

# AMA 2022 SURVEY MONKEY ANALYSIS

## POST NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Q1. Female/Male

161 responses – 61 Female, 100 Male

### Q2. Age group

ANSWER CHOICES-	RESPONSES-
- 30-34	2.52% 4
- 35-39	3.14% 5
- 40-44	6.29% 10
- 45-49	9.43% 15
- 50-54	16.98% 27
- 55-59	12.58% 20
- 60-64	13.21% 21
- 65-69	10.06% 16
- 70-74	10.06% 16
- 75-79	10.00% 16
- 80-84	5.03% 8
- 85-89	1.26% 2
- 90+	0.00% 0
Total Respondents: 160	

### Q3. Why did you enter?

157 responses:

Get some PB's, test myself

Have a holiday

Compete against athletes of a similar age and at a high standard

Great atmosphere, have fun

Encourages me to see more of Australia

New age group

Socialising, catching up

Stepping stone to World Championships

Live locally and first opportunity to compete at an AMA Nationals

Step out of comfort zone

Compare myself to others in my age group

Personal challenge after a long period of injury

NZ masters champs were cancelled

Motivation and a goal for training

**Q4. Did you travel alone?**

160 responses

Yes – 77

No – 50 responses: Travelled with 1, 2, 3, 4 – majority was with one other

**Q5. Type of accommodation?**

159 responses

Family/friends – 20

Hotel/Motel – 82

Caravan/Motor home – 4

Air bnb – 18

Home/Brisbane region – 35

**Q6. What else did you do?**

155 responses

Enjoyed evenings and dinners with friends

Nothing

Holiday/travelled around

Visit relatives

**Q7. How did you get to and from event?**

160 responses

Drove – 76

Flew - 63

Walked – 12

Bus – 5

Taxi – 4

**Q8. What events did you compete in?**

160 responses

Walks – 11

Throws – 58

Jumps – 33

Sprints – 64

Hurdles – 16

Middle distance – 35

Distance – 32

Cross Country – 18

Relays – 23

Multi events - 30

**Q9. How did you rate the facilities?**

161 responses

Poor – 1

Acceptable – 19

Good – 112

Comments: 28

Track was good

Cross Country challenging, good considering the wet and mud

Walks course only just acceptable, speed bumps, boring 1km loop

Main stadium and additional stadium good

Weight throw cages not up to standard

Throwing circles quite good, but sectors for Weight throw suspect

More shade necessary

All good except hurdles at warm up track

**Q10. How did you rate the equipment you used?**

154 responses

2.8 out of 3 rating

**Q11. Happy with the programming of events?**

160 responses

Very satisfied – 49

Satisfied – 76

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied – 13

Dissatisfied – 16

Very dissatisfied – 6

**Q12. What could be improved**

143 responses

No medal presentations

10000m on Day 4, CC Day 3, crammed program

Nothing significant, all good, had a cracking time, no issues

4x400m relay on day 4 a dud, packed timetable, timed runs to alleviate this.

Follow best practice

More javelins

Last day a waste of time

Some officiating below par, throwing sectors seem to be incorrect

Outdoor pentathlon on day 4, relays on day 3

Use main track for events and outside track for warm ups

Drink station for CC

Some of my events too close together

Younger aged athletes should compete earlier in the morning

Dismayed that the 400mF clashes with the Pentathlon, how about Day 1 – 100 H/F

60 H/F, 400H, Jav; Day 2 – LJ, 200H, 400F, Shot; Day 3 – 200F, 800; Day 4 – Pent

Don't start Pole vault so early, clashes with PV, TJ & hurdles

Walk judges who are realistic re older athletes not running and trying to walk correctly

Dissatisfied with late afternoon placement of Discus C of C and more commentary needed

Less clashes

Better communication of event location across the two arenas

Weight throw cages were not safe, but circles were good

Announcer a bit annoying – non-stop talking about sprinters, nothing about throwers

4 day program is good

Need more people competing

Try not to have long throws at one end at the same time. Prefer Throws Pentathlon on day 3 and Weight Throw and C of C throws on Day 4

Have all the relays on the same day

Long distance events at the cooler part of the day

Road walk venue not great

Clashes made it all stressful. Officials tried hard to get people to events

Too many events on the timetable

Athletes who competed and also officiated should have been given an official shirt

Cross Country and Steeplechase on the same day a big ask

Less events – move 10k, CC and/or multi events to another time

Livestream or Video

Have a dedicated team of announcers

More shade

Pole Vault at 7.30am – too early

Long hurdles on day 4 – doesn't them clash with sprints

Call room confusion

Wrong names announced over PA

Odd scheduling of relays, should not have the 1500m on same day as 4x800m

Marshalling not required

No major last-minute changes to program

Change timing of some events to miss the heat

A lot of clashes in the same age group

Need handle options for the Weight Throw – not just triangle handles

Maybe provide a bus for the Cross Country

More break time between 400m Hurdles and 200m

Perhaps have evening events if the middle of the day is too hot/longer days for competition

Too much clashing between jumps and sprints on day 1

Schedule at Easter

Have equipment at site early enough for warm ups

Have the short hurdles before the long hurdles

**Q13. Walks: No advantage rule**

Responses – 159

Yes – 27, No – 6, does not apply to me – 126

**Q14. Should the 10km walk be separate to the National Championships?**

Responses – 160

Yes – 8, No – 18, does not apply to me – 134

**Q15. Throws: Should we keep the C of C Throws?**

Responses – 160

Yes – 58, No – 20, does not apply to me – 82

**Q16. Sprint/hurdles: do you think the C of C sprint should be for all age group champions?**

Responses – 160

Yes – 40, No – 44, does not apply to me – 76

**Q17. Would you like to see the multi events held separately to the National Championships?**

Responses - 156

Yes – 22, No – 57, does not apply to me -77

**Q18. Middle Distance: how would you like the 800m and 1500m spaced thru the Program?**

Responses – 121

A lot not applicable

1500m first

At least 24hr between

At least 48 hrs between, a spare day in between

Have the 1500m & 200m on day 3 and the 800 and the 400m on day 2

As it was, but not have the 1500m with the steeplechase

800m day 1, 400m day 2, 1500m day 3

**Q19. Would you like to see a 3000m added to the program?**

Responses – 158

Yes – 41, No – 28, does not apply to me – 89

**Q20. Jumps: how would you like the jumps spaced out? For example, LJ on Day 2 and HJ on day 1**

Responses – 121

Keep the LJ on Day 1

A lot say yes, change to day 2

A lot say not applicable

**Q21. Distance: were you happy with the lap scoring?**

Responses – 93

Yes – 77, No – 16

**Q22. Would you like to see all age groups race in the longer races?**

Responses – 88

Yes 71, No – 17

**Q23. Would you like the Cross Country to be held separate to the National Championships?**

Responses – 125

Yes – 54, No – 71

**Q24. Do you want the relays held separately to the National Championships?**

Responses – 151

Yes – 9, No – 116, not applicable – 26

**Q25. Relays: would you like to see the Aussie team relays at the Championships?  
every year?**

Responses – 150

Yes – 100, No – 19, not applicable – 31

**Q26. Call room: How would you rate the call room?**

Responses – 150

Poor – 16, Acceptable – 37, Good – 58, NA – 38

**Q27. Online registration: did you find it easy to register and pay?**

Responses – 162

Yes -156, No – 0

Improvements?

What happens to the people who can't get online? Always give a paper option

Wasn't that straight forward

Clearer timetable to see where the gaps were

Maybe put the 'Enter here' button on front page of AMA

**Q28. Registration process at QSAC Rate?**

Responses – 159 – 2.8 out of 3

Poor – 2, Acceptable 25, Good – 132

**Q29. Catering rating?**

Responses – 141 – 2.2 out of 3

Poor – 21, Acceptable – 77, Good – 43

Comments

Not good value or nutritional

Expensive, not much variety

Did not use



**Q30. Medal presentation – happy with how it worked?**

Responses – 161

Yes – 88, No – 33

Comments:

Understand for Covid restrictions, but should be a celebration

The buzz of winning a medal lost

Worked wonderfully, but do lose something when no proper presentation

Athletes keep coming back when medals are presented as previously done

Want to see the podium reintroduced

Medals not collected should be posted out

Understand why it was done, but should have the podium at the finish line

Far better this way

It was a shame it didn't feel that nice

It's a championship, therefore awards and announcements on podium

No-one knew where the podium was

**Q31. Results posting – how did you rate the live results?**

Responses – 158 – 2.4 out of 3

Poor – 20, acceptable – 44, good – 81, NA – 13

Comments

Daily posting of results is the preferred option

Couldn't find the link

Widespread availability of QR code posters to assist

Too delayed

Overall good, but the last throws pentathlon each day left waiting too long for results and medals and did not see any ongoing scores

**Q32. Would you access live results in the future?**

Responses – 160

Yes – 154, No – 6

### **Q33. How would you rate the officials?**

Responses - 157

Poor – 4, Acceptable – 9, good – 54, excellent – 90      3.5 out 4

Comments:

My experience was brilliant in tough, humid conditions. All smiling and happy to help  
On ground officials very good, understood the sport and how to run an event. The  
call room let them down.

A few officials were substandard

Great volunteers but hope the announcer gets her facts straight.

Some officials clearly not up to the task

Big thanks to all officials and volunteers

Allowed dangerous throws events at the same time

Start gun too quiet

Very accommodating, conscientious, pleasant and friendly

A little officious at times but they worked very hard

There was an instance when we weren't allowed to coach one another in an event

Less stress in the call room

Sprint starters were first class

Better knowledge of the 30 second rule in throws – commencement to the start of  
the throw, not the completion of the throw

Inconsistency in fall judging at the javelin

A start whistle would be handy for the spectators

Extremely accommodating of clashes and did an excellent job

The track commentary was a definite detraction from an otherwise great Champs.

Improve communications between track official and referee

Some officials needed instruction on Masters rules and processes

Technical shed officials excellent

**Q34. Did you attend any of the three functions – Athletes Forum, Coaches Forum And Awards Function. Please comment if you have a different timeline for them.**

Responses – 113

Athletes forum – 14, Coaches forum – 4, Awards function – 29

Good to have early evening for Awards function, pity about the technology

Didn't attend

Awards function usually boring and uneventful – need to celebrate 'the now'

Competition stopped me attending

Poorly advertised

Always attend

Was in 12 events in four days and didn't have the energy to attend – these things drag on a bit

Awards night – great night

Not happy with the style of food at the awards night

It seemed to be a waste of time. I made a suggestion to increase the number of lap scorers for the 10000m after a disastrous 5000m event and this was ignored. I had to halt the start of the 10000m and insisted on them calling for additional lap scorers before we would start.

Cost of the awards night was too much considering what was presented

Substandard catering – quantities and distribution a bit hit and miss

The finger food supplied was tasty and all that was required

was very surprised at how few athletes attended this forum. When I asked why, I was given the response that most athletes come to the championships to compete and have fun not gripe and complain. I was totally taken back by this response, as I always attend the athletes forum to find out what is going on in the AMA and there is usually an informative talk of some kind. This attitude of it being a 'complaints' forum, left me with a very uneasy feeling about the whole competition.

I liked the more casual awards function – suggest attending Hall of Fame members be asked to stand and when new H o F member announced, members .....

Covid shy, so avoided indoor activities

**Q35. Timing of Championships - are you happy with the four day program?**

Responses – 159

Yes – 143, No – 15

**Q36. If there were additional national events, would you compete at both?**

Responses – 162

Yes – 62, No – 65, NA – 35

**Q37. Did you find the program book helpful?**

Responses – 157

Yes – 131, No – 11

Comments

Some information only available online – not everyone was aware of this.

Possible Championship and Aussie records and specify event locations

Just have it online and a flyer on course

More information for the interstate competitors

Confusion when program book didn't match the order

Time to go paperless

Not as good as some, repetitive, didn't have the map marked with areas and no note of which areas the events were being held

Needed it as stadium announcing pretty poor

Poor set out. Some events listed out of time sequence, map not large enough and field venues not numbered

**Q38. Did you enjoy the experience?**

Responses – 160

Yes – 117, No – 4

Comments:

Friendly but serious competition with high class performances and socialising

Making new friends, catching up with old friends

This was very good, especially the facilities

Hoping there would be a stand for Aust uniform purchase, even if one day. Problems with online buying due to sizing

Great weather, great facilities, equipment, officials and physio/massage

Prefer to have it at Easter

Prefer to have it away from Easter

**Q39. Will you attend further similar events?**

Responses – 161

Yes – 158, No – 3

Reasons for no:

Athletes not given their best opportunity to perform

I have now retired from National competitions

Only if there are 400m heats in future