



OAA Competition CIRCULAR 09.19

Oceania Regional Championships 2020

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1. General Information

The Oceania Regional Championships will be conducted in the three Oceania Regions in 2020.

The Regional Championships are an excellent opportunity for Federations to get international competition exposure for developing athletes. Held in even years where there is no major Regional Games or Championships, they provide opportunities to get experience at a smaller international competition. The entry standards reflect each Region and give opportunity to athletes to compete in what can be their first international competition.

The Regional Championships are also a cost-effective competition for Federations to send athletes to, not having to travel as far in the Pacific.

The 2020 Regional Championships are as follows:

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| Polynesian Championships | Nuku'alofa, Tonga | 14-15 May 2020 |
| Micronesian Championships | Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands | 12-13 June 2020 |
| Melanesian Championships | Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea | 26-28 June 2020 |

In accordance with the OAA Constitution the following will be the distribution of Member Federations to the Regional Championships. If a Member Federation is not able to attend the Region 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.

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

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

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

2. Entries

Each Federation can enter up to three (3) athletes per event provided they have met the entry standards.

All entries must be submitted with verifiable results for all athletes. Failure to provide verifiable results may result in the entry not being accepted.

Any athlete who receives funding from OAA, must have competed at their Federation's National Championships in the previous year.



a. Standards

The entry standards for each Regional Championship are attached at the bottom of this Circular, along with the event list.

All performances must have been performed from 1 April 2019 until the entry deadline.

b. Entry Deadlines

Final Entry Deadlines are as follows:

Polynesian Championships: Tuesday 3rd March 2020

Micronesian Championships: Tuesday 7th April 2020

Melanesian Championships: Tuesday 21st April 2020

Failure to meet entry deadline can lead to entries not being accepted.

c. Verifiable results

All entries must be accompanied with verifiable results.

Results must come from an organised meet recognised by the Federation as a National Permit Meet as a minimum.

For results to be verified, they must be submitted to OAA and OAA Statisticians or readily available online in a reasonable time following the conduct of the Meet.

It is the responsibility of the Member Federation to advise OAA where the information regarding the results can be obtained.

ANY ATHLETE WHO DOES NOT HAVE VERIFIABLE RESULTS MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR ANY OAA FUNDING.

d. Division/Age Groups

All Regional Championships will be contested in the following division:

- Senior
- Under 18 (Athletes born in 2003, 2004 and 2005 are eligible to compete)
- Under 20 (Athletes born in 2001 or 2002 are eligible to compete)*
- Masters (athletes must be at least 30 years of age to compete)
- Para (athletes must have at least a national classification to compete)

*Only Melanesian Championships will have an Under 20 age group.



3. Funding

a. Quota

Member Federation Quota Athletes & Official/s will be funded according to previous attendance at Area and Regional Championships.

Quotas are designed to promote universality and gender equality in Competitions.

For a Federation to be eligible for funding and quota places, athletes will have to have meet the eligibility criteria set out in 3.b.

Quotas will be sent to each Federation Individually by the OAA Competition Manager or OAA Executive Director.

Where possible there be financial assistance available to Associate Member Federations towards accommodation and ground transport as part of their quota. The quota for Associate Member Federations will be advised by the OAA Competition Manager.

Financial support for the Host Federation will be by arrangement with the OAA Office.

Invitational and out of Area teams/Federations will receive no funding.

If an athlete and/or an official for whom Oceania Athletics have provided financial support does not attend the Championships or is on site but does not compete, Oceania Athletics have the right to reclaim the financial support.

b. Eligibility for Funding

To be eligible for funding from Oceania Athletics, all athletes must meet the following criteria:

- Competed at their own Member Federation's National Championships in previous year (2020 or 2019)
- Have verifiable results for each event entered within the qualification period (see 2.c)
- Submit a copy of athlete's passport valid for travel
- Meet the entry standard
- Be in good standing with their Member Federation

c. Financial Support

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

- Airfare from departing home international airport (see 3.e)
- Accommodation (calculated according to the least number of days required according to airline schedules) at OAA organised accommodation
- Meals (calculated according to accommodation)
- Ground Transport in Host City
- Any necessary Overnight Stays to and from Host City
- All associated Competition Costs

*Please note if your Federation is not accommodated at OAA organised accommodation, the accommodation will be reimbursed according to OAA Policy.



Those persons not accommodated at OAA organised accommodation will be required to pay a competition levy as advised by the OAA Office.

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.

d. 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 finalised they will **NOT** be able to be changed without financial penalty to the Federation
- Any other costs not met by OAA financial support

e. International Airport

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 2020 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 |



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:

- ❖ 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.*
- ❖ 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.*

These Airfares will be issued preferably by Oceania Athletics, provided Member Federations send Entries by the respective deadlines.

If a Member Federation prefers to purchase the airline tickets, the price of such tickets must be submitted together with their Entries and be approved by Oceania Athletics beforehand, knowing that the cheapest available price will be taken as a reference.

Only the approved travel costs will be reimbursed upon the submission of the corresponding invoice(s). Reimbursement of Federation airline tickets will be made following the Championships and according to 3 (a) and 3 (b).

4. Additional Athletes

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.



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5. Event List and Entry Standards

Micronesian Championships Events and Entry Standards:

| | Open Men | Open Women | U18 Men | U18 Women | Para | Masters |
|--------------------|----------|------------|---------|-----------|------|---------|
| 100m | 11.30 | 13.60 | 11.80 | 13.70 | ✓ | ✓ |
| 200m | 23.30 | 28.00 | 24.20 | 28.50 | ✓ | ✓ |
| 400m | 52.50 | 64.00 | 58.00 | 65.00 | ✓ | ✓ |
| 800m | 02:07.0 | 02:30.0 | 02:20.0 | 02:45.0 | ✓ | ✓ |
| 1500m | 04:30.0 | 05:20.0 | 04:50.0 | 05:30.0 | ✓ | ✓ |
| 3000m | | | 10:00.0 | 12:00.0 | | ✓ |
| 5000m | 17:20.0 | 22:30.0 | | | | ✓ |
| 100m Hurdles | | 19.00 | | 19.00 | | ✓ |
| 110m Hurdles | 18.00 | | 18.00 | | | ✓ |
| 400m Hurdles | 63.00 | 74.00 | 68.00 | 76.00 | | ✓ |
| Long Jump | 6.00 | 4.60 | 5.40 | 4.30 | ✓ | ✓ |
| Triple Jump | 12.00 | 10.50 | 11.20 | 10.00 | | ✓ |
| High Jump | 1.60 | 1.50 | 1.55 | 1.20 | | ✓ |
| Discus | 32.00 | 24.00 | 30.00 | 22.00 | ✓ | ✓ |
| Hammer | 32.00 | 32.00 | 30.00 | 30.00 | | |
| Javelin | 40.00 | 25.00 | 35.00 | 20.00 | ✓ | ✓ |
| Shot Put | 12.50 | 9.50 | 10.00 | 10.00 | ✓ | ✓ |
| 4x100m Relays | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 4x400m Relays | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Mixed 4x400m | | ✓ | | | | |
| Mixed Medley Relay | | ✓ | | | | |

Para and Masters' events will be conducted with able bodied events where possible. If fields are big enough the events will be conducted separately.

Para and Masters' events will be scored using Multi-Disciplinary Scoring and Multi Age Group Calculations.



Melanesian Championships Events and Entry Standards:

| | Open Men | Open Women | U20 Men | U20 Women | U18 Men | U18 Women | Para | Masters |
|--------------------|----------|------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|------|---------|
| 100m | 11.30 | 13.20 | 11.80 | 13.60 | 11.80 | 13.70 | ✓ | ✓ |
| 200m | 23.30 | 27.00 | 24.00 | 27.50 | 24.20 | 28.00 | ✓ | ✓ |
| 400m | 51.00 | 59.00 | 55.00 | 62.00 | 58.00 | 63.00 | ✓ | ✓ |
| 800m | 2.05.00 | 2.23.00 | 2.15.00 | 2.40.00 | 2.15.00 | 2.45.00 | ✓ | ✓ |
| 1500m | 4.20.00 | 5.20.00 | 4.30.00 | 5.25.00 | 4.40.00 | 5.30.00 | ✓ | ✓ |
| 2000m Steeplechase | | | | | 7.44.00 | 9.00.00 | | ✓ |
| 3000m Steeplechase | 11.00.00 | 13.00.00 | 12.00.00 | 15.00.00 | | | | ✓ |
| 3000m | | | | | 10.00.00 | 12.00.00 | | ✓ |
| 5000m | 17.20.00 | 22.30.00 | 17.45.00 | 24.30.00 | | | | ✓ |
| 100m Hurdles | | 17.00 | | 18.00 | | 19.00 | | ✓ |
| 110m Hurdles | 17.00 | | 17.00 | | 17.00 | | | ✓ |
| 400m Hurdles | 60.00 | 68.00 | 63.00 | 72.00 | 68.00 | 76.00 | | ✓ |
| Long Jump | 6.00 | 4.80 | 5.60 | 4.60 | 5.40 | 4.40 | ✓ | ✓ |
| Triple Jump | 12.00 | 10.50 | 11.60 | 10.25 | 11.20 | 10.00 | | ✓ |
| High Jump | 1.75 | 1.50 | 1.65 | 1.35 | 1.55 | 1.25 | | ✓ |
| Pole Vault | 3.40 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 2.70 | 2.70 | 2.40 | | ✓ |
| Discus | 36.00 | 30.00 | 34.00 | 29.00 | 32.00 | 28.00 | ✓ | ✓ |
| Hammer | 40.00 | 32.00 | 32.00 | 30.00 | 30.00 | 28.00 | | ✓ |
| Javelin | 45.00 | 32.00 | 40.00 | 31.00 | 35.00 | 30.00 | ✓ | ✓ |
| Shot Put | 12.50 | 10.00 | 11.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | ✓ | ✓ |
| 4x100m Relay | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 4x400m Relay | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Mixed 4x400m Relay | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| Mixed Medley Relay | | ✓ | | | | | | |

Para and Masters' events will be conducted with able bodied events where possible. If fields are big enough the events will be conducted separately.

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Polynesian Championships Events and Entry Standards:

| | Open Men | Open Women | U18 Men | U18 Women | Para | Masters |
|--------------------|----------|------------|----------|-----------|------|---------|
| 100m | 11.30 | 13.40 | 11.80 | 13.70 | ✓ | ✓ |
| 200m | 23.30 | 27.50 | 24.20 | 28.20 | ✓ | ✓ |
| 400m | 52.00 | 63.00 | 58.00 | 65.00 | ✓ | ✓ |
| 800m | 02:06.5 | 2.23.00 | 2.17.0 | 2.45.00 | ✓ | ✓ |
| 1500m | 4.25.00 | 5.20.00 | 4.40.40 | 5.30.00 | ✓ | ✓ |
| 2000m Steeplechase | | | 7.44.00 | 9.00.00 | | ✓ |
| 3000m Steeplechase | 11.30.00 | 13.00.00 | | | | ✓ |
| 3000m | | | 10.00.00 | 12.00.00 | | |
| 5000m | 17.20.00 | 22.30.00 | | | | ✓ |
| 100m Hurdles | | 18.00 | | 19.00 | | ✓ |
| 110m Hurdles | 17.00 | | 17.50 | | | ✓ |
| 400m Hurdles | 61.50 | 70.00 | 68.00 | 76.00 | | ✓ |
| Long Jump | 6.00 | 4.80 | 5.30 | 4.40 | ✓ | ✓ |
| Triple Jump | 12.00 | 10.50 | 11.20 | 10.00 | | ✓ |
| High Jump | 1.60 | 1.50 | 1.45 | 1.25 | | ✓ |
| Pole Vault | 3.40 | 3.00 | 2.70 | 2.40 | | ✓ |
| Discus | 36.00 | 30.00 | 32.00 | 28.00 | ✓ | ✓ |
| Hammer | 40.00 | 32.00 | 30.00 | 30.00 | | ✓ |
| Javelin | 40.00 | 30.00 | 32.00 | 28.00 | ✓ | ✓ |
| Shot Put | 11.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | ✓ | ✓ |
| 4x100m Relays | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 4x400m Relays | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Mixed 4x400m | ✓ | | | | | |
| Mixed Medley Relay | ✓ | | | | | |

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