



## OAA COMPETITION CIRCULAR – 10.18

### OAA Area Championships 2019 – Quota and Financial Information

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The Oceania Championships will be conducted in Townsville, Australia from 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

Member Federations will receive a quota from OAA for Athletes and a Team Official. The Quota will be for up to six (6) athletes – including, where possible, a minimum of two male and two females (who meet the Championship Entry Standards) and one (1) Team Official per Federation who will receive financial support.

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.

Associate Member Federations will be eligible for **accommodation and ground transport** for up to six (6) Athletes (who meet the Championship Entry Standard) and one (1) Team Official. Additional Athletes and Team Officials will be the expense of the Associate Member Federation.

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

NB: Member Federation Quota Athletes and Team Officials 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:

- Samoan Athlete living in New Zealand will receive an airfare from Auckland or the cost from Samoa - whichever is the cheapest possible option as determined by the OAA Office.
- Guam athlete living in the USA will receive the equivalent cost of travel from Guam or the cost from the USA - whichever is the cheapest possible option as determined by the OAA Office.
- Fiji 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 – page 3) in the Member Federation or from where the participant resides - whichever is the cheapest option as determined by the OAA Office.

The official Championships airport is Townsville Airport. Flights arrive and depart direct to Townsville from Brisbane, Cairns, Sydney and Melbourne.

No travel will be booked by the Oceania Athletics office without confirmation of visas for travelling person. **Once travel is confirmed, if any athlete/official does not travel/compete, the MF will be charged for all expenses incurred by OAA.**



All under 18 athletes will need to be accompanied by a Team Official.

#### Federation Funding Obligations

- Visa Applications (if your Federation requires a visa to attend the Area Championships or any transiting countries please write to the OAA Office for advice)
- Departure taxes
- Medical and travel insurance
- All other domestic airfares are the responsibility of the Member Federation
- 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.

Accommodation and Meals costs for additional team members will be as follows:

Additional Athlete staying in the village: \$150 AUD per per person per night.

Includes: Meals, Ground Transport, Accommodation, Competition Costs, Opening and Closing Ceremony.

Additional Athlete staying outside the village: \$250 AUD

Includes: Competition Costs, Opening and Closing Function.

Additional Team Management outside the village: \$250 AUD

Includes: Competition Costs, Ground Entry, Opening and Closing Ceremony.

Additional cost will be per person / per day payable prior to or on arrival into the host city for the Area Championships.

#### **Accommodation and Ground Information**

The Village will be located at James Cook University a 15-minute drive from the Townsville Sports Reserve.

Accommodation at the University will be in dormitory university style rooms.

The Village will be open for arrivals from Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Departure date from the Village will be Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

Bus transport to and from the Village and the Competition Venue will be provided for the length of time that the village is open. More information will be available in the team manual.

Meals will be provided for all those staying at the Village. More information regarding meals will be distributed through the *Oceania Area Championship Team Manual*.

### **Pacific Games – 2019**

For Federations wishing to travel directly from Townsville to the Pacific Games, please contact the OAA office regarding travel plans.

Please note: Apia Park will not be open to Athletes prior to the start of the Athletics Competition due to the upgrade of the facility and other sports competing at Apia Park in Week 1 of the Games.

There are 2 possibilities for teams traveling to Samoa for the Games:

- Athletics Fiji is proposing a competition to be held in Lautoka (6 July 2019)
- Teams could remain in Australia and travel directly to the Games from Brisbane or Sydney.

***Please note any additional costs will be met by the Member Federation.***

### **Visa and Departure Information**

The following is the departing international airport for each federation for the 2019 Oceania Championships.

<b>Federation</b>	<b>Departure Airport</b>	<b>Visa Required</b>
American Samoa	Pago Pago	Yes
Australia	Major Airports	No
Cook Islands (NZ Passport)	Rarotonga	No
Federated States of Micronesia	Chuuk/Pohnpei	Yes
Fiji	Nadi	Yes
Guam	Agana	Yes
Kiribati	Tarawa	Yes
Marshall Islands	Majuro	Yes
Nauru	Nauru	Yes
New Caledonia	NA	Yes
Niue	NA	No
Norfolk Island	Norfolk Island	No
Northern Marianas Islands	Saipan	Yes
New Zealand	Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch	No
Palau	Koror	Yes
Papua New Guinea	Port Moresby	Yes
French Polynesia	Papeete	Yes
Samoa	Apia	Yes
Solomon Islands	Honiara	Yes
Tonga	Tongatapu	Yes
Tuvalu	Funafuti	Yes
Vanuatu	Port Vila	Yes
Wallis and Futuna	NA	Yes

For those Member Federations requiring Visa support letters. Please fill out and return the visa letter application form with final entry forms.

