



Sandringham Athletic Club

CLUB RECORD MAINTENANCE POLICY

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Background and purpose

The Sandringham Athletic Club (SAC) has a rich athletic history which is displayed through the depth of our club records. Accurately maintaining the club records is an essential part of preserving the club history that is made available via the club website. This policy will aim to do the following:

- Provide a clear guide about how the club recognises and maintains club records
- The criteria used to accept records
- Competitions in which records can be achieved
- How to request a records attempt be validated

General Rules

Records will be recorded in the following age categories for individual events:

- Juniors - U13, U14, U15, U16, U17, U18, U20
- Open Age – 20 to 39 years of age
- Masters – 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, etc.

Records will be recorded in the following age categories for relay events:

- U14, U16, U18, U20, Open, 40+ and 50+

Records are subject to the following rules:

- In track events up to 200m in distance and horizontal jumps, the performance may only be ratified with a wind gauge reading no greater than 2.0 m/s.
- In multi-events, average wind assistance of less than 2.0 m/s is required across all applicable disciplines, and maximum of 4.0 m/s in any one event.
- In track events up to 400m in distance, photo finish timing is preferred. However, where Hand Timing (h) is only available, the international standard will be used i.e., add 0.24s to the handheld time to equate with an electronic time for 60m, 100m, 200m and short hurdles. Add 0.14s to the handheld time to equate with an electronic time for 400m and 400m hurdles.
 - Where the above hand-timing rule is applied and a club record is achieved the Club will acknowledge the result along with a note, however it will not replace the existing record.

- Existing records which may not meet the above criteria or where there is no opportunity to validate the event met the criteria, will be retained.
- If an athlete breaks a record in an underage category and it is better than the Open age category, then the record will apply to both categories provided the implement weight or height is the same used for the Open age.

Criteria used

To claim a club record, the following rules must be met, and details provided up on request:

- The athlete must be registered as an SAC athlete at the time of the event
- The athlete must be the correct age at the time of the event (for underage and masters events)
- The athlete must be using the correct weight implement or height of hurdles in conjunction with their age group to claim a record
- If claiming a para-athlete record, the athlete must have their official classification complete prior to the record attempt
- Records must be verifiable by official competition results, including implement weight and hurdle specifications.

Recognised Competitions

Club records can be claimed from the following events provided they meet the above criteria:

1. International competition such as: World Championships, Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, Pacific Conference Games, (including Masters competitions) and the like.
2. National Competition such as: Australian Championships, All Schools Championships, Australian Grand Prix circuit, Zatopek meet, (including Master's competition) and the like.
3. State Competition such as: State Championships, Summer Shield, All Schools Competition, AV Specialist groups: Milers Club, High Velocity, Rare Air, Throwers, Walkers, (including Master's competition) and the like.
4. APS, AGS, GSV, All High finals competition etc (but not lead up meets or intra school athletics).
5. Masters Championships (but not weekly VMA venue competition).
6. Little Athletics State and region titles (but not weekly venue competition).

Claiming a Club Record

Due to the number of competitions held each week and size of the club, it is not possible for the Club to track all event results in which a member may compete and break a record. The Club encourages all members to submit a claim request as detailed below.

The following information should be emailed to Kathy Tanojevic (ktanojevic@optusnet.com.au) and CC the club email (sandyaths@gmail.com).

When submitting a record claim you need to include the following information to the SAC committee:

- Name
- Gender
- DOB
- Age group
- Email address
- Event
- Event performance measurement (time, distance, height) and wind reading (if applicable)
- Date
- Location
- Supporting data e.g. a hyperlink to results

Once a claim has been received or if a record is found by the Club, it will be validated by the Club committee and the recipient will be notified. Until such time as the Club validates a claim and it is published on the Club record website, it will remain as an interim record.

An updated records file will be updated on the website twice a year (November and May). Record certificates will be awarded to each athlete at the Club's end of season function to ensure these performances are acknowledged in a public manner.

Every effort is made to maintain fair and accurate club records, if you believe a record has been incorrectly attributed, please contact the committee via sandyaths@gmail.com to have the matter investigated.