

## **BIDDING FOR OMA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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The OMA Council aims to have the venues for the next two Oceania Championships confirmed at all times. This is not only desirable for administration and organization, but it also means that at any Oceania Championship event the organizers of the next Championships are able to positively and forcefully promote their event.

- The Championship requirements have matured to the stage where formal bids are now required from affiliates, associates or their member associations that propose to stage the OMA Championships. Bids may be made at any time, but it is desirable that bids are received as early as possible to allow the maximum time for consideration of the bid, and there is adequate opportunity for discussion and clarification of issues before Council consideration. Bidding organizations should contact OMA if contemplating putting in a bid to host the biennial Championships which will now be held in odd years, and should be aware that the hosting location follows a sequence of New Zealand, Australia and an island affiliate or associate.

Bidders need to recognize that:

- a formal contract will be required between the organizers and OMA to protect the interests of both parties, their associated bodies, and the competing athletes
- financial responsibility for Oceania Championships rests with the bidding organization, and OMA cannot be expected to subsidize or support the local organizing committee or the Championships financially although some material assistance and organizational support may be able to be provided, and
- Council will require that proper financial organization and control is assured, including the payment of Championship Levies to OMA.

Bids should include the following:

- The name of the organization submitting the bid, and if the organization it is not a direct affiliate or associate of OMA, a letter of support from the OMA affiliate or associate where the games are to be held.
- Letters of support from national or state government ministers and/or local bodies, such as councils.
- Letters of support such as from the Oceania Athletics Association, national, state and/or local athletic organizations and administrators.
- The proposed location and the proposed dates for the Championships.
- Climate considerations for proposed Championship dates.
- Details of venues, facilities, etc. and confirmation of their availability for the event.
- Details of the availability of qualified officials, and proposals for covering any shortfalls in this area.
- Confirmation that facilities and equipment will be available for all events in the official program of events, or details of any problem areas.
- Accommodation availability, options and indicative prices.
- Tourism options and opportunities for visitors.
- Local transport options and potential problem areas.
- An outline of the proposed organization committee and organizational structure, its relationship to the affiliate or associate and the names of key personnel and officers.
- A clear indication of the proposed financial structure and the responsibility for financial control of the event.
- If possible, a proposed budget for the event.

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Bidders should be familiar with the required events, timing and other requirements of the Championships as identified in the OMA By-Laws, and that any variations from the schedule of standard events must be specifically approved by the Council prior to being advertised. Should the decathlon and heptathlon be included in a program, they must be held outside the official program of events so that the length of the official Championship program is not lengthened so as to affect all competitors' travel and accommodation requirements.

Bidders should also be aware of and familiarize themselves the OMA Championship Manual, which was specifically put together to assist Local Organising Committees to plan for, resource and conduct an OMA Championship.

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