

# **AUSTRALIAN MASTERS ATHLETICS**

## **TRACK RELAY SELECTION CRITERIA FOR OCEANIA MASTERS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**OMA POLICY: Relays are popular at Oceania Regional Championships. The flexibility provided by age groupings gives the opportunity for more athletes to compete in relay events. (OMA Policy Statement 2.4)**

### **Relay Events**

Two types of relays for both men and women are conducted:

- 4 x 100m
- Medley relay ( relay legs in order, being 800m, 400m, 200m, 200m)

Age groupings are:

Women: 150-194 years, 195-229 years and 230+ years

Men: 150-199 years, 200-239 years and 240+ years

Age groups are determined by adding together the age of each athlete on the first day of competition.

There is no limit to the number of teams that can be entered in each age grouping.

**Agreed that Countries can field more than one team in a relay but only the first team across the line (and not disqualified) will count for medal purposes.**

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### **Relay Selection Committee**

The relay selection committee will consist of three selectors, one male and one female, each with extensive relay experience and a team manager. The committee will be appointed by the AMA Board.

### **Athlete Responsibility**

- Athletes attending the meet will need to inform a team manager of their availability for relays or add their name to the displayed nomination list.
- Athletes must notify team management or selectors of injury that may limit or prevent relay participation as soon as possible after the injury has occurred.

- National uniforms must be worn by competitors. The uniform worn must clearly identify the country represented by the competitor and must be acceptable to the national body of the athlete. (OAMA Policy statement 2.5).

### **Team Managers**

- Will collate the relay nominations and available results and make them available for the selection committee
- Are responsible for lodgment of the relay teams to the Championship organizers by the appointed time.
- Will post the selected teams on the notice board at the meet.

### **Relay Selectors**

The relay teams are to be selected with sufficient time for team management to formally lodge the team nominations and to post the teams for confirmation of athlete selection.

### **Selection Process**

- The relay selection committee reserves the right to approach athletes at the meet who have not nominated for relay selection and ask them to compete.
- Inclusion in a team will be determined from performances at the meet but proven past performances may also be considered.
- A runner's relay experience will be a considered factor in selection.
- The relay selection committee will endeavour to provide an opportunity for most nominees to participate in a team.
- Reserves are to be named for each relay team where possible.
- In the event of a disputed team selection, then the relay selection committee will reconvene to take into consideration the facts brought to their attention.