



## **POLICY ON NSW RECORDS AND RANKINGS**

In order for performances to qualify for listing as a NSW Record, the following criteria must be satisfied:

1. The athlete's usual place of residence when in Australia lies within the state of New South Wales, with the exception of athletes who reside in the ACT whilst under scholarship at the Australian Institute of Sport, providing that immediately prior to taking the scholarship they were residents of NSW;
2. The athlete is registered with an Athletics NSW affiliated club at the time of the performance;
3. The performance is recorded in a bona fide competition held under the auspices of Athletics NSW, Athletics Australia or its Member Associations, the IAAF or its member federations.

The same provisions as above apply for listing of performances on NSW Ranking Lists, with the exception that unregistered school aged athletes will have their performances count towards rankings lists.

### **MEETS WITHIN NSW NOT CONDUCTED BY ATHLETICS NSW**

#### **Rankings**

Performances in meets conducted in NSW by clubs, schools or other bodies will be recognised by Athletics NSW subject to prior endorsement of the key officiating positions listed below. Such information should be forwarded to the Competition Manager via [competition@nswathletics.org.au](mailto:competition@nswathletics.org.au) for approval at least seven days prior to the conduct of the competition.

The following is the minimum requisite number of officials required. All such officials should hold at least a C-grade qualification under the Athletics Australia Officials Education Scheme:

- Technical Delegate / Meeting Manager

#### Track Events

- Starter
- Track Referee
- Photo finish judge or two manual timekeepers\*

\* 'Gate timing' may be used instead, and will be considered as hand times.

#### Field Events

- Field referee

#### Horizontal Jumps

- Judge – takeoff board
- Judge – landing / spiking

#### Verticle Jumps

Judge

#### Throws

- Judge – circle / arc
- Judge – landing area

Performances from meets with at least the above number of officials will be presumed to have been held within the IAAF rules. However, the Competition Manager and Records Officer shall jointly have the discretion to exclude performances where irregularities seem present.

#### **Records**

The presumption that IAAF rules have been followed does not apply to performances that seek to be recognised as records. As such, where an attempt is being made at a record, the Technical Delegate / Meeting Manager should, in addition to the officials listed above, appoint suitably qualified people

to fill the following roles so that the Referee may be satisfied that all relevant rules have been complied with:

### Track

- A third manual timekeeper (where photo finish is not being used)
- For walking events, 3 Walks Judges, at least one of whom holds A-grade accreditation
- An Umpire at each change of a relay
- An Umpire for the following positions, mainly to confirm that the athlete has remained within their lane:
  - at the cut in for 800m and 4x200m, 4x400m and where 3000m, 5000m and 10000m races have been started with a split start
  - midway around the top bend for 200m and 200m Hurdles
  - midway around both bends for 400m, 400m Hurdles and Relays
  - at the water jump in Steeplechase events

### NOTES

The following provisions must be adhered to for performances to be valid. Their relevance to records and/or rankings is noted in brackets:

- Performances held by female athletes in mixed gender track events will not be accepted (Records and Rankings).
- Hand timed performances will not be accepted for events 400m or less in distance, including hurdles (Records).
- For running events 200m or less in distance and for horizontal jumps, a wind gauge set up and operated in accordance with IAAF rules must not give a reading of greater than two metres per second aiding the performance. (Records and Rankings)
- Distances in jumps and throws should be confirmed with a calibrated steel tape (Records)
- Implements used in throwing events should be impounded by the Referee and weighed as soon as possible following the event (Records).
- A copy of the image from the photo finish (operated as per IAAF rules and specifications) should be supplied with the results (Records).
- A copy of lap scoring sheets for events 3000m or greater in distance should be supplied with the results (Records)

- Where a performance betters a qualifying standard for an Athletics Australia team, the same provisions required for records should be adhered to for performances to be considered valid.

### **Application for Records**

In events conducted within NSW by ANSW affiliated clubs, schools or other bodies, records may be applied for by the athlete or somebody acting on their behalf. The appropriate form is available on the Athletics NSW website and requires the following:

- The program of events for the meet which the performance was recorded. This should list the date and venue of the meet.
- Complete results for the event, signed by the Meeting Manager, Referee and time keepers who timed/ judge who measured the distance of the performance. Where photo finish was used a copy of the photo finish image, signed by the photo finish judge, must be supplied.

In events conducted by Athletics NSW, Athletics Australia or its Member Associations, the IAAF or its member federations, there is no need to lodge a record application. Where considered necessary, Athletics NSW will source appropriate confirmation of results. Athletics NSW can be notified of record breaking performances via [administration@nswathletics.org.au](mailto:administration@nswathletics.org.au)

### **Application for Rankings**

Complete results of the event, signed by the Meeting Manager and appropriate Referees should be directed to [administration@nswathletics.org.au](mailto:administration@nswathletics.org.au) or posted to PO Box 595, Sydney Markets NSW 2129.

From time to time Athletics NSW may audit regularly held competitions by requesting additional information.