

OCEANIA ASSOCIATION OF VETERAN ATHLETES

POLICY STATEMENT - No. 1.8

This Policy Statement was endorsed by the Council at its meeting on 16 January, 2000

OCEANIA RECORDS

BACKGROUND:

The By-Laws of OAVA provide for the recognition of Oceania Veteran Records and "Best Performances". The wording of the By-Laws indicates the intention to maintain records set by Oceania athletes at any time in events/meetings which provide appropriate and verifiable facilities, officials, and proof of performance. There are obvious practical difficulties in this proposal.

Currently OAVA only maintains Oceania Regional Championship Records.

POLICY STATEMENT:

1. **General:**

Council will maintain "Oceania Championship Records" for performances in Stadia events at OAVA Regional Championships, and "Oceania Championship Best Performances" for Non-Stadia events at those Championships.

"Oceania Records" covering performances at other times/events will *not* be maintained at the present time.

Records will be maintained for the 5-year age groups set out in the OAVA By-Laws, and the Pre-Veteran age groups 30-34 for women and 30-34 / 35-39 for men.

2. **Age:**

As athletes compete in age groups at Oceania Championships determined by their age on the first day of competition, performances will only be recognised for the age group in which the athlete competes.

This means that an athlete who enters another age group during any Championship competition cannot claim a record for the older age group in respect of a performance at those Championships.

3. **Verification:**

Athletes do not need to apply for recognition of performances as Oceania Championship Records.

Championship Organising Committees are required to ensure that facilities, officials, etc. are of appropriate standard to ensure recognition.

In the first instance, the OAVA official Statistician will determine whether all requirements have been met in accordance with WAVA rules, and determine whether a performance should be recognised as a record.

The President shall have the final decision on any dispute on recognition of any performance.

Relevant Resolutions:

Council 6 December, 1992

Council 14/15 January, 1999