



Everything you need to know about NSW Masters Athletics Registration....

In New South Wales, there are two groups which are responsible for holding athletics competitions: **NSW Masters Athletics Association (NSWMA)** and **Athletics NSW (ANSW)**.

NSWMA: is the State body in NSW for Australian Masters Athletics Inc (AMA) for athletes over 30 years of age.

(1) Association Membership: is approx. **\$40 per year** and our season runs from **1st October to 30th September**. By joining us you have:

- Eligibility to enter the AMA National Championships (as well as any other event organised by AMA, eg Half Marathon etc), Oceania and World Championships (≥ 35 years of age for World Championships)
- Claiming of State, National and World records (listed on our website)
- Quarterly Waratah newsletter
- Eligibility to compete for NSWMA at State Relay events, if your first claim Club has not entered a team in an event
- Eligibility to enter NSWMA run events, such as the Dunbar Throwing Series, NSWMA Throws Pentathlon or Heavy Weight Pentathlon Championship events
- This membership does NOT include a competition bib number

(2) Club Membership: NSWMA also has an ANSW Club affiliation. You can join us for full eligibility to enter any **ANSW** events, as outlined below. A year's membership runs from 1st October to 30th September, and costs approx. \$130 for Open Athletes and approx. \$90 for Age Concession Athletes (60+).

NOTE: The \$40 Association membership must be added to these amounts if joining as a Club Member. *Please note:* if you train at an ANSW affiliated athletics club oval, the organisers will usually require you to be registered with an ANSW club, so that you are covered by insurance in the case of injury.

ANSW: is the State body in NSW for Athletics Australia (AA), and has a range of affiliated clubs in metropolitan and country NSW areas. Joining one of these clubs enables you to enter any ANSW organised events, such as NSW Masters State or NSW Country Championships (if you live in a country area), Club Premierships, Relay Championships and Allcomers events at Homebush. A complete list of ANSW affiliated Clubs is located on the [ANSW website](#) (under *Get Involved/Find a Club*). Membership to these clubs includes insurance.

How To Join:

By cheque : Download the Membership forms (see Download Forms page) and mail with cheque or money order made out to "NSWMA Inc" to **The NSWMA Registrar**

By Credit Card: Log onto the online Payment facility via the link on the **How to Join** page

NOTE: The online Credit Card payment facility is run by ANSW, not by us. If you are using the online system for the first time you will need to register as a new member. If you have used the facility before but can't remember your password, just log on using your email address, and they will send you your login details. If you are having trouble accessing the online payment facility, please contact ANSW directly: Registration Manager on (02) 9746-1122, or email info@nswathletics.org.au

Bibs and Registration Numbers:

- You do not receive a bib or rego number when you join NSWMA as an Association member. When you register for some events, you may be asked for your NSWMA rego number, however if you are an Association member only you will not have a one, so just tell the organisers that you have NSWMA Association membership and refer them to the NSWMA Registrar if they need to confirm this.
- If you join as an ANSW Club member, you will receive a Rego number and bibs, and they will be posted out to you.

Events...what registration do I need?

Club events: To enter you need to be registered with an affiliated ANSW Club

State or Country Championships: To enter you must be registered with either:

- An ANSW affiliated Club
- Be a NSWMA associate member only, and pay an extra entry fee (usually \$25)

AMA National Championships, Oceania or World Championships: To enter you need to be registered with NSWMA

Gala Days: Some organising committees will require you to be ANSW Club members, so that you are covered by insurance - check with the gala day organisers to see what their registration requirements are.

Masters Games: (eg Pan Pacs/Australian Masters Games/World Masters Games/any multi-sport event): Any event that involves more sports than just Athletics is known as a **GAMES**. These events are organised by corporations and are not aligned with athletics groups. You register as an individual, and you do not need to be registered with any group to compete. When you register for some of these Games events, you may be asked for your NSWMA registration number. If you are an association member you will not have a registration number, so just tell the Games organisers that you have NSWMA membership, and refer them to me if they need to confirm this.

Uniforms...which one do I wear when?

Club events: your ANSW Club uniform

State/Country Championships: your ANSW Club uniform

National Championships: our NSWMA uniform (purchase online on the NSWMA website under "SHOP" or contact our Uniform Officer at uniforms@nswmastersathletics.org.au)

Oceania/World Championships: Australian uniform

Masters Games: (eg Pan Pacs/Alice Springs/any multi sport event): You don't have to wear any specific uniform, but are welcome to wear our NSWMA one if you wish.

Already a member, but think you need to renew your membership? If you are a current member, you will be sent a reminder email (or letter if you don't have email) about 6 weeks before the payment is due. You can expect this reminder around the middle of August. When you register you will get an official receipt with your "financial to" date on it. Please keep this for your records.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact the NSWMA Registrar via email at registrar@nswmastersathletics.org.au

We look forward to welcoming you to our Association!

Audrey Muscat

2014/2015 Registrar - NSW Masters Athletics