



OAA COMPETITION CIRCULAR 09/17

Oceania Regional Championships 2018

13 November 2017

The Regional Championships will be held in the three Regions in 2018.

Melanesian Championships	Port Vila	9-11 May 2018
Micronesian Championships	Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands	14-16 June 2018
Polynesian Championships	Apia, Samoa	8-9 November 2018 TBC

Where possible and according to flight schedules the following will be the distribution of Member Federations to the Regional Championships. If a Member Federation is not able to attend or believes that is not in their Member Federation's best interest to attend the Region that they have been allocated to they should contact the OAA Office as a matter of urgency to discuss the matter. Please note if you have athletes who would like to compete across Regions this will be at their or your Federation's expense.

Melanesian Championships

The Melanesian Championships will be conducted as a Under 18 and Senior event. Where possible there will be Paralympic and Masters Exhibition events included in the program.

Melanesian Member Federations: **AUS, FIJ, NCL, NFI, PNG, SOL, VAN, WAF**

Micronesian Championships

The Micronesian Championships will be conducted as a Under 18 and Senior event. Where possible there will be Paralympic and Masters Exhibition events included in the program.

Micronesian Member Federations: **FSM, GUM, KIR, MHL, NRU, NMI, PLW**

Polynesian Championships

The Polynesian Championships will be conducted as a Senior and Under 18. Where possible there will be Paralympic and Masters Exhibition events included in the program.

Polynesian Member Federations: **ASA, COK, PYF, NZL, NIU, SAM, TGA, TUV**

OAA Funding

Member Federation Quota Athletes & Official/s will be funded according to previous attendance at Area and Regional Championships. In most cases up to six (6) athletes – preferably at least, two male / two females (who meet the Regional Championship Entry Standards) and one (1) Team Official per Federation will receive financial support.

Associate Member Federations will be eligible for accommodation and ground transport for up to six (6) Athletes and one (1) team Official.

Member Federations may receive funding for additional athletes to attend the 2018 Regional Championships – this will be decided once IAAF Funding has been approved.

Member Federation Quota Team Members will receive the following financial support:

- Airfare from departing international airport
- Accommodation (calculated according to the least number of days required according to airline schedules)
- Meals (calculated according to accommodation)
- Ground Transport in Host City
- Any necessary Overnight Stays to and from Host City
- All associated Competition Costs

Where a Member Federation's athletes do not meet the Championship Entry Standard up to one (1) male and one (1) female athlete and one official will be deemed to be the maximum quota.

NB: Member Federation Quota Athletes and Official will only be offered an airfare from their home Federation OR from where they reside – whichever is the cheapest possible option as determined by the OAA Office.

Examples:

- ❖ *Tongan Athlete living in New Zealand will receive an airfare from Auckland or the cost from Tonga - whichever is the cheapest possible option as determined by the OAA Office.*
- ❖ *Palau athlete living in the USA will receive the equivalent cost of travel from Palau or the cost from the USA - whichever is the cheapest possible option as determined by the OAA Office.*
- ❖ *Fijian athlete living in Sydney will receive an airfare from Sydney or the cost from Fiji - whichever is the cheapest possible option as determined by the OAA Office.*

Airfares will only be funded from the departing International airport (listed below) in the Member Federation or from where the participant resides - whichever is the cheapest possible option as determined by the OAA Office.

All other domestic airfares are the responsibility of the Member Federation

The following is the departing international airport for each Federation for the 2018 Oceania Regional Championships:

Federation	Airport
ASA	Pago Pago
AUS	Any east coast Capital City
COK	Rarotonga
FSM	Chuuk / Pohnpei
FIJ	Nadi
GUM	Agana
KIR	Tarawa
MHL	Majuro
NRU	Nauru
NFI	Norfolk Island
NMI	Saipan
NZL	Auckland, Christchurch, Wellington
PLW	Koror
PNG	Port Moresby

SAM	Apia
SOL	Honiara
PYF	Papeete
TGA	Tongatapu
TUV	Funafuti
VAN	Port Vila

Federation Funding Obligations

- Visa Applications (*if your Federation requires a visa to attend your Regional Championships or any transiting countries please write to the OAA Office for advice*)
- Departure taxes
- Medical and travel insurance
- Additional accommodation outside of the agreed period according to arrivals and departures
- Once travel bookings are made they will **NOT** be able to be changed without financial penalty to the Federation

Additional Athletes / Officials

The Association would like to encourage your Federation to send more than your quota athletes. Any additional persons will be the financial responsibility of the Member Federation.

The Member Federation will be responsible for the cost of additional athletes/officials Airfares. Accommodation and Meals for additional team members will be advised individually for each Regional Championship event. Additional cost will be per person / per day payable prior to or on arrival into the host city for the Regional Championships.

The final cost for Additional Athletes/Officials will be determined in consultation with each of the Regional Championship Local Organising Committees and be sent to Member Federations with the specific Regional Championship Circular.

Entry Standards

Entry Standards for the 2018 Regional Championships will be distributed separately to each of the Federations within the Regions and will be available six months prior to the various Regional Championships.

For further information please contact the OAA Office:

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