

THE 2021 POWERCOR STAWELL GIFT | APRIL 3-5, 2021

ATHLETE FAQ'S POWERCOR STAWELL GIFT



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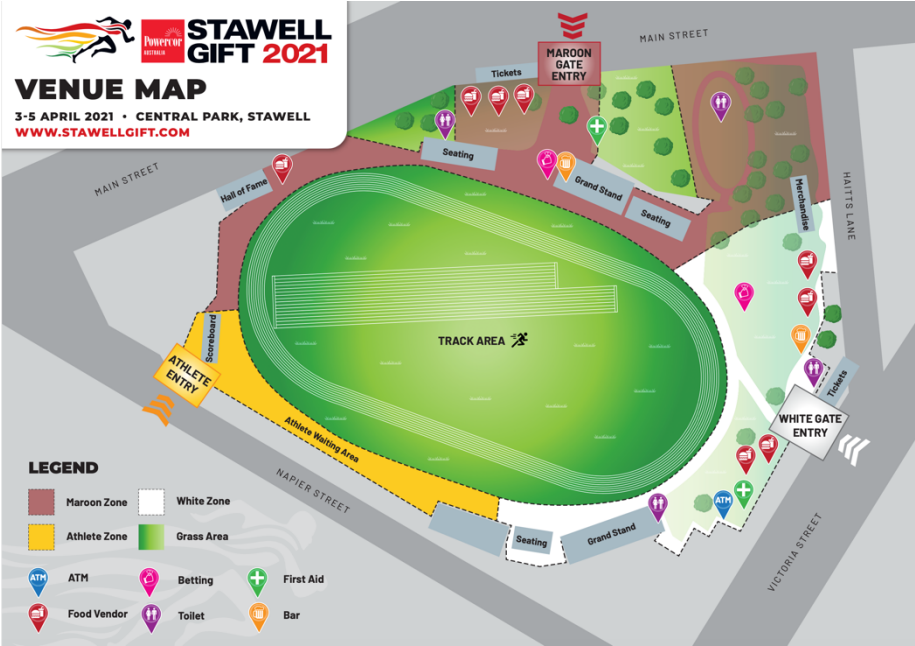
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These FAQs are designed to assist Athletes in their understanding of procedures for the 2021 Powercor Stawell Gift, which will be conducted in accordance with the event COVID-safe plan, as approved by the Victorian Government. It is imperative that athletes and spectators follow the guidelines of the event to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all competitors, volunteers, spectators and event workforce.

We acknowledge that the 2021 Powercor Stawell Gift will be a different experience from previous years, and we appreciate your support, understanding and cooperation in working towards ensuring a safe experience for all.

As in previous years, the competition meet will be conducted under VAL rules and regulations, which also includes VAL's competition COVID-safe, guidelines, which can be viewed here >> <https://www.val.org.au/Covid-19.aspx>

| THE ATHLETE ZONE | |
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| <p>What is the Athlete Zone?</p> | <p>The Athlete Zone is a dedicated zone at Central Park for the exclusive use of Athletes and VAL registered coaches. As part of our approved COVID-safe plan, attendee groups, including spectators, are allocated into dedicated zones which they must remain in.</p> |
| <p>Where is the Athlete Zone?</p> | <p>The Athlete Zone is located on the Southern Side of Central Park where the corporate hospitality tents are normally located and is between the Scoreboard and the Football Club rooms. The Athlete Zone is highlighted in yellow in the map below.</p>  <p>The map can be downloaded here >> http://www.stawellgift.com/event-guide/venue-map/</p> |

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| What ticket or pass do I need to access the Athlete Zone? | All competing athletes will be provided with an Athlete Zone wristband , which must be worn at all times while you are still competing. This wristband must be shown to gate attendants on each entry into the Athlete Zone. DO NOT REMOVE THIS WRISTBAND AT ANY TIME UNTIL YOU HAVE FINISHED YOUR MEET. |
| How do I get my Athlete Zone wristband? | This wristband will be provided at the Stawell Gift Hall of Fame office. Upon arrival in Stawell, please present to the office to collect your wristband. We strongly encourage athletes to arrive on Easter Friday to minimise queues and crowd density. |
| What hours is the Athlete Zone open? | The Athlete Zone will open at 7.30am on Saturday April 3, Sunday April 4 and Monday April 5, 2021. The Athlete Zone will close 30 minutes after the conclusion of competition each day. |
| Where does my Athlete Zone Pass get me? | The Athlete Zone wristbands allow athletes to enter the exclusive Athlete Zone only. The athlete wristband does not provide access to the Maroon or White Zone of the venue. If your racing is complete and you no longer need access to the Athlete Zone the athlete wristband can be exchanged at the Ticket Booth for a Maroon or White Zone ticket, which will allow you into the spectator zones. Once the Athlete Zone wristband is exchanged, you can no longer access the Athlete Zone. |
| How do I exchange my Athlete Zone Pass for a Maroon or White Zone Ticket. | Once you have finished your competition and no longer need to access the Athlete Zone, present to the either Ticket Booth at Main Street or Victoria Street Gates. A ticketing representative will remove your Athlete Zone wristband and exchange it for a Maroon Zone or White Zone general admission ticket. There is no charge for this ticket. Depending on capacities, ticketing staff may allocate you a Maroon or White Zone ticket. Preferences for zones will be offered when available. |
| How do I enter and exit the Athlete Zone? | Athletes and coaches with athlete zone wristbands will access the Athlete Zone from the Southern Gates, located on Napier Street and highlighted in yellow on the venue map. Entry and exit of the Athlete Zone is via these gates only. There is no other entry or exit point into the Athlete Zone. Athletes can enter and exit the Athlete Zone throughout the day. Athlete's must show their wristband and check-in and check-out using the Service Victoria App each entry and exit. QR Codes for check in will be displayed on your entry into the Athlete Zone. |
| Do I need to scan into the Athlete Zone using the Service Victoria App and QR Code System? | Yes, all athletes and coaches will be required to "check-in" to the Athlete Zone upon each entry using the Service Victoria app. Attendants at the Athlete Zone entry will be on-site to ensure that the Check-in process is completed on the Service Victoria app. To download the Service Victoria app, visit https://service.vic.gov.au/check-in/ |

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| | <p>Athletes can enter and exit the Athlete Zone throughout the day. Athlete's must show their wristband and check-in and check-out using the Service Victoria App each entry and exit. QR Codes for check in will be displayed on your entry into the Athlete Zone.</p> <p>Athletes and coaches are encouraged to ensure that your phones are well charged on event days.</p> |
| Can my family and friends come into the Athlete Zone? | No, only registered athletes and VAL registered coaches can enter the Athlete Zone. Family and friends of athletes must purchase General Admission tickets into the Maroon or White Zones. |
| Can my registered coach come into the athlete zone? | Yes, VAL registered coaches will be provided with a wristband to the Athlete Zone. This wristband will provide access to the Athlete Zone, but will not provide access to the Maroon or White Zone. Once a coach no longer needs to access the Athlete Zone the access pass can be exchanged at the Ticket Booth for a Maroon or White Zone ticket. Once the Athlete Zone pass is exchanged, the coach can no longer access the Athlete Zone. |
| Where do I leave my bag and belongings? | Your bag and belongings must remain within the Athlete Zone. They cannot be taken on to Central Park. Tents will be located within the Athlete Zone, where athletes can choose to leave their bags and belongings under these covered areas. |
| What facilities are in the Athlete Zone? | The Athlete Zone will include pop-up marquees, chairs and tables, which are normally used for the corporate hospitality guests. Athletes and coaches will have exclusive access to these areas in the Athlete Zone. |
| Can I access the Change Rooms? | Yes, athletes will be able to access the Football Club change rooms from the Athlete Zone. |
| Are there toilets in the Athlete Zone? | Yes, the toilets in the Football Club change rooms are accessible from the Athlete Zone, along with a toilet block positioned behind the main scoreboard. |
| Are there food vendors in the Athlete Zone? | <p>No, there are no food or beverage vendors in the Athlete Zone. Athletes are encouraged to bring sufficient water, sports drinks and snacks that you will need during your time in the Athlete Zone.</p> <p>Drinking water will be available via a water refill station located within the Athlete Zone.</p> <p>Should you wish to purchase food and beverages from outside of the venue, athletes can enter and exit the Athlete Zone throughout the day. Athlete's must show their wristband and check-in and check-out using the Service Victoria App each entry and exit.</p> |

TICKETING

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| <p>Do I get a free ticket for the Powercor Stawell Gift?</p> | <p>Yes, all competing athletes and VAL registered coaches still receive a free ticket for the 2021 Powercor Stawell Gift. However, this ticket will be provided at the Ticket Booth once you exchange your Athlete Zone wristband.</p> <p>Athletes are not provided with a Maroon Zone or White Zone pass at the same time as receiving the Athlete Zone wristband.</p> |
| <p>Can I access the Maroon Zone or White Zone with my Athlete Zone wristband?</p> | <p>No, Athletes or Coaches cannot enter the Maroon Zone or White Zone with their Athlete Zone Wristband. Athletes are not to exit the competition field into the Maroon or White Zone (gate attendants will prevent this access).</p> |
| <p>Once I've finished competing, how do I exchange my Athlete Zone wristband for a ticket to the Maroon or White Zone?</p> | <p>Once you have finished your competition and no longer need to access the Athlete Zone, present to the either Ticket Booth at Main Street or Victoria Street Gates. A ticketing representative will remove your Athlete Zone wristband and exchange it for a Maroon Zone or White Zone general admission ticket. There is no charge for this ticket. Depending on capacities, ticketing staff may allocate you a Maroon or White Zone ticket. Preferences for zones will be offered when available.</p> |
| <p>What Tickets should my family and friends purchase to watch me race?</p> | <p>Family and Friends should purchase a General Admission ticket for either of the Maroon Zone or White Zone. Tickets are on sale on Tuesday March 16, 2021 and must be purchased via Ticketek.com.au. Family and friends <u>are strongly encouraged to purchase tickets on-line in advance of the 2021 Powercor Stawell Gift to ensure the best chance of securing a ticket and to eliminate queues at the event.</u></p> |

TRAINING & WARM UP

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| <p>How do I get on to Central Park for training and warm-up?</p> | <p>Athletes can access Central park for training, warm-up (and competition) via the access gates in front of the Football Clubrooms, which are accessible from the Athlete Zone. Attendants on the gate will monitor access onto Central Park.</p> |
| <p>How long am I allowed to warm up before my race?</p> | <p>Athletes are welcome to arrive up to one hour prior to their race time for warm-up on Central Park. Athletes are to adhere to social distancing practices at all times.</p> |
| <p>Can I leave my belongings on Central Park like I have done in past years?</p> | <p>No, bags and belongings cannot be left on Central Park. All bags and belongings must remain within the Athlete Zone.</p> |
| <p>Can I sit and watch the</p> | <p>No, the only access to Central Park is for active warm-up and racing. Athletes</p> |

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| <p>racing on Central Park like I have done in past years?</p> | <p>cannot congregate on Central Park to watch racing or socialise. If you are not actively warming-up or racing, you must leave Central Park and return to the Athlete Zone.</p> |
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| COMPETITION | |
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| <p>What Singlets do I wear in heats and Semifinals?</p> | <p>Athletes must wear VAL approved singlets for all heats and semifinals.</p> |
| <p>What singlets do I wear in Finals?</p> | <p>Singlets for all finals must be collected from the VAL Information tent in the Athlete Zone.</p> |
| <p>Can I purchase singlets at the event?</p> | <p>Yes. Competition singlets (colours) can be purchased from the VAL Information tent located in the Athlete Zone. Singlets are \$10.</p> |
| <p>Can I wear my own singlet?</p> | <p>Singlet colours vary and approval will only be given if your singlet closely matches colours used by the officials.</p> |
| <p>What about striped singlets and numbered singlets for distance races?</p> | <p>Athletes required to wear a striped colour/singlet, or a white numbered singlet used in distance races must borrow these singlets from the VAL Information tent.</p> |
| <p>Do I need to have my singlet approved for each race?</p> | <p>Yes. Athletes must have their singlet/colour approved and be checked off at the VAL Information tent prior to each race.</p> |
| <p>Where is the VAL Information tent?</p> | <p>The VAL information tent is located in the Athlete Zone next to the Football Clubrooms.</p> |
| <p>Do I need to accept for each of my race events as per previous years?</p> | <p>Yes. Acceptance cut-off time is 20 minutes before the first heat of each event.</p> |
| <p>Can I go the media centre to see race results pinned on the board, as per previous years?</p> | <p>No. Results will be available to view in the Athlete Zone.</p> |
| <p>How do I get on to Central Park infield for competition from the Athlete Zone?</p> | <p>Athletes & coaches can only access the infield for warming up and competing via the gates immediately in front of the Football Clubrooms.</p> |
| <p>How do I leave Central Park</p> | <p>Athletes and coaches must only exit the Central Park infield through the gates</p> |

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CELEBRATIONS

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| <p>Can my family and friends come on to Central Park to celebrate with me after my race?</p> | <p>No, the only access to Central Park is for active warm-up and racing. Athletes cannot congregate on Central Park to watch racing or socialise. If you are not actively warming-up or racing, you must leave Central Park and return to the Athlete Zone.</p> |
| <p>If I'm running in the final of the Change our Game Women's Gift, can my coaches, training partners and friends gather at the finish line and celebrate?</p> | <p>No, the only access to Central Park is for active warm-up and racing. Athletes, family or friends, cannot congregate on Central Park to watch racing or socialise. If you are not actively warming-up or racing, you must leave Central Park and return to the Athlete Zone.</p> <p>Coaches, family or friends CANNOT be near the finish line on Central Park for this event and cannot embrace athletes in group celebrations or "group hugs" following the completion of races.</p> <p>We acknowledge that this is a key tradition of the Powercor Stawell Gift Carnival, however, under COVID-safe regulations, is not permitted for the 2021 event.</p> |
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| MERCHANDISE | |
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| Is there a merchandise tent in the Athlete Zone? | No, there is no merchandise store in the Athlete Zone. Athletes will be able to purchase merchandise once they access the Maroon Zone or White Zone once they exchange their athlete wristband for a general admission ticket, or during exclusive Athlete Shopping Periods (see below). |
| When are the exclusive Athlete Shopping Periods? | <p>Event organisers will be providing athletes with exclusive access to the merchandise store outside of event opening hours. This is to ensure that you have a fair chance to purchase your favourite merchandise, given that there is no merchandise store in the Athlete Zone. During these times, only athletes with wristbands are able to access the venue and merchandise store.</p> <p>These exclusive Athlete Shopping Periods will be conducted at the following times:</p> <p>Friday April 2, 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1pm - 4pm <p>Saturday April 3, 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7.30am - 8.30am ● 5.00pm - 5.30pm <p>Sunday April 4, 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5.00pm - 5.30pm <p>Monday April 5, 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7.30am - 8.30am <p>Stock is subject to availability and may not be available at all shopping periods.</p> |
| How do I access the venue for the Athlete Shopping Periods? | <p>The Athlete Shopping Periods will be conducted at the Official Merchandise Store in the Maroon Zone (entry via Main Street Gates). Athletes must enter only via the Main Street Gates and show their Athlete Zone wristband on entry. Athletes must also check-in to the venue using the Service Victoria App.</p> <p>Only athletes with Athlete Zone wristbands are permitted to enter the venue for the Athlete Shopping Periods. Family and friends are not permitted to access the venue at this time.</p> |

