

# **AUSTRALIAN MASTERS ATHLETICS**

## **RELAY TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA WMA INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS**

**AMA POLICY: At World Championships Australia's relay teams will be selected to maximize the chances of the best overall success for the Australian teams. (AGM 2006)**

### **Stadia Relay Selection Committee**

The relay selection committee will consist of three selectors who have extensive relay experience with at least one male and one female making up this committee. Preferably the relay selection committee will not include team managers so that team management can remain neutral and deal with any athlete concerns.

Applications for the relay selection committee will be called four months before the Championships. The selection committee will be appointed by the AMA Board.

### **Relay Team Nominations**

Relay nomination forms should be returned to the AMA entries clerk at least one month before the commencing date of the Championships. The nomination forms will be available from the entries clerk.

The nomination form will identify the athlete's availability for selection in the 4x100m 4 x 200m and/or the 4x400m. The form will also give the athlete the opportunity to indicate their running and relay experience.

### **Athlete Responsibility**

- Athletes attending the meet will be provided an additional opportunity to complete a relay nomination form and give it to a team manager at the meet.
- 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.
- Athletes must wear an approved AMA vest.
- Athletes must confirm their intention to compete in the relevant relay by ticking their name on the list of nominations which will be displayed on the Australian notice board.
- All nominations and confirmations by athletes must be completed within four (4) days of the relay day.

### **Team Managers**

- Will post a list of nominations for each relay on the Australian notice board at the meet and on the team facebook page

- Will collate the relay applications together with any available results from the meet and make them available to the selection committee
- Are responsible for lodgment, by the appointed time, of the relay teams to the Championships organizers
- Will post the selected teams on the notice board at the meet and on the team facebook page

### **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**

- Relay teams will be selected to maximize the chances of the best overall success for Australia
- 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
- A runner does not have to compete in either the 100m or 400m at the meet to be selected in a relay team, however, this may be taken into consideration in a close decision
- The relay selection committee will endeavour to provide an opportunity for most nominees to participate in a team
- Runners in the main, will be chosen from their own age group, however there may be circumstances when it is deemed appropriate and necessary to select an athlete/s from an older age group
- Reserves are to be named for each relay team where possible
- A relay team captain will be named for each team. This person will have the responsibility of organizing the team in addition to any training.
- In the event of a disputed team selection, the relay selection committee will reconvene to take into consideration the facts brought to their attention

### **Non Stadia Relay Selection Committee**

Three selectors will be required for cross country and road races and an additional three selectors will be required for the road walks. These selectors must be familiar with the WMA requirements for team eligibility in these events.

Applications will be called for at the same time as the stadia relay team selectors.

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