

AUSTRALIAN MASTERS ATHLETICS INC.

BY-LAWS

INTRODUCTION

The functioning and conduct of Australian Masters Athletics Inc. (AMA) is principally guided by the Constitution. However, Clause 11(viii) of the AMA Constitution provides for the creation and amendment of By-laws covering matters concerning the operation and activities of the Association that are not specifically addressed by the Constitution.

By-laws are drawn up by the Board of Management and submitted for approval at a General Meeting.

By-laws may be added to, altered or rescinded by the Board at any time subject to ratification by the Council at any General Meeting.

The current By-laws are listed below.

COMPETITION

1. National Masters Athletics Championships shall be conducted annually in accordance with the technical rules of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) except as modified by the Constitution and By-laws of World Masters Athletics (WMA) and or AMA.
2. AMA conducts the following national Masters championships for its members:
 - Track & Field, including Cross Country and 10km Road Walk
 - Marathon
 - Half Marathon
 - Winter Throwing
 - Combined-Events
 - 20km Road Walk
3. The conduct of all championship events other than the AMA Track & Field Championships will be awarded to a State or Territory member club or other organization on a triennial basis.
4. AMA Track & Field Championships shall be conducted annually over four days at Easter on a roster basis by each State or Territory member.
5. The AMA Track & Field Championships shall be conducted in accordance with requirements listed in the AMA Championships Manual.
6. Technical specifications and weights of throwing implements shall be those approved by WMA or as modified by AMA for use in Australia.
7. Only current financial members of masters/veterans athletic clubs shall be permitted to compete in AMA championships.

8. Overseas athletes who are current financial members of an overseas masters athletics club may also compete in AMA championships, but will not displace Australian athletes in the placings.
9. An athlete's age group shall be determined by their date of birth.
10. An athlete shall compete in the age group for which they qualify on the first day of an AMA championship even if they become eligible for an older age group during the championship. This does not preclude such athletes from setting records in the older age group.
11. AMA Championship entry shall not be subject to any prior achievement or qualifying standard.
12. Current State or Territory club uniforms must be worn at all AMA championships. The preceding version of a club uniform will be permitted. International competitors must wear their club or national uniform.
13. Two or more age groups may compete together in a single event provided that there shall be separate results and awards for each age group.
14. Allegations at AMA championships of the offences listed below shall be considered and adjudicated by the AMA Executive Committee in consultation with the Competition Director according to the procedures set out in the WMA By-laws. In the absence of the AMA Executive, the Competition Director in consultation with available AMA Board members, can coopt other individuals as appropriate to deal with such matters.
 - Un-sportsmanlike conduct
 - Conduct likely to bring the sport into disrepute
 - Improper use of drugs as specified by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code
 - Incorrect statement of age or age group or gender

RECORDS

15. Australian and Championship records and best performances on record shall be recognized in all five-year age groups for all AMA recognised Track & Field events.
16. Australian records or best performances can only be set by current financial members of Australian Masters or Veterans Athletics Clubs.
17. Championship records or best performances can be set by any current financial member of a masters athletic club, including clubs outside of Australia.
18. Championship records are the best performances set in individually specified events at AMA Track & Field Championships. Performances set for individual disciplines in combined events, namely the Decathlon, Heptathlon, Pentathlon, Weight Pentathlon and Heavy Weight Pentathlon, cannot be recognized as Championships records although they can be considered for AMA records.

19. Australian and AMA Track & Field Championship records and best performances shall be kept by the AMA Records Officer. Championship records for the Marathon, Winter Throwing or Combined-Events championships may be kept by the local organising committee.
20. Record or Best Performance on Record applications must be made on the official AMA or WMA application form.
21. Performances must have been done on recognised certified tracks and grounds, or road or other courses where certification is provided by a registered course measurer.
22. Current AMA recognized events include but are not restricted to:

Marathon	Decathlon/Heptathlon
Half Marathon	Pentathlon
8km Cross Country	Throws Pentathlon/Heavy Weight Pentathlon
20K Road Walk	Shot
10K Road Walk	Hammer
10000m Run	Javelin
5000m Run	Discus
1500m Walk	Weight (standard)
5000m Walk	20kg Weight
3000m Steeplechase	56lb Weight
2000m Steeplechase	100lb Weight
1500m	
800m	Long Jump
400m	Triple Jump
200m	High Jump
100m	Pole Vault
60m	
80m Hurdles	
100m Hurdles	
110m Hurdles	
200m Hurdles	
300m Hurdles	4 x 100m Relays
400m Hurdles	4 x 400m Relays

FINANCE

23. Each member club shall pay to the AMA an annual affiliation fee per financial member of the member club in that year. This fee is set by the AMA Council at the AGM. (It currently stands at \$7.00 per capita)
24. AMA will reimburse Board members for travel expenses and reasonable accommodation for attendance at Board and Council meetings. Where a Board meeting is held at the AMA Track & Field Championships competing Board members will be reimbursed for half of their travel expenses. AMA will pay all travel expenses and reasonable accommodation costs for a Board member who is not competing.
25. Two delegates from each State and Territory member club are eligible to attend an Annual General Meeting. Accommodation costs for Club delegates will be

paid by AMA. Travel costs for all delegates attending an AGM will be shared equally by the member clubs.

26. Except for emergency meetings Board members are expected to book travel sufficiently in advance to obtain the lowest economy fare or to book travel through the AMA's official travel agent.
27. All requests for reimbursement shall be supported by receipts or other supporting documentation acceptable to the Treasurer.
28. AMA has the right to place an additional levee on competitors competing in international championships to cover organisation and team management costs.

GENERAL

29. The broad thrust and range of activities of AMA shall be guided by its 5-year Strategic Plan.
30. The conduct of AMA Board and Council meetings shall be in accordance with AMA's adopted Standing Orders.
31. Privacy and security issues in relation to the use or dissemination of personal information will be dealt with in accord with AMA's Privacy Policy.
32. AMA's competition, organisational and other activities will be conducted in accordance with all its policies.
33. AMA will manage risks to the organisation and its officers, its member Associations and their athletes and officials according to its Risk Management Policy.
34. Unless otherwise provided for in these By-laws AMA will be guided by the By-laws of WMA.
35. AMA supports in principle the By-laws of Athletics Australia (listed below) where they are consistent with WMA and AMA By-laws or procedures.
 - Anti-doping
 - Codes of conduct
 - Ethical behaviour
 - Disciplinary tribunals
 - Selection appeals

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