



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA and AUSTRALIAN MASTERS ATHLETICS

ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA (hereafter referred to as "AA") has entered into an arrangement with AUSTRALIAN MASTERS ATHLETICS INC (hereafter referred to as "AMA") to promote and pursue matters of mutual interest relating to the sport of athletics.

This Memorandum of Understanding sets out the terms of the relationship.

#### 1. MUTUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

AMA acknowledges and recognises AA as the governing body of the sport of athletics in Australia and its recognition as such by the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), the Australian Government, the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC), the Australian Commonwealth Games Association (ACGA) and the Australian Paralympic Committee (APC).

AA acknowledges and recognises AMA as the governing body of masters athletics in Australia and its recognition as such by World Masters Athletics (WMA).

#### 2. GOVERNANCE

AA and AMA agree to work together in relation to matters of mutual interest, to investigate and implement, where appropriate, shared services and delivery models (including but not limited to the commercial and sponsorship options, equipment acquisition/maintenance and the proposed national digital and data base strategy) and encourage their respective state and territory affiliates to do likewise.

#### 3. AFFILIATION

- 3.1 AA offers ongoing affiliation to AMA in its capacity as the national governing body for masters' athletics and will provide insurance (including at least directors' and officers' liability, public liability and property cover) for its national operations only for a fee to be reviewed annually.
- 3.2 AMA agree that it will affiliate no more than one body from each state or territory as being responsible for the governance and administration of masters' athletics within such state or territory. Such organisation may be either the state or territory masters governing body/club or the applicable AA member association.
- 3.3 Where the AMA state or territory affiliate is not the relevant AA member association, such state or territory affiliate shall also be affiliated with the AA member association on such terms, fees and conditions as shall be mutually agreed. Where such affiliation is maintained on the same or similar terms as for a full member club, the relevant insurance cover shall be provided under the national insurance program.

#### 4. EVENTS

AA and MA agree to:

- (a) engage in timely discussion in relation to the scheduling within the national athletics calendar of national events and international to be staged in Australia:
- (b) explore the possibility of the co-staging of national events, in particular cross country championships and other appropriate out of stadium events;
- (c) encourage their respective state and territory affiliates to engage in a similar fashion in relation to the scheduling and joint conduct of events at state and territory level.

## 5. REGISTRATION of COACHES

AA and AMA agree that coaches shall only be recognised as being accredited and registered in that capacity if currently accredited and financial with the Athletics Australia Coach Accreditation Scheme.

# 6. REGISTRATION of ATHLETES, ADMINISTRATORS AND OFFICIALS

6.1 Athletes, administrators and officials participating in masters' athletics activities shall be registered with the applicable state or territory affiliate of

either AA or AMA (or of a club affiliated with same). Each shall be registered as required by the applicable state or territory body.

- 6.2 Persons registered in any capacity with an AMA state or territory body who wish also to be registered with an AA state or territory affiliate and thereby, inter alia, access personal insurance under the national insurance program may do so under one of the following methods:
- (a) All financial registered persons of an AMA Association/Club in any season will be eligible for registration of the relevant AA Member Association (MA) under an arrangement reached between the MA and AMA Association/Club. This requires the AMA Association/Club to pay annually an agreed per head fee for each such AMA Association/Club registered person who has not otherwise taken out a current full season registration with the MA.

This option is only available to persons registered with an AMA club who have attained their 35th birthday.

- (b) All financial registered persons of an AMA Association/Club in any season also has the option to take out full MA registration (either through the AMA Club or any other MA Club), in addition to their AMA registration. Such registration results in the full benefits of MA registration being extended to the athlete.
- (c) Any member of an AMA Association/Club who has not yet attained the age of 35 years must take out full registration with an MA should they wish to access competition and any other benefits provided under the aupices of AA or an MA.
- (d) Athletes registered with an MA through an AMA Association/Club (including AMA registered persons who take out only "Out of Stadium" registration of an MA are entitled to:
  - athlete insurance cover for training and competition under the national insurance plan
  - take part (upon the payment of any applicable entry or program fee) in such competitions and programs as may be agreed between the relevant state and territory bodies.
- (e) Except registrations effected under (b) above, registration with an MA does not (unless otherwise agreed) extend to entitlement to enter or compete:
  - in MA events (other than those agreed above), state or national championships
  - in any state athletic league ("professional") event

- in any AA event including grand prix or Tour events or national championships
- in any event conducted by another AA member association

or to be selected in any state or national team.

Persons registered only with an AMA club wishing to access any of the benefits under (e) must take out the applicable available full registration of an MA (in accordance with (b) above.

We, the undersigned as duly authorised signatories on behalf of our respective bodies, agree to the acceptance and implementation of the above Memorandum of Understanding as of the date on which the last of us shall have signed.

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