

OMA 2025 Multi Events Championships to be 'semi-virtual'

Oceania Masters Athletics (OMA) will hold its 2025 Multi Events Championships in conjunction with the Australian Masters Athletics Multi Events Championships in Brisbane in February – with provision for 'virtual' entries and performances from athletes in Oceania countries.

OMA president Cameron Burrows says the entry arrangements are designed to make it easier for masters athletes in Oceania to enter the 2025 OMA Multi Events Championships.

The AMA Multi Events Championships will be held at the State Athletics Facility at the Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre, Brisbane, on the weekend of 22-23 February.

"In effect, the OMA 2025 Multi Events Championships will be held on a semi-virtual basis," Mr Burrows said.

Oceania masters athletes can compete in person in the championships in Brisbane, or alternatively on a 'postal' or virtual competition basis over a six-week period from February to mid-March.

This will mean, for example, New Zealand masters athletes can enter the OMA championships by competing in the multi-events – heptathlon and decathlon – at their local masters centre either in February or up until 16 March.

The same applies for masters athletes in other Oceania countries and in other Australian locations outside of Brisbane.

Men and women can enter either of the multi-events. In other words, men can do the heptathlon and women can do the decathlon.

For those competing in the <u>AMA Championships</u> in Brisbane there will be no additional entry fee to enter the OMA event. For the non Brisbane-based multi events, competitors will pay the local venue competition fee.

OMA Championships winners and placegetters will receive a certificate rather than a medal. All entrants will be eligible to set OMA Championships records.

Results for the virtual competitors are to be emailed to the OMA Statistician Clyde Riddoch at <u>clydeR@outlook.com.au</u> by 18 March 2025.

Enquiries regarding the heptathlon and decathlon championships in Brisbane can be sent to event coordinator Wilma Perkins at <u>wilmaperkins@me.com</u>

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