30pm. This will start on May 3 and be track only – no jumps or throws. The winter competition will use the same events as the parallel ECAC competition. The programme is available on the website.

Access to WAAS is from Underwood Avenue, with plenty of free parking adjacent. Entrance to the stadium is on the ground floor, eastern side. The cost to MAWA members will be the same as now (\$3). **This must be paid to Venues West in the office at the entrance where you will sign in.** Then just go to the start/finish area, where the MAWA formalities will be unchanged. Use the sign-in sheets as normal. Visitors will follow the same procedure, but there will be an additional \$2 MAWA fee paid into the red tin and a visitors' sheet to sign. This means that the cost of the meet is unchanged for everybody - \$3 for members and \$5 for visitors, including children. Please note that it is essential that you pay the \$3 fee at the office – no IOUs or loss of memory please. We have negotiated this deal with Venues West and they will be checking on numbers.

The venue is open to the general public at this time, so others will be using the facility alongside us. We have negotiated with VW that lanes 1-5 will be available to us exclusively from 6pm to 7.30pm from May to September. The other lanes will be open to the general public for training.

Throws & Jumps

Field events do not take place during the winter. Initial negotiations with Venues West over the use of the West Australia Athletics Stadium for throws stalled. VW are concerned about safety issues as the stadium is open to the general public during our Tuesday sessions. Both the infield and track are unsupervised by VW staff at these times. A revised proposal has been put to them covering their safety concerns. VW are considering this and we are hopeful of an agreement being reached to enable throws to be switched to WAAS in October. An agreement has already been reached covering the jumps, including the high jump.

Note

During the months of August and September there is a chance that the stadium may be unavailable on the odd occasion due to the programming of a schools carnival. I am sure that members will understand this.

I am very grateful to Venues West, and in particular Peta Marsh and Jody Temming. They have been extremely helpful and have gone the extra mile to make us welcome at WAAS. We are fortunate to have access to such a wonderful facility. Let us make the most of it, whilst still competing in the best MAWA traditions.

John Oldfield,
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