

3.8 Records – Criteria and Applications Policy

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Revision History

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22 December 2025	1.0	Governance Officer	Initial creation of 3.8 Records – Criteria and Applications Policy, consolidating previous records criteria, shoe, walking, timing and anti-doping requirements into a single AUTRA policy.

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1. Purpose

This policy sets out the Australian Ultra and Trail Runners Association's (AUTRA) approach to recognising, assessing, and ratifying Australian Open and Age Group records for ultra-distance road and track events. It consolidates AUTRA's requirements for eligibility, event and course standards, shoe compliance, walking in running events, timing, anti-doping, and record application procedures.

The policy ensures that AUTRA's records framework is transparent, fair, and aligned with World Athletics (WA), International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU) guidelines, and relevant integrity and technical standards.

2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- All athletes seeking recognition of Australian Open or Age Group records in AUTRA-recognised ultra-distance events
- All AUTRA-listed and IAU-labelled events (in Australia and overseas) where Australian records may be set
- Race Directors, referees, timekeepers, measurers, and other officials responsible for providing documentation to support record claims
- AUTRA Committee members and Records Officers involved in assessing, ratifying, recording, and publishing Australian records

This policy covers both performances achieved in Australia and performances by eligible Australian athletes at recognised events overseas.

3. Statement of Commitment

AUTRA is committed to:

- Maintaining a credible, transparent system for recognising Australian Open and Age Group records in ultra-distance running
- Applying consistent criteria that reflect WA/IAU technical regulations, integrity requirements, and AUTRA's own standards
- Ensuring that records are only ratified where performances are achieved in bona fide competition, on compliant courses, using valid timing systems and eligible equipment
- Providing clear, accessible guidance to athletes and Race Directors on how to apply for records and what documentation is required
- Reviewing and, where necessary, amending existing records where credible evidence of error, non-compliance, or improved performance is provided

4. Definitions

For the purpose of this policy:

- Record means an Australian Open or Age Group performance in a recognised distance or time event that has been ratified by AUTRA in accordance with this policy.
- Open Record means the best performance by an eligible athlete regardless of age (subject to minimum age rules) for a recognised event.
- Age Group Record means the best performance by an eligible athlete within a defined AUTRA age category for a recognised event.
- Recognised Events are the distances and timed events listed in Section 5.
- IAU-labelled Event means an ultra-distance event that has obtained an IAU label in accordance with IAU standards.
- Certified Course means a road course measured and certified by an AIMS Grade A or B measurer, or a track with a current WA Class 1 or 2 facility certificate, as specified in Section 8.
- Development Shoe has the meaning given by IAU: a prototype shoe provided to sponsored athletes that is not yet commercially available to the public.
- Records Officer means the AUTRA official responsible for receiving, coordinating, and documenting record applications and ratifications.

5. Record Categories and Events

5.1 Age groupings

AUTRA recognises Open and the following men's and women's Age Group categories for records:

- 18–19 (U20; records recognised only from 3 July 2024 onwards)
- 20–24, 25–29, 30–34, 35–39, 40–44, 45–49, 50–54, 55–59, 60–64, 65–69, 70–74, 75–79, 80–84, 85–90

For multi-day races, the athlete's age on the date the race starts determines the age group for any records set during that event.

5.2 Distances and timed events

Records are recognised for the following events (men and women, Open and Age Group):

- Distance races: 50km, 100km, 200km, 500km, 1000km, 50 miles, 100 miles, 500 miles, 1000 miles
- Timed races: 6 hours, 12 hours, 24 hours, 48 hours, 6 days

5.3 Historical records

As at 31 December 2014, the list of Australian Open and Age Group records was frozen and may only be amended where credible submissions show error or other justification for correction.

From 1 January 2015, a record can be superseded if an athlete performs a faster time or longer distance on a compliant track/road surface.

6. Eligibility and Citizenship

To be eligible for an Australian Open or Age Group record, an athlete must:

- Be an Australian citizen
- Be a current financial AUTRA member prior to lodging a record application
- Provide proof of date of birth and citizenship (e.g. passport, birth certificate)

Dual citizens must not:

- Apply for or claim a record for the same performance with another national federation, or
- Hold a timed or distance record from the same race in another country and an Australian record for the same performance.

Athletes who have represented another country must comply with World Athletics Policy C3.2 (Eligibility to Represent a Member), including a three-year waiting period before they are eligible to claim Australian records, as adopted by AUTRA.

No performance is considered an Australian record until it has been ratified by AUTRA.

7. Shoe Policy

7.1 Principles

AUTRA adopts the IAU shoe statement and WA shoe regulations for ultra-distance events, with an additional requirement that all record-eligible performances must use shoes with a sole thickness of no more than 40mm and a maximum of one carbon plate.

7.2 50km and 100km events

For 50km and 100km events:

- Shoes must comply with World Athletics Article 5.3 (C2.1A – Athletic Shoe Regulations).
- Shoes must appear on the World Athletics “List of approved athletics shoes”:
 - <https://certcheck.worldathletics.org/FullList>.

7.3 Other ultradistance events

For all other ultradistances (50 miles, 100 miles, 6h, 12h, 24h, 48h, 6 days, 200km+, etc.):

- Any commercially available shoe is permitted provided that:
 - Sole thickness is no greater than 40mm
 - There is a maximum of one carbon plate
 - The shoe is not a development shoe (prototype not yet commercially available)

Performances achieved with development shoes in the past remain valid only where they complied with the 40mm/one-plate requirement at the time the performance was set.

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7.4 Athlete shoe declaration and compliance

- All record applications must include a shoe declaration stating the brand, model, and version of shoes worn and confirming compliance with this policy and applicable WA/IAU rules.
- AUTRA may request additional evidence (e.g. photographs, purchase details, manufacturer information) to verify compliance.
- Where AUTRA determines that non-compliant shoes were used, the performance will not be ratified as an Australian record, and any record already ratified may be reviewed and, if appropriate, annulled.

8. Walking in Running Events

AUTRA adopts the Australian Centurions guidance on walkers applying for running records, with the aim of ensuring clarity and consistency.

- Where there is only a running category, a walker may:
 - Enter the race as a runner, and
 - Use the same lanes or course as runners (on track, walkers should use the outside of the lane where practicable to avoid hindering runners).
 - Performances may be recognised as running records if all other criteria in this policy are met.
- Where the event includes a separate walking category and dedicated walking lane:
 - Walkers should enter the walking category and use the dedicated lane.
 - Performances in the walking lane are treated as walking results only and are not eligible for running records, as they are considered a separate race.

For road-based events without separate lanes, walkers may compete in the running category without further lane restrictions, subject to event rules.

9. Course, Event and Timing Requirements

9.1 Event and participation standards

For a performance to be record-eligible:

- The event must comply with WA/IAU rules and any relevant national federation regulations.
- The race must be AUTRA-listed (for Australian races) and IAU-labelled; overseas races must be listed by the host federation and also have an IAU-label.
- A minimum of three athletes of the same gender must participate “in good faith” in the race for records to be recognised (only one athlete is required in the specific age group).

9.2 Course measurement and elevation

- Road races:
 - The course must be measured and certified by an accredited AIMS Grade A or B measurer using the calibrated bicycle method, with a valid certificate (normally up to 5 years).
 - Elevation drop must not exceed 1 metre per kilometre over the full course.
 - The start–finish separation must be less than 50% of the total course length.
- Track races:
 - The track must have a current WA Class 1 or 2 facility certificate under WA Rule 140 and appear on the WA Certified Facilities List.

Relevant certificates and course maps must be submitted with the record application.

9.3 Timing systems and redundancy

- Events must use a timing system that has been operational for at least two years, supported by either:
 - A manual timing system (e.g. stopwatch and timekeepers), or
 - A secondary automatic or chip-based timing system.
- A race referee must be on site for the duration of the event.
- Redundancy mats:
 - A redundancy timing mat is required for AUTRA-sanctioned Australian National Championships and any 6-day race conducted in Australia.
 - For other events, redundancy mats are strongly recommended but not mandatory.

Lap recording sheets and calculations must be provided for fixed-time and multi-lap races to verify distances and any intermediate records.

9.4 Intermediate distance and time records

- For fixed distance events (e.g. 50km, 100km), intermediate distance records are only recognised if the athlete completes the full fixed distance.
- For fixed time events (e.g. 6h, 12h, 24h), intermediate distances or times may be recognised without the athlete having to complete the full scheduled race duration.

For intermediate distance and time records to be ratified, time and date stamped photos, including stopwatch recordings, must be provided in addition to the lap recording sheets.

10. Anti-Doping Requirements

10.1 IAU and WA requirements

The IAU World Records Guidelines (19 September 2021) require anti-doping tests for:

- WR: 50km, 100km
- IAU WR: 50 mile, 100 mile, 6h, 12h, 24h, 48h

For IAU Continental Best Performances (CBP) Oceania, tests are required for 50km, 100km and 24h (backdated to 1 January 2019).

IAU World Age Best Performances do not require a drug test.

Any athlete attempting an Open World Record or Open Continental Record must undergo doping control either:

- Immediately after the race, or
- Within 24 hours following the finish of their race.

10.2 AUTRA capabilities and transition

- AUTRA plans to become Sports Integrity Australia (SIA) compliant/affiliated, which will enable access to SIA-approved doping control.
- Until that affiliation is formalised, AUTRA may not be able to arrange compliant testing for all domestic events.
- Athletes and Race Directors must understand that if required testing cannot be arranged, a performance will not be ratified as a World Record or Continental Best.
- AUTRA may still recognise performances as Australian records where IAU/WA do not require testing (e.g. Age Group records, IAU World Age Best Performance records) and all other criteria in this policy are met.

10.3 Cost of testing

- IAU policy expects national federations to cover the cost of required testing.
- AUTRA's default position is that the athlete is responsible for the cost of any testing required specifically for their WR/CBP attempt, unless AUTRA has agreed in writing to fund or subsidise testing for a particular event.

This position will be reviewed alongside AUTRA's SIA affiliation and funding arrangements.

11. Record Applications

11.1 Time limit

For performances on or after 1 January 2026:

- Record applications must be submitted within six (6) months of the race start date.
- Applications lodged after this timeframe will not be considered, except in exceptional circumstances determined by the AUTRA Committee (e.g. delayed documentation from overseas organisers).

11.2 Athlete responsibilities

The athlete is responsible for initiating the claim and ensuring documentation is provided:

- Complete the Record Application Form (Appendix A)
- Email the completed form to records@autra.asn.au and provide:
 - Personal details and event details (date, venue, event name, distance/time).
 - Age category at the time of the event.
 - AUTRA membership confirmation.
 - Proof of date of birth and citizenship.
 - Shoe declaration as required by Section 7.
- Confirm that all information supplied is true and correct to the best of their knowledge.

11.3 Race Director and officials' documentation

The Race Director (RD) and officials must complete the Race Director's Certification Form (Appendix B) and submit it directly to the Records Officer, including:

- RD and referee certification that:
 - The race was conducted in accordance with WA/IAU and event rules.
 - The start was fair and no undue advantage was given.
 - The claimed performance was achieved and verified against lap/time records.
- Timekeeper and timing operator certification, including manual and/or electronic timing details and evidence that systems operated correctly throughout the race.
- Records Achieved table (allowing space for at least five records) stating:
 - Record name (e.g. M70–74, 24h).
 - Distance and/or time.
 - Method of distance measurement.
 - Method of time measurement.
 - Verifier's name and signature.
- Measurement of Partial Laps table (space for at least five partial laps) stating:
 - Measurer's name, grade/level, and licence number.
 - Measured distance rounded down to the nearest centimetre.
 - Method of measurement and associated accuracy.

Supporting attachments (digital copies preferred) include:

- Record Application Form (Appendix A)
- Course or track measurement certificates and maps
- Full official results
- Lap recording sheets and calculations
- Referee's reports and any additional technical documentation
- Time Stamped, including date and time, photographic and stopwatch evidence, in support of intermediate/timed records
- IAU Label Certificate
- Passport/birth certificate of athlete

All documents should be emailed to **records@autra.asn.au**. Postal submissions are only accepted by prior arrangement with the Records Officer.

12. Governance, Review

AUTRA reserves the right to:

- Request additional information or clarification before ratifying a record
- Decline to ratify any performance that does not clearly satisfy this policy
- Review and, where appropriate, amend or annul a previously ratified record where credible evidence of error, non-compliance, or misconduct emerges

This policy will be reviewed every two (2) years, or sooner if required by changes to WA/IAU rules, integrity frameworks, or AUTRA's strategic direction.

13 Related Documents

- AUTRA Rules of Association
- 3.1 International Team Selection Policy
- 3.2 Athlete Agreement – International Competition
- 3.3 Crew Agreement – International Competition (once adopted)
- 3.4 Uniform & Branding Policy (once adopted)
- 3.7 Anti-Doping Policy (once adopted)
- 1.3 Document Retention & Recordkeeping Policy
- 5.4 Privacy and Data Protection Policy
- 2.5 Complaints, Disputes & Discipline Policy
- World Athletics Technical Rules and Shoe Regulations
- IAU World Record Guidelines and IAU Label Regulations

Compliance Note:

This policy is aligned with:

- Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic)
- World Athletics Technical Rules (including shoe regulations)
- International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU) World Records Guidelines
- Sport Integrity Australia National Integrity Framework (as applicable to anti-doping and integrity matters)
- AUTRA Rules of Association

Contact:

For questions or feedback regarding this policy or record applications, contact the AUTRA Records Officer at

records@autra.asn.au

or the AUTRA Committee Secretary at

secretary@autra.asn.au

Appendix A

Australian Ultra and Trail Runners Association Record Claim

Details of the race

Name of event:	
Location (Town, State):	
Surface event held on:	
Length or duration:	
Date of race and start time (24hr clock):	
Weather conditions (incl. wind):	
Type and date of IAU Label:	
Web address (URL) of event:	
Name of race organiser:	
Address:	
Email address:	

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Details of the athlete (record claimant)

Last name:	
First name:	
Address:	
Email address:	
Date of Birth (dd.mm.yyyy):	
Gender (Male/Female):	

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Details of the Australian Best Performance claimed

If this is an Australian Age Best Performance state age group claimed:	
If the race was over a specific time: duration of race and distance in kilometres achieved:	
If the race was over a specific distance: distance of race in km and time achieved:	
Any intermediate distance Australian Best Performances claimed should be listed here:	
Shoe brand, model and version of shoe used during the performance:	

Appendix B

Records Claim Certification

Race Director's Certification

I hereby certify that all the rules conditions of competitions as prescribed by the IAAF and IAU were duly complied with and the record was made in bona fide competition in accordance with such rules and conditions.

I also certify that (name of athlete)

competed in the

I certify that I organised the start of this race, that it was a fair start and that no advantage was given to or taken by the claimant, either at the start, or at any time during the event.

Track Races & Road Races over laps

I also certify that the claimant did in fact, achieve the record claimed and that I have checked the times recorded on the lap recording sheets to verify this claim. (Copies of these calculations are enclosed.)

Road Races

I also certify that the claimant did in fact, achieve the record claimed and that the course was monitored to prevent 'course cutting'.

Signature of Race Director: -----

Signature of Race Referee: -----

Email address of the race referee: -----

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Timekeepers certification if manual timing is used

The Timekeepers whose signatures appear below have verified that the times shown were accurately taken for the record being claimed, and have exhibited their watches to the Chief timekeeper for confirmation.

Timekeeper's name	Grade/level License number	Timekeeper's signature	Type of timer	Recorded Time

Signature of Chief Timekeeper: _____

Email address of the Chief Timekeeper: _____

Timekeepers certification if chip or electronic timing is used

I confirm that the electronic system operated correctly throughout the race and that the times shown are "gun" times.

Operator's name	Relevant Qualification	System name and company providing the service.

Email address of operator: _____

Signature of operator: _____

Signature of referee: _____

Records Achieved

Fill in the records achieved, with the distance and time.

Record	Distance	Time	Method of Measurement	Method of Time Measurement	Verifier’s name & signature

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Measurement of partial laps

The measurer must also certify the accuracy of his/her measuring of any partial lap in the spaces below.

Measurer's name	Grade/level National Body's Licence number	Measurer's signature	Measured distance rounded down to nearest cm.	Method of measurement & accuracy

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List of attached documents

Tick the box to confirm the document is attached

	AUTRA Record Application form
	Race Director's Certification Form
	Official document confirming the date of birth of the athlete, i.e. photocopy of a passport or a birth certificate.
	Copy of the IAU label
	Referee's report as required to Record Application form with measurement of wind if it is a point to point race.
	Track or course measurement certificate. Road races: a detailed map of the course should be enclosed showing all positions including controls and security.
	The complete results list of the race.
	Lap times must be taken on either track or road and the recording sheet(s) must be submitted with Form B. The differences between successive laps must be calculated so as to identify errors caused by erroneous lap recording.
	Date and time stamped photos, and stopwatch evidence in support of any intermediate/timed records.

Please provide all documents in digital format. Acceptable formats are Word (.doc/docx), Excel (.xls/xlsx), PDF, Text, HTML, images (jpg, png, gif).

Paper with signatures should be scanned to PDF format.

All documents should be emailed to records@autra.asn.au

If scanning of documents and sending by email is not possible then send a notification by email and alternative arrangements can be made.