

OCEANIA ASSOCIATION OF VETERAN ATHLETES

POLICY STATEMENT - No. 2.4

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

OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS:

RELAYS

BACKGROUND:

Relays are a popular event at Oceania Regional Championships.

Historically these relays were conducted on a strict age group basis, e.g M40-49, M50 plus etc.

This limited the opportunities for athletes as their country may not have the required number of athletes available in that particular age group band.

Council considered a proposal to adopt the system used in Australia which allows any combination of athletes to form a team provided that the total age of the team falls within the specified maximum years.

Council has decided that this system has many advantages in its flexibility and should provide opportunities for more athletes to compete in relay events.

POLICY STATEMENT:

Relay events at Oceania Championships are to be held on the basis of bands, being the total ages of the 4 members of the team on the first day of Championship competition.

Bands are as follows:

Women's Relays:

Band 1: 150 to 189 years

Band 2: 190 years and over

Men's Relays:

Band 1: 150 to 179 years

Band 2: 180 to 209 years

Band 3: 210 years and over

Pre-veteran athletes may form part of teams for relays on this basis.

Relevant Resolution:

Council - 14/15 January, 1999