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Could Indoor Skydiving Be the Olympics' Next Big Thing?

Record prize pool, elite athleticism and all-abilities inclusion headline the 2025 Australian Indoor Skydiving Championships this August

Sydney, Australia: The $\underline{2025}$ Australian Indoor Skydiving Championships are set to take flight from $8^{th} - 10^{th}$ August at iFLY Downunder in Penrith, home to the largest and most powerful indoor wind tunnel in the Southern Hemisphere.



Now in its ninth year, the event has grown into the nation's leading showcase of bodyflight performance, community spirit and inclusive sport, with many now calling for indoor skydiving to be recognised on the world's biggest sporting stage: the Olympics.

"We're seeing Olympic-level commitment, training and skill in the tunnel," said Matt Boag, Sports Development Manager at iFLY. "Indoor skydiving has everything the Games stand for, athleticism, precision, passion and global appeal. It's only a matter of time."

Over 150 athletes across more than 100 teams will compete across five competitive disciplines: Formation Skydiving, Vertical Formation, Freestyle, Dynamic and the inclusive All Abilities category.

Spectators are invited to attend free of charge, with the event also streamed globally to an estimated 500,000 viewers.

This year also brings the largest prize pool in event history, \$20,000 in cash, made possible through support from Platinum Sponsor Public Safety Training and Response Group, a national leader in emergency training and response services.

"The Championships are more than a competition. They're a glimpse into the future of sport. Fast, skill-based, visually stunning and inclusive," said Holly Jaadla, Entertainment Marketing Manager at XRGroup. "If the Olympics is about celebrating human potential, then indoor skydiving absolutely belongs there."

Among the sport's rising stars is Annabella-Angel Bailey, a former gymnast whose athletic dreams were interrupted by injury. During recovery, she came across a video of elite flyers online, and a new path was born. Since then, Annabella has poured everything into her new passion, fundraising through bake sales and bottle drives to support her training.



"Every second in the tunnel is precious because I know how much love and effort it took to get me here," she says. "Flying is where I feel free and strong and my dream is to represent Australia one day."

The Championships are also a powerful example of sport's inclusive potential.

Greg Pinson, diagnosed with spina bifida and a full-time wheelchair user, experienced his first flight at iFLY Downunder and never looked back.

"It gave me a sense of freedom I hadn't experienced before," says Greg, who now serves as iFLY's All Abilities Ambassador. "I want more people with disabilities to know this exists. It's an unbelievable feeling."

The 2025 Championships aim not only to crown champions but to inspire a new generation of flyers and strengthen the growing call for indoor skydiving to take its place on the Olympic stage.

The Australian Indoor Skydiving Championships 2025:

When: 8th – 10th August 2025

Where: iFLY Indoor Skydiving Downunder, 123 Mulgoa Road, Penrith

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