

# Mount Isa Athletics



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The success of the Mount Isa Athletics season is very evident by the quality and quantity of athletes heading to Townsville this weekend to contest the ANQ Track and Field Championships.

Forty-six athletes, a quarter of the Club, will converge on the Championships which will start Friday evening and conclude Sunday afternoon.

It will surely be a sea of green and gold with the Mount Isa team having the second largest contingent of athletes out of all the Clubs attending. Impressive considering they are the most remote of all the Clubs scattered throughout North Queensland. The opposition will have to get used to seeing the Club colours as there is an Isa athlete in every age group from 4 years right through to Masters.

Not only is it a massive team but it is also a top quality team seasoned with our two Internationals Brianna “Thor” Smith and Cat “Rocket” Hannell, add to that most off the Club record breaker the Club has had this season and that is one imposing team.

Specialist jumper Cat Hannell finally gave in to the pressures from Club Coaches David Scott and Ken Dickson and has entered into the Open Womens Heptathlon much to the delight of 14 year old Erin Faithful who will contest her second. Isa is fast gaining a reputation as a multi-event Club with no less than four entries in the Mens Decathlon. James Sweeney will be up against National Champion Decathlete Cedric Dubler in the Under 20 and David Scott, Ken Dickson and Iain Faithful will be battling it out against a number of other hopefuls travelling from as far south as Emerald and north to the Tablelands.

Nine year old Denzil Perkins is hopeful of adding to his ever growing list of North Queensland sprint records. Also burning up the track will be Cieron Botha and Kale “Blackflash” Johnson. Johnson has also nominated for the Championship prize event the Hector Hogan Memorial 100 yards.

Once again Mount Isa will present a team of Pole Vaulters for the Championships with Jade Scott, Joshua Scott and CJ Brice-Houseman along with Coach Awesome (David Scott) all set to push themselves as high as possible. Danial Butler was also set to compete but has been forced to withdraw due to injury. The Master Decathletes will also be competing in Pole Vault as part of their Decathlon events.

Club newcomers, Mother and son, Nancy and Daniel Wing, will be competing in their first ever athletics championship. Nancy is sure to impress with her results in the 70–74 year Womens throwing events and son Daniel will be the Clubs first athlete to compete in the AWD (Athlete with Disability) category.

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### CLUB VENUE

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There will be a massive case of girl power at the Championships with specialist throwers Brianna “Thor” Smith, Carmen “Zeus” Preston and Breanna “Cannon” Waerea all set to unleash their might on their competitors.

Jumps coach David Scott is keen to see what 14 year olds CJ Brice-Houseman and Mitchell Hujanen can produce in their High Jump event on Townsville’s synthetic surface.

Club recorder Ken Dickson said “this would have to one of the largest and strongest athletics teams that Mount Isa has sent away since the old days of the Copper City Athletics Club. While this article has covered most of the better known of the Club, the entire team is a powerhouse of talent and I am expecting Mount Isa to clean up on placings throughout the weekend. It is going to be a very busy weekend but we will endeavour to keep the people at home as up to date as possible with regular posts on the ‘Mount Isa Athletics Club’ Facebook page between events”.