

World Masters Athletics Indoor Championships

March 23 - 30, 2025

Alachua County, Gainesville Florida

Information Session - Oct 17



The event:

World Masters Athletics Indoor Championships are held every 2 years, alternating with the World Outdoor event.

2024 - Outdoors Gothenburg, Sweden

2025 - Indoors Alachua County, Gainesville, Florida USA

2026 - Outdoors Daegu, South Korea

2027 - Indoors tba

Registrations for Gainesville are open now, and will close on **23 January, 2025**. No late registrations will be accepted.

<https://wmaci2025.com/registration/>

Who can enter?

There are no qualifying standards required to enter, but.....

1. You must be aged 35 or over, as at the first day of competition (23 Mar 2025)
2. You need to be a financial member of an Australian State or Territory Masters Athletics Association (ie ACT / NSW / NT / QLD / SA / TAS / VIC / WA)
3. You are required to wear the official Australian Masters uniform during competition, and to adhere to the AMA Code of Conduct.
4. An athlete must be a citizen of the country they will represent, or have been a resident of that country for a minimum of three (3) years.
5. If an athlete has represented a different country at a previous WMA World Championship or Regional Championship, they must have change-of-allegiance paperwork on file with WMA at least 30 days before the entry deadline (<https://world-masters-athletics.org/change-of-allegiance/>).

Alachua County is centrally located in Florida, providing several airports that are accessible to the area. Gainesville Regional Airport offers connections to Atlanta, Charlotte, Dallas/Ft. Worth, and Miami.

The Local Organizing Committee will provide airport/hotel transportation support services at a cost servicing the Gainesville Regional Airport and the Orlando International Airport. Athletes and guests booking through the LOC housing provider will receive a free transportation pass.



High temperatures and moderate rainfall

The weather in Gainesville is usually perfect in March, characterized by high temperatures and moderate rainfall. In the daytime, temperatures tend to hover near 24°C, cooling down at night to around 10°C. Precipitation Gainesville in March usually receives moderate rainfall, averaging around 70 mm for the month.

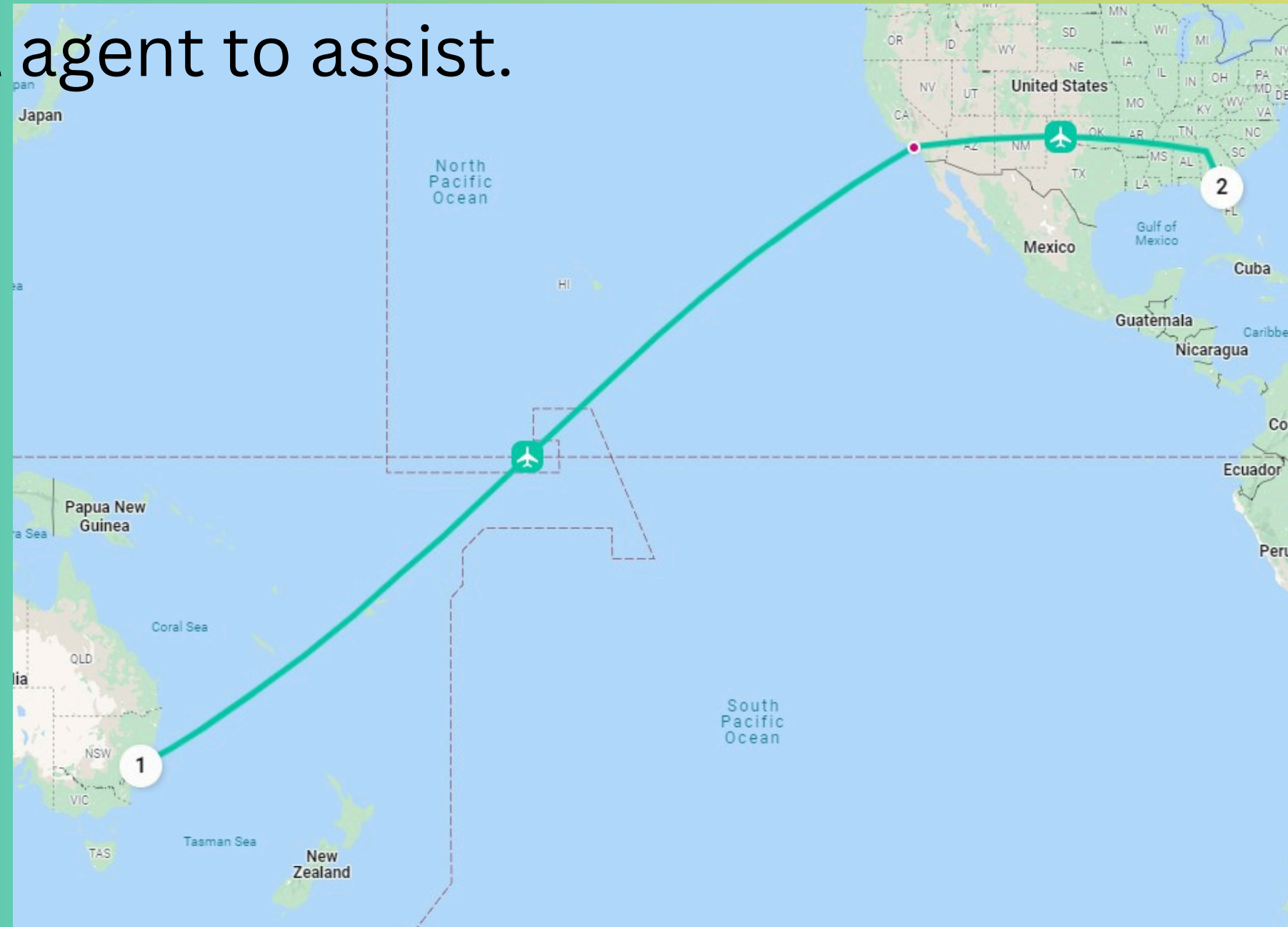


Travel - how do you get there?

DIY booking: Rome2rio/travel is an excellent resource -

<https://www.rome2rio.com>

or source a local travel agent to assist.



Visa entry requirements into USA for Australian citizens

<https://www.usa.gov/visa-waiver-esta>

ESTA Travel Authorisation

- Confirm that your Australian passport meets the program requirements. You must have an electronic passport or “e-Passport” to participate in the VWP. This type of passport includes a chip.
- Complete the [ESTA application](#) online.
- Pay the fees: The total cost is \$21. When you apply, you will pay a \$4 processing fee. If you are approved to travel to the U.S., you must pay an additional \$17 authorization fee. **Learn about the payment options available to pay ESTA fees.**

If you hold a passport from another country, check with your embassy for any requirements. Visa and entry documents are the responsibility of the athlete to organise.

Competition venues:

Primary facility: Alachua County Sports & Events Center

Outdoor Throws and Cross Country: West End



The 2025 Indoors 8 day event schedule:

Sat Mar 22 - AUS Team Photo and Opening Ceremony/Team march

Sun Mar 23 - Competition Day 1

Mon Mar 24 - Competition Day 2

Tue Mar 25 - Competition Day 3

Wed Mar 26 - Competition Day 4

Thu Mar 27 - Competition Day 5

Fri Mar 28 - Competition Day 6

Sun Mar 29 - Competition Day 7

Mon Mar 30 - Competition Day 8 and 4x200 relays

**Events are divided into our standard 5 year age groups,
starting at Men & Women 35-39**

Events on offer:

Inside main stadium:

60m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m

60m Hurdles

3000 Walk

Shot Put, Weight Throw

Long Jump, Triple Jump, High Jump, Pole Vault

Outside events:

Hammer Throw, Discus Throw, Javelin Throw

10km Race Walk

10km Road Walk

Cross Country

Relays:

4 x 200, 4 x 200 Mixed

What you can expect:

- 24 Athletic Events
- Over 4,000 participants from around the world
- Over 80 countries attending
- Daily Average Temperature around 23 C
- 200 Meter Banked Mondo Track
- 2000 hotel rooms with 2km of the Sports Centre
- 14 restaurants, 12 retail outlets & 2 Hotels in walking distance

Mandatory - wearing the AMA Uniform

All AUS team members must wear the official Australian Masters uniform



You can still wear the previous version of the AMA uniform at this event, but note that the new AMA uniform is mandatory from the next World Outdoor Championship, being held in Daegu South Korea in 2026.

AMA Uniform

Our new AMA Uniform Tops range:



Unisex singlet



Womens singlet



Lycra Crop Top



Lycra Crop Singlet



S/S TShirt



L/S training shirt



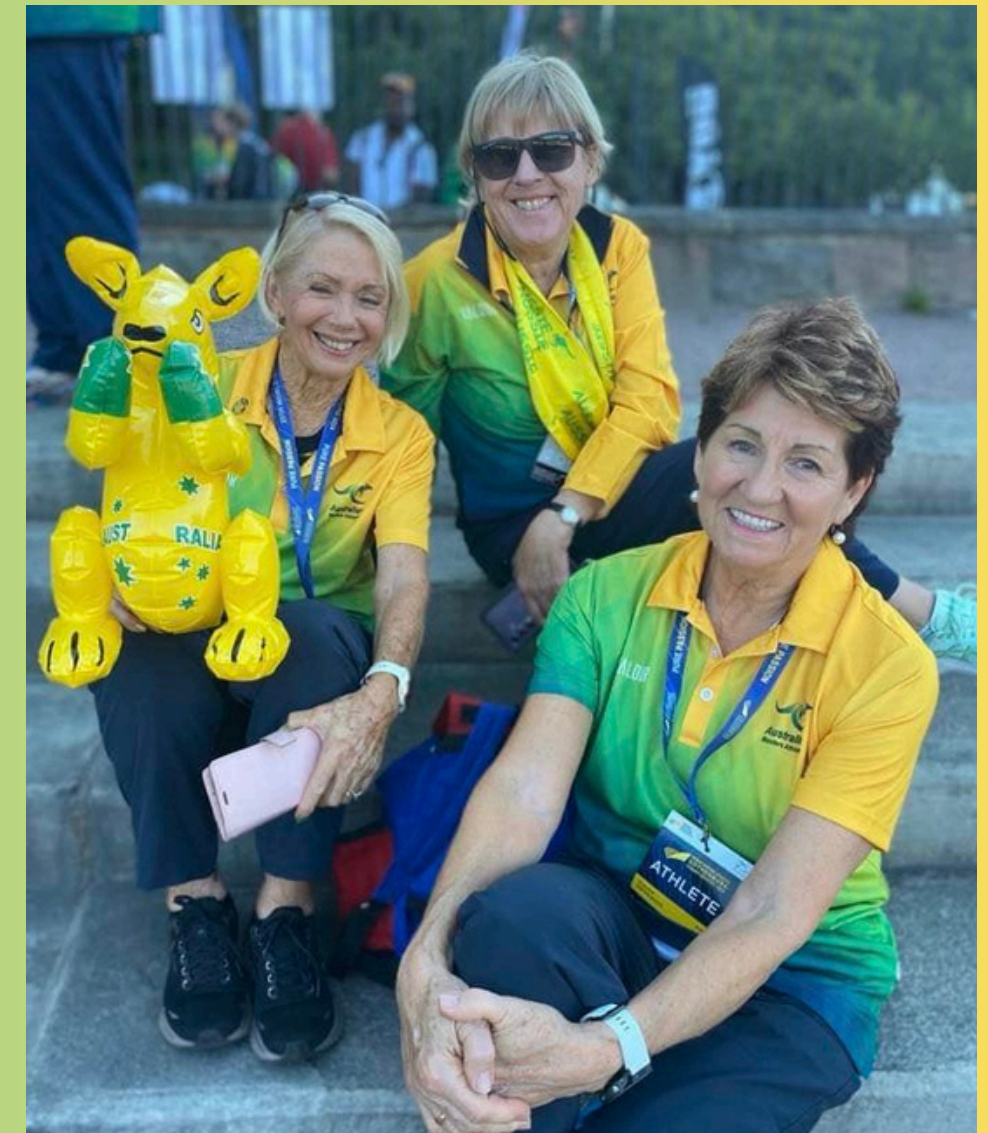
Team Polo



Track Jacket/front



Track Jacket/back



Don't forget to order a Team Polo shirt, especially if you'll be at the Opening Ceremony!

Ordering the AMA Uniform

Our next Pre Order Campaign is currently on, until 31st OCT

During that Campaign time, you'll be able to log into our Valour AMA shop, and order our new custom unisex and ladies' singlets, crop and briefs, jackets, t-shirts, long sleeve Tees, polo shirts, backpacks and hats, as well as the standard range of Valour bottoms garments (in colour 'INK').

The full range is located here:

www.valoursport.com.au/collections/australian-masters-athletics

Delivery of the orders will be at the end of January 2025

NOTE - If the Shop is showing that the items are OUT OF STOCK - they aren't, it just says that because the Order Campaign is not yet open, and you can't order anything yet. When you go in during the Order Campaign period (October 1-31) you are able to order all items.

Contact - Lisa Attenborough email: uniforms@australianmastersathletics.org.au

Share accomodation group:

An AUSTeam fb page has been set up for people to look for share accomodation, roommates or travel companions:

Search for:

AUSTeam Alachua County Accommodation
noticeboard

Getting Around

Transportation between Venues

The Local Organizing Committee is creating a transportation network connecting the primary and secondary facilities (Alachua County Sports & Events Center and West End). This venue to venue route will operate March 22 – March 30, 2025 and will be provided at no cost to credentialed athletes and guests.

Transportation between Hotels & Venues

The LOC is creating a transportation network consisting of one (1) route connecting select hotels to the primary facility (Alachua County Sports & Events Center). This hotel-venue route will operated March 22 – March 30, 2025 and will be at a cost of \$30 per person for credentialed athletes and guests. Transportation Passes for the hotel-venue route must be purchased at the time of event registration in advance.

Based upon availability, the LOC may sell a limited number of Transportation Passes on-site, at an increased rate of \$50 per person for credentialed athletes and guests.

Driving in Florida state: Visiting from another country?

- Visitors to Florida who wish to drive while here are required to have in their immediate possession **a valid driver license issued in their name from their country of residence.**
- If renting a car while visiting Florida, we suggest you check with the rental car company prior to your visit to see what they require. However, it's our understanding that rental car companies have not changed their procedures or requirements for having a valid driver license from any state, U.S. territory or foreign country.

TO DO LIST:

1. Order your AMA Uniform (and Polo shirt) before October 3, 2024
2. Register for the event *before January 23, 2025*
3. Book your flights and accommodation
4. Complete the Athlete Data Form when received
5. Get your ESTA for USA entry

Once the Event registrations have closed,
all entrants will be invited to an AUSTeam Meeting,
to go over final organisation details, travel tips,
and what to do when you arrive in Florida.

Questions? email

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