

“Ground Rules” for listing of performances on the Athletics New Zealand Rankings Lists

Preamble and Rationale

Of late there have been several enquiries as to what performances and under what circumstances performances are eligible for ranking purposes. The following criteria, which are drawn from both the IAAF Competition Rules and the Athletics New Zealand By-laws (now Regulations), has been drawn up to address these enquiries. Performances that are eligible for a New Zealand Record are subject to more stringent criteria and these are detailed in the Athletics New Zealand Regulations. The criteria and procedures for “claiming” a New Zealand Record are detailed at:

http://www.anzrankings.org.nz/files/record_apps/PROCEDURES_for_submitting.pdf

The following criteria will be used to determine if a performance is to be listed on the Athletics New Zealand Rankings Lists.

1. The competition must be conducted under either the IAAF Competition Rules or Athletics New Zealand By-laws (They are different!). It is appropriate to state, either on the programme or on the results, which set of Rules/By-laws are being/were used. Performances achieved under IAAF Rules are eligible for rankings on the IAAF Rankings Lists, and Athletics New Zealand Rankings lists, whereas performances achieved under Athletics New Zealand By-laws are only eligible for rankings on the Athletics New Zealand Rankings lists.
2. The performance shall be made in a bona fide competition which has been duly arranged, advertised and authorised before the day of the event, by Athletics New Zealand, a Centre or an affiliated club, or if outside of New Zealand, by an IAAF Member Federation of that country or an affiliate of the Member Federation. The words “Duly advertised” mean the prior normal making known of the competition either through the Press or typed or written forms or a website for the information of the athletes or the public.
3. Only performances that meet the “Minimum Performances for Ranking Purposes” http://www.anzrankings.org.nz/userfiles/file/Minimum_Performances_for_Ranking_Purposes.pdf will be listed.
4. Mixed gender events: Please note “new” IAAF Rule 147. *Rule 147 has been substantially restructured to make it clearer that which is acceptable practice and that which is not.*

RULE 147

Mixed Competition

1. Universal competitions such as relays or other team events in which men and women compete together or events in which men and women compete for a single classification are permitted in accordance with the applicable regulations of the relevant body.
2. Other than under Rule 147.1 for all other competitions held completely in the stadium, mixed events between male and female participants shall not normally be permitted. However, the following may be permitted in all competitions except those held under Rules 1.1(a) to (c) and (f). In the case of competitions held under Rules 1.1 (d), (e) and (g) to (j) such competition shall always be allowed in Field Events and in (a) below if specifically permitted by the relevant Area Association:
 - (a) mixed stadium competition in races of 5000m or longer but it is permitted only when there are insufficient athletes of one or both sexes competing to justify the conduct of separate races.

The sex of each athlete shall be shown in the result. Such races shall not, in any case, be conducted so as to allow athletes of one sex to be paced or assisted by athletes of another sex. (b) Field Events for men and women may be conducted simultaneously at one or more event sites. Separate result cards shall be used, and results declared for each sex. Each round of trials of such events may be conducted either by calling all athletes of one sex followed by the other or by alternating them. For the purposes of Rule 180.17, all athletes shall be regarded as if they were of the same sex. Where Vertical Jumps are conducted on a single event site, Rules 181 to 183 must be strictly applied including that the bar must continue to be raised in accordance with a single set of previously announced increments for the entire competition.

5. Performances in the 100m; 200m; 400m; 800m; 100m/110m Hurdles; 300m/400m Hurdles; 4 x 100m Relay; 4 x 400m Relay; Decathlon, that are hand-timed will not be accepted for ranking purposes.
6. Performances in the 100m, 200m, 100m hurdles/110m hurdles, Long Jump and Triple Jump, where there is no accompanying wind reading will not be accepted for ranking purposes. However, the performance will be listed, with the suffix NWR, solely on the athlete's profile page.
7. A full set of results for all events conducted at a meeting shall be available for public viewing. These may be in the form of: through the Press or typed or written forms or a website for the information of the athletes or the public. A copy of the full results or a web link to the full results should be sent to the Athletics New Zealand Statistician (hollings@athletic.co.nz).

PRESENTATION FORMAT OF RESULTS

The IAAF requires that results for all meetings of F Category (National Permit) and above are presented in the same/a similar format. In order that we can comply could you please note the following when compiling the results of a competition:

1. Please format the competitors name in the results as: Givenname FAMILYNAME, i.e., Valerie ADAMS.
2. As there are a few athletes who have the same/similar names, please indicate after each athlete's name, their year of birth (last two digits will suffice), or their age as at 31st December in the year of the competition. By doing this, it will enable the performance to be correctly recorded in the appropriate age-group list.
3. The correct format for expressing the distance in running events is stated as the distance in **m** for track events and **km** for events on the road. I.e. it is 3000m, 5000m, 10000m on the track and 3km, 5km, 10km on the road. Also, please note that the steeplechase distances are 2000m and 3000m – **NOT** 2km and 3km.
4. Please order the results of track events (except hurdles events – see below) by race and in finishing order. Please do not list finishing order by age group within the same race/event if there is more than one age group in the event/race. In hurdles races, please indicate the hurdle height negotiated by each athlete and then sort the result by finishing order of athletes negotiating the same hurdle height.
5. For all track events up to 200m (including the 100m/110m hurdles) please indicate the wind speed reading (to one decimal point) for each race.
6. In track events, should two or more athletes have the same time (i.e., to the nearest 1/100th of a second) then please also state (if known) each tying athletes time to the 1/1000th of a second.
7. For performances in the throwing events, the weight of the implement used by each competitor should be shown. Please then order the result by the finishing place of athletes

who threw the same implement weight – not by actual distance thrown regardless of implement weight. I.e. 18.50m with a 6kg shot does not finish higher than an 18.45m throw with a 7.26kg shot! For performances in the throws, please also try to list the series (each throw) for each competitor.

8. For performances in the jumps, please order the result by the finishing place of athletes, irrespective of the age grade. For the horizontal jumps (LJ & TJ), please list the series (each jump) for each competitor, together with the wind reading (to one decimal point) for each jump. For the vertical jumps (PV & HJ) please list the outcome of the attempts at each height for each competitor. In all jumps events, if two or more athletes achieve the same best distance/height, then please list the final placings result in finishing order using the countback method.

Note: Whilst some parents request that the finishing place of their child in their age group is indicated, this is not an accepted practice internationally. The actual finishing place in an event should be displayed. The exception is in the throwing events where finishing place is determined according to the weight of the implement used.

Thank You for your co-operation.

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