



OAA COMPETITION CIRCULAR – 04.18

Oceania Half Marathon and Marathon Championships 2018

20 April 2018

The Oceania Athletics Association will conduct the Oceania Area Half Marathon and Marathon Championships at the Gold Coast, Australia on the **1st July 2018**. The event will be hosted by the Gold Coast Events Corporation on behalf of the Oceania Athletics Association and will be run in conjunction with the Gold Coast Airport Marathon. The course is AIMS Certified and carries an IAAF Gold Road Race Label.

Funding

All Member Federations are entitled to a basic quota two athletes where the Member Federation conducts regular out of stadia events in Half Marathon and/or Marathon competition with verifiable results.

The representative shall be the winner of the Federation's National Half Marathon OR Marathon Championship, or the next best available athlete from that National Half Marathon OR Marathon Championships.

If appropriate a Federation may apply to have another athlete represent them should this 'best' athlete temporarily reside in another country or is unavailable to participate in that Federation's National Half Marathon OR Marathon Championships.

Where the National Half Marathon and Marathon Championships is held after the Oceania Area Half Marathon and Marathon Championships results from other Half Marathon and Marathon races can be taken in to account where verifiable results are available. Final selections will be endorsed by the OAA Council.

Travel

For athletes within the quota, 100% of an economy class airline ticket from their Member Federation to the official airport in Brisbane or the Gold Coast will be paid by the OAA. All travel will be organized by the Oceania Athletics Association.

Member Federations may enter other athletes at their own cost.

NB: Member Federation Quota Athletes will only be offered an airfare (100%) from their home Federation OR from where they reside – whichever is the cheapest possible option as determined by the OAA Office.

Examples:

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

- *Nauruan athlete living in Sydney will receive an airfare from Sydney.*

All domestic airfares are the responsibility of the Federation.

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.

The following is the departing international airport for each Federation for the 2018 Oceania Area Half Marathon and Marathon Championships:

Federation Airport

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| ASA | Pago Pago |
| AUS | Major or Capital City Airports |
| COK | Rarotonga |
| FSM | Chuuk / Pohnpei |
| FIJ | Nadi |
| GUM | Agana |
| KIR | Tarawa |
| MHL | Majuro |
| NRU | Nauru |
| NFI | Norfolk Island |
| NMI | Northern Mariana Islands |
| NZL | Major or Capital City Airports |
| PLW | Koror |
| PNG | Port Moresby |
| SAM | Apia |
| SOL | Honiara |
| PYF | Papeete |
| TGA | Tongatapu |
| TUV | Funafuti |
| VAN | Port Vila |

Accommodation/Meals

For athletes included in the quota, share accommodation at the Gold Coast will be offered by OAA for up to a maximum of three nights. A per diem for meals will be offered for a maximum of three days.

Ground Transport

For athletes included in the quota will have access to ground transport for the period of the Championships.

Associate Member Federations will be offered Accommodation and Ground Transport for the period of the Championships.

More information regarding the Half Marathon and Marathon is available at:

<http://www.goldcoastmarathon.com.au/>

DATES FOR ENTRY

Final Entries Close: 1 June 2018

All entries must be accompanied by a copy of athlete's passport and verifiable results, including: result, venue and where the result was achieved