



Policy

CLAIMING OF AUSTRALIAN RECORDS AT ATHLETIC EVENTS

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Policy preamble:

A Record is a best performance held by a registered master's athlete that has been set at a sanctioned event, witnessed by a qualified and accredited official who holds the necessary qualification or knowledge and is recognised by the Club and/or AMA and the performance subsequently ratified by the club's Records Officer.

Policy Statement

INTRODUCTION

As AMA is the peak master's athletics body in Australia, a new or broken record is a performance recognised as a better performance than the existing record listed within the Registry of Records that has met or exceeded the Records Guidelines set by the Committee. The Records Statistician is responsible for the maintenance and updating of the Registry of Records, the processing of records and setting up the record certificates. The equalling of a record will also be recognised and when ratified, certificates will be issued and results updated on record lists.

POLICY

The Records Policy applies to any set of ratified records as determined by the committee and listed in the Records Guidelines.

Sanctioned events include those sanctioned by the committee, the State Associations, Australian Masters Athletics and Athletics Australia.

A sanctioned event must be conducted in accordance with the WMA Rules of Competition and the 'General Rules of World Athletics'. A qualified and accredited official is a person who holds the necessary qualification or knowledge for a sanctioned event as determined by the State or National Association (Level 1 or above).

For a performance to qualify for a national record, it must be witnessed and verified by a Level 2 or above official at an official, sanctioned competition.

PROCEDURES/PROCESSES

The Records Statistician from time-to-time may update the Records Guidelines to align with the most recently published set of State or National rules as they apply to respective events. Where the Records Guidelines and the published association rules vary, the association rule shall take precedence.



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Rules of Competition

A qualified and accredited Official must verify that the performance has complied with the Association's Standard Rules of Competition. Where there is inconsistency between local and Association rules, the Association rules will take precedence.

Application for an Australian Record

Applying for an Australian record must be in writing and using the forms provided by Australian Masters Athletics. All applications must be verified and witnessed as per the Records Policy. A record will not be recognised officially until the Records Officer has ratified it. Please read the necessary requirements on both the application forms to ensure certification.

Track Records

Australian and world records: events up to and including 800m, require full electronic timing.

Electronic times are accepted as verification at sanctioned events. No manual start of electronic timing will be accepted as a record.

Electronic timing, or 3 times from watches for the record breaker;
Wind gauge for wind readings;
Lap score sheet completed for events 3k and over

Also required for world records are: zero test image (not a certificate), photo finish print, starting list, field recording sheet, and more than 1 competitor in a race, copy of the athlete's Birth Certificate as proof of age (if not previously submitted).

Throws Records

A qualified and accredited Official can only verify a record if they also verified the throw in line with the position of Chief Judge.

The Official must verify that the Measuring Assistant and the Spotter have correctly measured the throw by placing the zero end of the tape at the marker and pulled the length tight and straight across the centre point of the throwing circle (Shot Put or Discus) or that they pulled the tape through the centre of the sector lines intersection point on the Javelin runway (8 metres into the run-up area). The Official must verify that they saw the Javelin strike the ground with the tip of the metal head first.

Certification of implements used in the record claiming must be completed by the accredited technical manager of the event after the performance and conforms exactly with the relevant World Athletics/ Athletics Australia and World Masters Athletics Rules.

A certified steel tape is required for checking throwing distances. An Electronic Distance Meter (EDM) is a suitable alternative to a steel tape ratification.

Jumps Record

A qualified and accredited Official may verify a record post attempt. Ideally the Official should verify the record as close to real-time as possible. Steel tape is required for checking jumping distances.

Where the Official is not present, the event must stop and an Official found to verify the record. If an event proceeds without verification the record attempt is null and void. The landing mat often used by those competitors who need to be closer to the pit, the bar or the pit must not be touched. A



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record may be unverifiable if this occurs. If the mat is not sufficient to determine that the true and correct placement of the foot on the take-off board the record may not be verifiable.

If an Official, Chief Judge or Spiker did not adequately witness a landing or take-off, the record may not be verifiable.

Walks Record

A minimum of three qualified and accredited Officials must verify a Walks performance.

No Doubt

If an Official has any reasonable doubts about a record attempt, they should side with caution and not verify the attempt. They may place their comments on the Application Record form.

Appeals

Appeals regarding records must be made in writing to the Records Statistician. The Records Statistician may obtain further information including photographic or video evidence (if relevant or available). No further communication will be entered into once a decision has been reached.

Ratification of Record

Where the ratified record has been broken on more than one occasion since the last round of ratification, all verified and ratified record attempts will be recognised (celebrated) in the record history of the event, as well as in the individual's record history as having broken the previous record. However only the best of those attempts will be listed in the Registry of Records, regardless of the date of the performance.

Ratification of a World Record

Although Australian records are ratified in good time, world records cannot be updated until WMA ratify it and change their website list, sometimes months later, depending on the time of year.

Publishing of the Registry of Records

Throughout the year, the Registry will be updated regularly and published on the AMA website.