

SA Masters Athletics Inc

JOB DESCRIPTION - CLUB STATISTICIAN

MAIN PURPOSE

To record, and pass on where required, all records set by members of SAMA.

RECORDS IN GENERAL

Records may only be set on accurately measured courses and in scratch races (i.e. not handicap races). Records may be set at any athletic meeting as long as Masters athletic rules are followed, the track, throwing and jumping areas are confirmed as correctly marked and the officials are of a required standard. By their very nature any ASA or national open competition and any national, Oceania or World Masters Championships comply. Regional Masters Games usually do not comply.

Whilst it is primarily the responsibility of the member to apply for a record, SAMA would like to provide the service of checking for records wherever possible on behalf of members. The statistician should review SAMA competition, major Masters competitions in Australia and the Oceania and World Masters Athletics to determine any new records. Members should also be canvassed from time to time to obtain results from other competitions.

Both the current set of club records and the historical advance of records are maintained as a database on the SAMA website.

STATE AGE GROUP (SAG) RECORDS

Records

Requirements for SAG Records are as follows:

- While one watch is sufficient for a SAG record any strange looking results should be verified before being considered.
- For throws, implements are required to be verified as the correct weight and measurements. Club implements have been verified as correct.
- For length measurements in jumps and throws an official must verify the distance.
- Jumps must have a take off board judge.
- For events 2km and over the correct number of laps must be verified.
- Walks must be judged and the competitor verified as not disqualified.
- Records can only be set in scratch races (not handicapped races!).

Course Bests

Winter courses in general will not be entered as SAG records but a course best for each age group will be maintained by the Run Coordinator on the computer. One watch is sufficient for a course best.

Archived Data

All events or distances no longer competed shall be added to the archived records.

NATIONAL RECORDS

All records for National recognition are to be sent to:

AMA Statistician, Clyde Riddoch

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Kew East

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Requirements for National Records are the same as for SAG records except as follows:

- As much paperwork as possible should be collected to support a record application.
- Electronic timing for the 60m, 100m and 200m. . A copy of the photo finish print must be submitted.
- Three watches for distances above 200m if electronic timing is not available.
- A minimum of 3 competitors.
- Wind readings for sprints (200m or less), long jump and triple jump.
- For throws, implements are required to be measured for weight and in the case of javelin and hammer for length. These measurements are to be certified by an appropriate technical officer.
- Length measurements for jumps and throws must be validated with a steel tape. Two people must verify the distance.
- Jumps must have a take off board judge (and preferably plasticine).
- Lap record sheets are required for events 2km and over. No more than 4 runners per lap-scorer or 6 walkers per lap-scorer.
- Walks must be judged by a minimum of 4 judges (1 at A grade) and the competitor verified as not disqualified.
- Track times are rounded up to 1/10th second.
- Road times are rounded up to 1 second.
- LJ and TJ are rounded down to 1 centimetre.
- The maximum variation in distance for a road circuit is 0.1% (i.e. 10m in 10km).

Normally National or Championship records set at the annual National Championships are accepted without the need for a form to be sent in. However advice that wind readings were acceptable and implements correctly measured is required (this would be supplied by the state hosting the nationals).

WORLD RECORDS

- Requirements for World records are the same as National records with the additional need for:
- A copy of the applicants' birth certificate or passport front page.
- Ideally 6 walk judges (minimum of 4 including 1 at A grade)
- Surveyor's verification of course distance.
- Referees confirmation that all statements are correct.
- Complete race results

Only records set at WMA meetings do not require a form to be submitted.

PROCEDURE

After all SAMA championship events, National, Oceania's and World Championships, results should be checked against existing records. (Where possible this should be done after normal competition in summer as well.) We also normally check half marathon results from the Greenbelt, Barossa and Adelaide Half Marathons.

- Enter new records in the History of Records Spreadsheet on the website as a new line at the base of the listing for each age group in each event. This is the main database where more information is kept and the progression of records can be seen.
- Notify the Committee for incorporation in meeting minutes (a reminder will be sent each month) and Newsletter Editor of all new records together with the details of the record being replaced. Where there is no prior record this must be stated.
- Write out Certificates for the new records and sign them. (When certificates run low, order more from Abbotts using the file supplied.)
- Give Certificates to the Club President for signing and presentation.

GENERAL

Clyde Riddoch will periodically send files of updated Australian and World Records which serve as a resource that members may call on from time to time. No action is necessary on these other than to replace any preexisting files and retain them for information.