



## AURA Policy:

### Australian Records - Open and Age group

As of the 31 December 2014 the list of Australian Open and Age group records are deemed frozen unless a submission is received, which if proven, warrants the removal or amendment of any record due to error or otherwise.

From 1 January 2015, a record can be superseded if an athlete performs a faster time or longer distance on a track/road surface.

Current Open and Age group records for all track/road surfaces will be located on the AURA website.

No performance shall be considered as an Australian open or Age group record until it has been ratified by AURA.

**Age group records** are awarded & retained for the following men's and women's age groupings:

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	

**Distance records** are awarded and retained for both Open and Age grouping (for both men and women) in the following distance:

50km	100km	200km	500km	1000km
50miles	100miles			

**Timed Race records** are awarded and retained for both Open and Age grouping (for both Men and Women) for the following times:

6hours	12hours	48hours	6days
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## Citizenship

- All applicants applying for an Australian Open and/or Age group record must be an Australian Citizen.
- Athletes must be an AURA financial member.
- An athlete must provide proof of date of birth and citizenship (e.g. birth certificate, passport).
- Where an athlete holds dual citizenship and wishes to claim for an Australian record they must **NOT** have applied and/or claimed for the same record or any record from the same race with any other country federation other than Australia.
- AURA does not permit dual citizen members applying for an Australian record, to hold any timed or distance record achieved from the same race in any other country.
- If an athlete chooses to **Represent** another country other than Australia at any race or championship in any country or federation, they will be required to wait 3 years before they are eligible to claim any Australian records. This is in line with World Athletics Policy C3.2.
  
- AURA has adopted World Athletics Policy C3.2 '*Eligibility to Represent a Member Rules in force from 1 November 2019*' which states:
  - 1.4 '*An athlete who has competed on behalf of the Country or Territory of a Member in a National Representative Competition or in any Other Relevant Competition shall not be eligible to represent another Member in a National Representative Competition.*
  - 1.4.2 '*Alternatively, an athlete may represent another Member with the approval of World Athletics, which approval shall be conditional upon:*
    - (i) *The athlete observing a waiting period of three years from the date that application for approval is made to World Athletics (during which period the athlete must not represent any other Member in National Representative Competition or compete in any Other relevant Competition) and*
    - (ii) *The athlete demonstrating that as at the end of the 3year waiting period:*
      - a. *They are or will be ages twenty or over; and*
      - b. *They are or will be a Citizen of the Country or of the parent Country of the Territory which the Member represents; and*
      - c. *They are or will have a genuine, close, credible and established link to that Country or Territory (e.g. through Residence there)*

## Anti-doping Requirements

The IAU updated their World Records Guidelines (September 19, 2021) to include updates to the antidoping test requirements. As of 1 January 2022, antidoping tests are required for the following records:

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

IAU CBP (Continental Best Performances) Oceania are for the following distances. Note that antidoping tests are required to be back dated to 1 January 2019.

- 50km,
- 100km
- 24hr

Any athlete/s attempting to break an Open World Record and/or Open Continental Record, they are required to undergo drug testing either:

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

The cost of the drug testing is at the expense of the athlete. This requirement is in line with WADA Policy.

Any athlete attempting to achieve an IAU World Age Best Performance (WABP) Record and/or Australian Age Group Record, there is no drug testing required.

## Recognition Requirements:

1. For **Intermediate distance and time records** the following apply:
  - Fixed Distance (50km, 100km etc) - intermediate distances will only be recognised if the athlete completes the full fixed distance.
  - Fixed Time (6hr, 12hr etc) - the athlete can set an intermediate distance or time without having to complete the full fixed time race.
2. As per the IAU guidelines issued on the 8 September 2022, **a minimum of THREE runners of the same gender** need to participate “in good faith” in a race to make it official in order to claim any record. This guideline is applicable towards World Records, Continental Records, World Age Group Records and all Australian Records. Note only one runner is required in an Age Group. (*e.g. Sarah is attempting a W35 record. She needs to have at least three female athletes in the race but there only needs to be one female in the W35 age group. John is attempting to break a M50 record; he needs to have at least three males in the race but only one in his M50 age category*). Any athlete cannot be seen to run just a few km's and retire to manipulate this guideline.
3. **Multiday races:** *age of the athlete at the start of the race* is the age considered for any Age Group record.

## Certification

- **Road Races:** Road courses must be measured and certified by an accredited IAAF-Grade A or B AIMS measurer using the calibrated bicycle method. The certificate should be made available to AURA together with a map drawn up by the course measurer. This certificate is valid for 5 years.
- **Track races:** Tracks must have a Class 1/2 athletics facility certificate issued by the IAAF in accordance with the IAAF Rule 140 and be included in the IAAF Certified Athletics Facilities list. This certificate which gives information about the track length and date of measurement must be made available to AURA and is valid for 5 years.

## Races

- Races in Australia must be sanctioned by AURA and have an IAU label to be eligible for Australian records. Races internationally must be sanctioned by their Federation and must also have an IAU label.
- A road race must not decline in elevation of more than 1metre per kilometre for the full length of the course. The course map should not be designed that a tail wind may advantage athlete's times.
- A straight-line distance between the start and finish point of the race must be less than 50% of the total course length.

## Timing

- Road and track races must have a timing system that has been operational for at least two years.
- The timing system must be backed up by either (i) a manual system (i.e. stop-watch) or (ii) second automatic system. This is necessary should the primary system fail.
- A race referee must be on site for the duration of the event.
- For 6 day races, the timekeeper is to remain on site for the duration of the event.
- A redundancy mat must be used (to eliminate any potential for course short-cutting).

## Record Application

- The onus is on the athlete to apply for all records.
- Athletes must be an **AURA financial member**, prior to a records application being submitted.
- Records are not automatically awarded until they have been applied for along with relevant documentation (Passport and/or Birth Certificate), then reviewed and ratified by AURA.
- Record Application form is available on the AURA website under the following link: <https://www.aura.asn.au/apply-for-a-record>
- Email the completed form along with a copy of Passport and/or Birth Certificate to the AURA records officer: [records@aura.asn.au](mailto:records@aura.asn.au)
- The Race Director will complete the Race Directors Documentation and will submit this directly to the AURA Records Officer together with relevant supporting documentation. The onus is on the Athlete to ensure the Race Director submits the documentation on their behalf to the Records Officer.