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First Session	- Tuesday, March 8th	9.30 am to 12.30 pm
Second Session	- Tuesday, March 8th	2.00 pm to 5.30 pm
Third Session	- Wednesday, March 9th	9.30 am to 12.25 pm
Fourth Session	- Wednesday, March 9th	2.00 pm to 5.20 pm
Fifth Session	- Thursday, March 10th	9.30 am to 12.30 pm
Sixth Session	- Thursday, March 10th	1.45 pm to 5.20 pm

1. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES

There were present:-

Officers: President - C.R. Aitken, C.B.E.; Vice-President - T.C. Blue; Secretary - A.L. Morrison; Honorary Treasurer - E.J. Sumner.

Delegates: New South Wales - R.M. Durie, C.D. Lee; Queensland - J.D. Bailey, T.C. Blue; South Australia - M.R. Aitken, E.R. Graham; Tasmania - G.T. Briggs, N.J. Ruddock; Victoria - F.P. Larkins, R.W. Pannell; Western Australia - D. Peggs, F.T. Treacy, O.B.E.

An apology was received from Mr. A.W. McDonald for his inability to attend the Conference.

2. READING OF NOTICE CONVENING THE CONFERENCE,

The Conference was declared open by the President who welcomed all Officers and Delegates.

3. ADMISSION OF MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES

It was resolved to admit press and broadcasting representatives to the Conference, subject to their not reporting the substance of any discussion held in camera, and to submitting for approval any statements on controversial issues.

4. President's Address

Gentlemen,

I give you all a cordial welcome to this the 49th Conference of The Amateur Athletic Union of Australia and bid a special welcome to new member, Mr. D. Peggs from Western Australia.

For the last few years I have dispensed with an opening address, but on this occasion I would like to claim your attention for a little while, because there are a few things I feel impelled to comment upon.

The most important activity with which we were concerned during the year was, of course, the Olympic Games at which we are reliably informed by the media, Australia failed. Those of us who know a little about our sport regard it entirely differently and share the Manager's opinion that our athletes performed creditably. Indeed, most of them had personal best performances in Montreal and we cannot ask for more than that.

I wonder often whether we lose sight of our object - "to improve the physical, mental and social well-being of the citizens of the Commonwealth".

This has its own special heading in our Constitution Laws, whereas "representation of Australia in Olympic Games etc." is merely a sub-section of our Powers.

We are all most anxious and must do everything possible to bring our athletes to the standard of International competition, but the growth of our sport and our value to the community can better be judged by the numbers we attract to the sport.

It is most worrying that the provision of world class facilities for track and field athletics has done very little to increase our registrations.

The number of competitors is the base of our pyramid and I believe that when far greater numbers of young people can be induced to cultivate healthy bodies and healthy minds through participation in amateur sport, then we shall see improved standards in the top echelon. We need greater dedication, not only of our top athletes, but of all athletes and administrators at all levels - particularly club officials, whose enthusiasm will build up their own club and thus our numbers. These are the roots of our growth, so it is in this area we must concentrate our energies.

There was a great deal of controversy over Olympic selection and I'm sure you will have read the report of selection and the subsequent action of the Olympic Justification Committee.

It is not my intention to particularise on team selection on this occasion, other than to say that the function of the O.J.C. is a gross interference with the responsibilities and rights of the bodies governing amateur sport in Australia. The A.O.F. is not a governing body of sport. It is merely a co-ordinating committee of governing bodies to facilitate the entry of Australia's team in the Games, and its duty is to finance, control and generally co-ordinate the various sections of the team to, during and from the Games. In my opinion, the A.O.F. cannot exclude any persons elected for an Olympic team by the controlling other than on the grounds of Finance or misconduct of some sort.

I recall that some years ago the A.O.F. set up an Olympic Selection Committee which did not function unless the funds raised to send the team away fell short of the target figure. When this happened, the Committee's job was to prepare a priority list of all athletes from all sports and draw a line across when and where the money ran out. Neither the A.O.F. nor any of its Committees presumed to say that so-and-so was not good enough to be in the team. It said merely that there was no money to send him (or her).

That there are a number of selected athletes from all sports who are not up to Olympic standard is self-evident, but the elimination of these is the problem and responsibility of the controlling bodies. If the A.O.F. wishes to act in the matter, it can do one thing and that only. Decide on the number to comprise the total team and if the selections from controlling bodies exceed that number, appoint a Committee to inter-grade selections as of yore.

I have no doubt that this subject will be discussed at the appropriate time during the Conference.

The most important meeting to be held in Australia for many years will be the Pacific Conference Games in December next. We have all been worried about certain aspects of the organisation, but no-one can have been more concerned than the A.A.A. of N.S.W., to which we have entrusted the organisation, and the Organising Committee. I believe that my visit to Canberra during the year and subsequent report restored the confidence of our affiliated bodies, though the doubt on fund-raising still remains. I am confident that the New South Wales delegates will be able to allay any fears which still exist.

I repeat that from my first-hand observations, I have complete confidence in the very capable Committee organising the Games.

The meeting of the combined Executives of this Union and the A.W.A.A.U. to discuss closer co-operation between the Unions, was held earlier in the year. The resolution, carried

unanimously, will be before you and its adoption could well prove to be a major step in the development of our sport. Nevertheless, I believe it appropriate to quote our Jurisdiction Law, which reads -

"The Union claims absolute jurisdiction throughout the Commonwealth of Australia and in such other Territories controlled by the Commonwealth of Australia as the Union in Conference may determine, in the following:-"

- and then are listed all athletic events.

The simple fact, therefore, is that this Union has complete jurisdiction in the Commonwealth. Nowhere in our Constitution do we exclude the female sex. If necessary, I may comment further on this during debate.

I have studied the Agenda and its attachments carefully and I am sure we shall have a most interesting and instructive Conference. There are, of course, a number of "hardy annuals", but equally there are new ideas that could have far reaching effects on our administration. I'm sure all will have your thoughtful consideration.

The innovation of a three day Conference will enable us to give more consideration to the material before us and, I hope, avoid the tiring evening sessions. But that is in your hands.

Thank you for your attention.

#### 5. OBITUARY

Sympathy was expressed to the family and friends of Messrs. D. Haskell (SA); R. Clemson and J. Newman (V).

The Conference observed a one minute silence.

#### 6. READING AND CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 1976 CONFERENCE

It was resolved that, after amending "20 Km Walk" to read "20 Mile Walk" in item 22.1 page 22, the Minutes of the Union's 48th Conference held at Melbourne on March 16th and 17th, 1976 be signed as a correct record.

#### 7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7.1 Amateur and Professional Events (Minute 26.1.1) The Chairman reported that the recommendation from the 1976 Minutes had been submitted to the I.A.A.F., but there had been no amendment to the Rule at the recent Congress.

7.2 Little Athletics (Minute 9.1) The Chairman reported on a meeting held with representatives from the Little Athletics Union, but stated that he had received no prior recommendations from State Associations. It was agreed that this matter be dealt with further under General Business.

7.3 Format of Australian Championships It was resolved that the report from Mr. G.T. Briggs be dealt with under Item 11.1 on the Agenda - Promotion of Athletics.

7.4 Investigation and Appeals It was resolved that the Constitution Committee be requested to look at the possibility of submitting a modified format. The Secretary to follow this matter up with Mr. A.W. McDonald.

## 8. SECRETARY'S REPORT

8.1 Records: The following performances have been adopted as records by the President and Secretary:

### OPEN RECORDS

#### Running

200 Metres	20.5	P.E. Fitzgerald (Vic)	16.12.76	Melbourne
800 Metres	1:46.4eq	J.K. Higham (Vic)	3. 2.77	Melbourne
10,000 Metres	28:12.5	D.T. Fitzsimons (SA)	18. 2.76	Adelaide
	28:09.8	G.M. Barrett (Qld)	16.12.76	Melbourne

#### Walking:

10,000 Metres	43:35.8	W.A. Sawall (Vic)	24. 4.76	Box Hill
50,000 Metres	4-06:39.0	W.A. Sawall (Vic)	14. 8.76	Glenhuntly

#### Steeplechasing:

3000 Metres	8:27.0	P.A. Larkins (Vic)	11. 3.76	
	8:27.0	P.A. Larkins (Vic)	21. 3.76	
	8:24.6	E. Malinowski (Poland)	2. 2.77	Melbourne

#### Jumping and Vaulting:

Pole Vault	5.21m	R.M. Boyd (Vic)	24. 2.76	Melbourne
	5.30m	R.M. Boyd (Vic)	13. 3.76	Melbourne

#### Relay Running:

4 x 1500m	15:26.4	Box Hill A.A.C. (Vic)	7. 3.76	Box Hill
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### NATIONAL RECORDS

#### Running:

200 Metres	20.5	P.E. Fitzgerald (Vic)	See above	
400 Metres	45.7eq	R.C. Mitchell (Vic)	24. 2.76	Melbourne
800 Metres	1:46.4	J.K. Higham (Vic)	See above	
10,000 Metres	28:12.5	D.T. Fitzsimons (SA)	See above	
	28:09.8	G.M. Barrett (Qld)	See above	

#### Walking:

10,000 Metres	43:35.8	W.A. Sawall (Vic)	See above	
50,000 Metres	4-06:39.0	W.A. Sawall (Vic)	See above	



Hurdling:

110m &amp; 120Y 13.6 M.C. Dinnington (Vic) 3. 2.76 Melbourne

Steeplechasing:3000Metres 8:27.0 P.A. Larkins (Vic) See above  
                  8:27.0 P.A. Larkins (Vic) See aboveJumping & Vaulting:Pole Vault 5.24m R.M. Doyd (Vic) See above  
                  5.30m R.M. Doyd (Vic) See aboveRelay Running:4 x 800m 7:29.2 Box Hill A.A.C. 8. 3.76 Box Hill  
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4 x 1500m 15:26.4 Box Hill A.A.C. See aboveJUNIOR RECORDSRunning:2 Miles 8:43.0 G.M. Barrett (Qld) 19. 2.76 Pagewood  
10 Miles 51:24.6 R. Gilfillan (Vic) 19.10.75 Ringwood  
100 Metres 10.3 M. Hollingdale (NSW) 3. 1.74 Pagewood  
                  10.3 P.A. Narracott (Qld) 8. 1.77 Brisbane  
                  10.3 P.A. Narracott (Qld) 15. 1.77 Brisbane  
200 Metres 20.6 P.A. Narracott (Qld) 3.10.76 Brisbane  
3000 Metres 8:08.4 G.M. Barrett (Qld) 19. 2.75 PagewoodHurdling:

110 Metres 13.9 D.E. Wright (Qld) 15.12.76 Melbourne

Relay Running:Club Teams:

4 x 400 Metres 3:19.9 Box Hill A.A.C. (Vic) 7. 3.76 Box Hill

Jumping:

High Jump 2.15m L.E. Sayers (NSW) 21. 3.76 Melbourne

SUB-JUNIOR RECORDSRunning:100 Metres 10.6eq P.A. Narracott (Qld) 7. 3.76 Brisbane  
                  10.4 P.A. Narracott (Qld) 2.10.76 Brisbane  
200 Metres 21.1 P.A. Narracott (Qld) 3.10.76 Brisbane  
                  20.6 P.A. Narracott (Qld) 3.10.76 Brisbane  
3000 Metres 8:31.2 W.D. Horsey (Qld) 18. 2.76 BrisbaneHurdling:110 Metres 11.0 B.J. Marshall (Qld) 1.11.75 Brisbane  
                  10.6 D.E. Wright (Qld) 20. 2.76 Brisbane

Relay Running:Club Teams:

4 x 400m 3:21.6 Wayne Harriers(Qld) 22.11.75 Brisbane

8.2 Registrations Details of registrations for the 1976-77 Season are given below, together with the corresponding 1975-76 figures.

	N.S.W.	QLD	S.A.	TAS	VIC	W.A.	TOTAL
9mths to 31/12/76 (actual)	4324	1502	854	720	5673	667	13248
3mths to 31/3/77 (estimated)	95	90	60	86	100	57	488
1976-77	4419	1592	914	814	5773	724	14236
1975-76	3696	1506	859	859	5588	654	13162
Increase or decrease of 1976/77 against 1975/76	723	86	55	45	185	70	1074
% Increase or decrease against 1975/76	19.6	5.7	6.4	5.2	3.3	10.7	8.2
Percentages of National							
Total 1976-77	31.0	11.2	6.4	5.7	40.6	5.1	-
1975/76	28.1	11.4	6.5	6.5	42.5	5.0	-

{included in the registrations for 1976-77 are 1499 (1975-76 - 1260) athletes aged under 12 years in the following States:

New South Wales 656 (603); Queensland 497 (357); South Australia 129 (109); Tasmania 217 (191).

Also included are 941 (1021) officials in the following States:

New South Wales 281 (268); Queensland 139 (143); South Australia 58 (57); Tasmania 77 (95); Victoria 286 (362); Western Australia 100 (96).

A.W.A.A.U. registrations for 1976-77 were:

N.S.W. 2663 (2270); Queensland 722 (533); South Australia 410 (407); Tasmania 441 (464); Victoria 2000 (1775); Western Australia 408 (377). Total 6655 (5826)

8.3 Outfitting Australian Teams: An offer by Adidas to provide competition uniforms, track suits, gear-bags and T shirts, for 1977 Australian teams has been accepted. Footwear, as necessary, will be supplied to athletes who are normally assisted by Adidas, but the company does not seek to supply shoes to athletes who are assisted by other manufacturers.

Team members will be expected to wear tie outfits which are issued to them.

The Company has offered to supply leisure suits at special prices if required by the Union.

It was resolved that the Secretary's Report be adopted.

## 9. TREASURER'S REPORT

9.1 Income and Expenditure Report for the year ending 31st December, 1976, received.

9.2 It was resolved that future annual financial statements include the actual registration fees received by the Union during the year and it was further agreed that the accounts for the year ended 31st December 1976 be amended to give effect to this resolution.

9.3 It was resolved that the Secretary investigate the possibility of registration figures being recorded as at 31st December of each year.

9.4 The question was raised regarding funds budgeted for Congress Delegates' expenses and also on Selectors' expenses as submitted in the budget by the Treasurer. It was agreed that the Selection Committee should draw up and recommend guidelines as to where and when they should meet and what allocation should be made from funds.

9.5 It was resolved that the Treasurer's Report be adopted.

9.6 It was resolved that Messrs. Lee, Driggs, Larkins and Sumner draft guidelines relating to Selectors and Congress Delegates funds to be submitted to Thursday's session of Conference for consideration.

(Their report was considered during a later session, but the action taken is recorded here for convenience).

- A. I.A.A.F. Delegates - It was resolved that in the absence of Australian Government Assistance, full economy class air fare and bed and breakfast expenses be paid for one delegate, and bed and breakfast expenses for the second delegate. The daily allowance to include the duration of the Congress plus two days. If a travel grant is available from the Australian Government or other sources then consideration be given to the payment of travel expenses for the second delegate.
- B. Oceania Group Delegates: It was resolved that the provisions as set down for the I.A.A.F. Congress Delegates shall apply. Mr. Blue referred to possible assistance in this regard from the I.O.C. Solidarity Committee.
- C. Selectors - It was resolved that -

1. At least two selectors should be present at all Team Selection Trials and the Australian Track and Field Championships.
2. Full economy class return air fares to be provided by the Union to ensure attendance of two selectors at these meetings.
3. Selectors are expected to convene a meeting at the time of the Australian Track and Field Championships, if possible with the Women's Selection Committee to discuss matters including the review of selection policies.

D. Team Coaches - It was agreed that item E.2 of the Victorian Report on Selection Procedures adopted at the 1977 Union Conference provides adequate guidelines.

It was resolved that priorities on Union funds be ordered-  
A, B, C, D.

#### 10. REPORTS OF DELEGATES

10.1 I.A.A.F. Congress, Montreal: It was resolved that the report submitted be received. It was pointed out that Member Associations should note that changes in I.A.A.F. Rules come into effect on the 1st May, 1977. It was resolved that recommendations contained in this report be submitted as recommendations from the International Affairs Committee to be discussed later on the Agenda.

It was resolved that the Delegate's Report be adopted.

#### 10.2 4th Oceania Group Congress, Noumea, August, 1976

10.2.1 The report of the Delegate was received.

10.2.2 It was reported that four athletes from New Caledonia had competed in the recent Victorian Championships, at very short notice. It was resolved to ask the Secretary, as Chairman of the Oceania Group, to raise the matter of giving States adequate notice in such cases and to arrange for Oceania countries to be advised of closing dates for entries.

10.2.3 Mr. Lee mentioned the possibility of an I.A.A.F. Coaching seminar being conducted in Canberra at the time of the Pacific Conference Games.

10.3 Pacific Conference Games Permanent Committee: It was resolved that the Delegates' report be received. Report received that the Union Administration Committee had agreed to purchase a permanent flag for the Pacific Conference Games to be presented to the Permanent Committee on the occasion of the Third Pacific Conference Games.

10.4 Australian Olympic Federation: It was resolved that the Delegates' Report be received.

10.5 Australian Commonwealth Games Association: It was resolved that the Delegates' Report be received.

10.6 Australian Confederation of Sport: Report received that a subscription of \$35 had been paid to enable two delegates to attend a meeting of the Confederation. The A.O.F. had resolved not to support this organisation. It was resolved that the Union will not renew its subscription to the Confederation.

## 11. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

### 11.1 Executive Committee:

11.1.1. The following report of the Committee was adopted; Mail votes as listed had been conducted since the last Conference, the results being shown in brackets;

5/1976 O.C. Nauman - Reinstatement as non-competing amateur. (Approved).

6/1976 Olympic Games Team - Omission of Brenton Norman (Agreed to request the A.O.F. to include Norman).

7/1976 G.G. Adams - Reinstatement as non-competing amateur. (Approved).

8/1976 Pacific Conference Games Permanent - Delegate at Montreal Meeting (Mrs. D. Magee was appointed).

9/1976 Request to the A.O.F. for reconsideration of the exclusion of C. Anison, D. Commons, P. Fuller & G. Windeyer from the Olympic team. (Agreed that request be made)

10/1976 P.A. Larkins - Application for subsidy from International Tours Fund. (Grant of \$250 approved).

11/1976 P.V. Timms - Reinstatement as non-competing amateur. (Approved).

12/1976 Team for I.A.A.F. Cross Country Championship - Financial Assistance (Agreed that a request be made for Commonwealth Government assistance. A proposal to pay the Manager's expenses from Union funds was rejected).

13/1976 Pacific Conference Games - Review of Fundraising Progress. (Agreed that the Chairman and/or other members of the Organizing Committee be invited to meet the Union Executive to review progress)

1/1977 Track & Field Championships Technical Committee. (Messrs R.C. Frith, H.J. Lowe, & F.W. Napier were appointed)

2/1977 I.A.A.F. Oceania Regional Group - Contributions. (Agreed that Australia should vote in favour of the proposal to increase the fees).

3/1977 K.J. Walters - Reinstatement as non-competing amateur. (Approved).

11.1.2 It was resolved that mail votes of Associations rather than of the Executive should be conducted on matters of importance when time permits.

11.1.3 It was generally agreed that careful consideration ought to be given to the degree of urgency of a matter before a mail vote is sought.

## 11.2 Constitution Committee

11.2.1 It was resolved that the Union cease to recognise forthwith as Australian Record performances all imperial distances with the exception of the 100 yards and the one mile run.

11.2.2 The committee had been unable to examine the decisions of the I.A.A.F. Congress for the purpose of ascertaining whether and consequential amendments should be made to the Union constitution. It was agreed that the committee be asked to look into this matter and that any amendments found to be necessary be circulated to Associations.

11.2.3 The South Australian Delegate referred to Item 33.4 of the Minutes of the 1976 Union Conference regarding reinstatement of a professional. It was agreed that Rules 113, 114 and 115 regarding amateur status will be changed in accordance with the new I.A.A.F. Rule. It was resolved that the Constitution Committee be asked to examine the laws on amateurism to see whether they conform to the I.A.A.F. Laws and whether those under Infringements and Reinstatements are adequate. Consideration should be given to the word "Special" contained in Rule 117.

11.2.4 It was resolved that in accordance with a recommendation from the Constitution Committee the Union conduct all elections in future by secret exhaustive ballot and that the Constitution Committee draft a Law to this effect.

11.3 Technical Committee. It was resolved that the Report as submitted be received.

11.3.1 It was resolved that Items 1 and 2 of the Report be adopted.

11.3.2 It was resolved that the Constitution Committee be asked to draft an amendment to the Competition Rules specifying that senior implements and scoring tables shall be used for Under 19 years decathlon competition.

11.3.3 It was resolved that the matters of electrical timing, photo finish equipment and a different method of recall starting be referred to the Technical Committee.

11.3.4 It was resolved that the suggestions for further amendments to the Pentathlon/Decathlon record application form be referred to the Technical Committee for comment and, if approved, be included in the new form when printed.

11.4 Scoring Tables and Standards Committee: It was resolved that the report be received.

11.5 Walking Committee:

11.5.1 Information received that the Walking Committee has arranged a match versus New Zealand proposed to take place on the 20th August, 1977, over a distance of 20Kms., with no financial involvement by the Union. The team to be selected by the Union Selection Committee and suggested date for trials to be the 21st May, 1977 in Brisbane. It was resolved that the trials be allocated to the Queensland A.A.A. and the match to the N.S.W. Association, both to work in co-operation with the Walking Committee and Walking Federation.

11.5.2 Reference was made by the Walking Committee to a Union Circular of 1967 which stated that where a member of the I.A.A.F. Walking Panel is present he must be elected as Chief Judge. The President re-affirmed his previous ruling as recorded in minute 12.5 of the 1976 Conference.

11.5.3 There was general discussion on a decision not to proceed with an entry for the Lugano Trophy this year. It was resolved to advise the Convener of the Walking Committee that Conference believes that in the circumstances it was impractical to enter the best Australian team, but that it be suggested that the Walking Committee look at the possibility of raising funds to finance a team on possibly a bi-ennial basis as is done by the distance runners.

11.5.4 It was resolved that Ray Smith and Eric Wilson be nominated to the I.A.A.F. as International Walking Judges, subject to the A.A.U. Walking Committee endorsing these nominations.

11.5.5 Reports received from States re members of I.A.A.F. Walking Judges.

S.A. Mr. Sharpe more active this year; Mr. McCavanagh due to ill-health, has not been active.

W.A. Mr. Keane has been a little irregular

NSW Mr. McDougall for the first time has not been active due to illness and absence overseas.

11.5.6 It was resolved that the Secretary be asked to obtain annually from each International Walking Judge a report on his activities

11.6 Officials Committee Brief written report received. Nothing submitted to Committee for consideration during the year. It was resolved that each State be asked to send a representative at no expense to the Union to a meeting of the Committee at or about the time of the 1978 Annual Conference.

11.7 Statisticians Committee Report received. Dr. Larkins reported on the inability of the Victorian Association to provide a representative on this Committee

11.7.1 No direction was given to the Committee as to the events for which performances should be recorded in the Almanac, but it was agreed that an event need not be excluded merely on the grounds that performances had not been reported by one or more Associations.

11.7.2 Mr. Treacy reported on the unsatisfactory situation existing in Western Australia in obtaining the required results.

11.7.3 It was resolved to write to Mr. S. H. Suhan thanking him for the valuable work done during the past year.

11.7.4 It was agreed to ask the convener of the committee to proceed with the preparation of the Almanac with a closing date of 30th April as soon as the required information was received.

11.7.5 It was resolved that the report be adopted.

11.8 Selection Committee; Report received

11.8.1 After general discussion on selection policy it was resolved that in future selectors should be advised that they may make no comments to the media; such comments should come from the President or the Secretary.

11.8.2 It was resolved that if the Australian Olympic Federation is to retain its Justification Committee it be asked to instruct the controlling bodies not to announce details of nominations until ratification by the Federation.

11.8.3 The report of a Special Committee of the Victorian A.A.A. was considered and it was resolved that recommendations contained therein be adopted in the following amended form:

A. Selection Policy

1. It is agreed that a definite policy should be established for Olympic Games Selection.
2. It is also agreed that a similar policy, modified to suit the particular competition should apply to other International selections.
3. This policy should be established and ratified by the Union in sufficient time so that athletes may be notified of the policy not less than twelve months prior to the selection trials.

B. Policy Detail

1. Selectors must establish and announce criteria based on Union policy for team selection at least twelve months prior to selection trials.
2. A selection trial be held, if practicable.



3. The venue and date of trials should be established at least 12 months in advance.
4. It should be held conjointly with the Women's A.A.U.
5. This trial to be the major determinant for team selection.
6. The trial to be held as close as practicable to the time of departure of the team.
7. At least two of the National Selectors should be present at all selection trials.
8. If the performances of the athletes so warrant, and if finance is available, a full team shall be selected for each event.
9. Athletes who are overseas at the time of selection trials shall nevertheless be eligible for selection.
10. Performances made overseas should be taken into consideration only when such performances are verified.
11. Only when numbers are a determining factor should athletes be ranked.
12. The team as selected should be announced as soon as possible after the decision has been made, and if appropriate, approved by the A.O.F. and A.C.G.A.
13. Selectors, male and female, should, when practicable, meet at least twice per annum to specifically discuss performances and exchange information of mutual interest.
14. Selectors should have involvement in the final decision as to an athlete's fitness up to the time of the team's departure.
15. Decisions regarding fitness should only be taken in consultation with the team coach, A.A.U. Medical Officer, and the athlete's coach.

G. Medical

1. The Union to appoint a panel of medical officers, one from each State. State associations to nominate a medical officer to the panel.
2. Such appointees shall act as consultants to selectors with respect to athletes' injuries and illness.

D. Team Coaches

1. National Team Coaches should be appointed well in advance of team selection.
2. They must acquaint themselves with the performances, Fitness, etc. of potential team members.
3. They should also act as consultants to the selectors on the preparedness of such members.

E. Finance

1. Reasonable expenses should be determined in advance by the Administration Committee of the Union to enable selectors to effectively carry out their duties by attending National trials and conferences.
2. Reasonable expenses should also be determined in advance by the Administration Committee of the Union to enable the team coach to efficiently perform his duties and capably assist the selectors.

F. Coaching (This paragraph was considered in conjunction with the report of the Coaching Co-ordinating Committee but is recorded here for practical reasons).

1. That there shall be selected National A, B & C Squads, membership of which shall be varied as determined by the Selectors on the criteria laid down in the Report by the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association; the selectors to define a title.
2. That the Union approach State Associations with the aim of establishing a series of well-spaced invitation meetings to be conducted each season.
3. That the Coaching Committee establish a set of guidelines for team coaches and that these include the following:
  - (a) That team coaches are appointed early in the season prior to team selection;
  - (b) that prior to team selection, they acquaint themselves with aspiring team members, their coaches and their preparations;
  - (c) at least one of the coaches so appointed should have experience in coaching female athletes.

G. Selection Committee:

1. In the event of ranking becoming essential, the selectors should decide on and announce the basis on which these rankings will be made. Men, women and

relays (assuming specific composition) should be ranked together.

2. The Selection Committee to make recommendations as to the time required after the selection trials to select a team. This time should be as short as possible but not to the detriment of their selection duties.
3. A Union appointed Medical Officer shall act as consultant to the selectors with respect to athletes' injuries and their possible effects on performance in a team.

H.

General

1. That the Union instruct its delegates to the next A.O.F. Conference to present the following motions for consideration.
  - (a) That the guidelines to be followed by the Committee in satisfying team selection shall be determined by the Federation at the Annual Conference.
  - (b) That the A.O.F. reaffirms the rights of controlling bodies to make their own selections and rankings.

11.8.4 It was resolved that action in accordance with paragraphs A and B (Selection Policy and Policy Detail) of the foregoing minute should be effective from March, 1977.

11.9 Administration Committee: The Committee had agreed to provide a permanent flag for the Pacific Conference Games. It had been agreed to bring the New Zealand Secretary over to attend the Conference to discuss proposed competitions between the two countries. An honorarium of \$100 to be paid to the Treasurer; The Secretary's salary fixed at \$10,000.

11.10 Coaching Co-ordinating Committee: The Committee's report was received.

11.10.1 A report to the Committee by a Sub-Committee of the Australian Track & Field Coaches Association had been circulated together with a summary of the report. It was resolved that the report be received and the matters listed in the summary were dealt with as follows:

1. Item of Administration noted.
2. It was agreed that the question of Selection as set out in the summary had already been dealt with under the Victorian Report, but that items (a) (i) and (ii) be noted.

It was agreed that the recommendations on the selection policy and final selection trials should be adopted in March 1977 and the selection of the National A, B and C Squads should be implemented by September, 1977.

3. Agreed to in principle and it was resolved that the Coaching Co-ordinating Committee of the Union be asked to investigate the funding of a National Coaching Scheme and to report back to the Union.
4. Competition - paragraphs (a) and (b) of the Report were noted but under Paragraph (c) it was resolved to agree in principle to the proposal for national teams but these should be planned for 1978. It was resolved that the Coaching Co-ordinating Committee of the Union be asked to investigate the financial aspects of such a proposal.
5. Incentives - It was noted that this item had already been dealt with.
6. Facilities - noted and agreed to in principle.
7. Team Management of International Teams - Deferred.
8. Finance - Already dealt with

11.10.2 It was resolved that the report be received.

11.11 International Affairs Committee It was resolved that the report from the Convener of the Committee be received.

11.11.1 Minutes of Meeting of Committee held 7/3/77. It was resolved that recommendations as submitted be dealt with as follows:

- (a) It was resolved that the Union recommend to the International Amateur Athletic Federation that a representative of each regional group be appointed to the Technical Committee of the International Amateur Athletic Federation.
- (b) That the Australian Olympic Federation be asked to revert to the principle of allocating a specific number of team members to each sport, any additional nominations to be subject to the close scrutiny of the Justification Committee.
- (c) That for future meetings of the I.A.A.F. Congress every endeavour be made to book accommodation at a suitable venue when it is known where the other delegates are staying - subject to the convenience of the delegates concerned.

- (d) That the Union press for adoption of the proposal that State Divisions of the Australian Commonwealth Games Association be represented on the Association by one delegate who would not have a vote on selection matters.
- (e) That the Union press for the appointment of all headquarters staff at Olympic and Commonwealth Games at least 12 months prior to the competitions taking place.

11.11.2 It was resolved that the question of Union Committee meetings be discussed at the same time as the notice of motion regarding Annual Conferences.

11.11.3 Mr. Lee referred to a letter received from Mr. G.O. Stringer to-day reporting on the Oceania Congress. It was resolved that this be received.

11.11.4 It was resolved that the report be adopted.

11.11.5 The President reported on a letter of congratulation which had been sent to Lord Exeter and advised that an acknowledgement had been received.

## 12. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

### 12.1 Promotion of Athletics:

12.1.1 It was resolved that the Conference approve in principle an inter-state teams competition in terms of para 3 (ix) and (x) of the Report dated February 1975 entitled Australian Championships Format.

12.1.2 The Secretary and Mr. R.W. Pannell were empowered to enter into negotiations with a marketing consultant to ascertain the best method by which such a competition could be guaranteed and that in the meantime each State be asked to investigate ways and means of financing the proposal and report back to the Secretary as soon as possible.

12.1.3 The recommendations in the Report were referred back to the Special Committee to draft a series of motions for consideration at the next Conference.

12.1.4 A report on A.A.U. Membership Trends for 1965-66 to 1975-76 was submitted by Dr. Larkins.

### 12.2 Priorities for Commonwealth Government Assistance: Deferred.

### 12.3 I.A.A.F. Cross Country Team Championships

12.3.1 Report received on fund raising. Dr. Larkins expressed appreciation to all those who assisted in raising funds for this project. The total amounts raised by State Associations were: Victoria \$6,000; N.S.W. \$1,300; Tasmania \$3,000; Queensland \$1,500; Western Australia \$1,000; South Australia \$20. Appreciation was in turn extended to Dr. Larkins for his work as Convener of the Fund Raising Committee.

12.3.2 It was resolved that the Union reaffirm its commitment to participate in the I.A.A.F. Cross Country Teams Championship every two years, subject to adequate funds being available.

12.3.3 It was resolved that an ad-hoc Union Committee be established to co-ordinate with the States an on-going source of funds to provide revenue for this venture. The Union and the States to share in the responsibility for fund raising. The Matter of sponsorship and so on to be investigated and action taken where appropriate with the approval of the Administrative Committee of the Union.

12.3.4 It was agreed that a request be submitted to Member Associations to investigate the possibility of placing a 20c levy on entry fees for cross-country championship events as a fund basis.

12.3.5 It was resolved that Dr. Larkins (Convener), Messrs. A.L. Morrison, C. J. Wardlaw and P. Clohessy be appointed to the ad hoc committee with power to co-opt.

### 13. REPORTS OF ASSOCIATIONS

The Secretary advised that all reports had been received.

### 14. REPORT OF ATHLETICS MANAGER, 1976 OLYMPIC TEAM.

14.1 A report was received from the Athletics Team Manager.

14.2 It was resolved that the Conference move into camera. The Chairman referred to an item in the press on the previous day quoting from the report before it had been before Conference. It was resolved that the section of the report contributed by the Co-ordinator of Training be treated as confidential. The meeting moved out of camera.

14.3 The report contained a reference to a team meeting held on the 1st August, 1976. It was resolved that the Union endorse recommendations a, b, c and d made by the team.

14.4 Mr. Briggs spoke to the report. Appreciation was expressed to Mr. Briggs on behalf of the Union for his report and capable handling of the team.

15 MINUTES OF 1976 SECRETARIES CONFERENCE

15.1 Combined Meeting: It was resolved that the question of a meeting with the Women's Union be deferred until after Notices of Motion had been dealt with.

15.2 Registration Numbers: Confirmation received that all States have now made arrangements for numbers for the coming year. There was general discussion on future supplies of registration numbers.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

16.1 Australian Track and Field Coaches Association: Noted

16.2 A.A.A. of the United States: The Secretary referred to a cable received from the U.S. re athletes competing in Sydney on January 17th, 1977. A letter had been forwarded to the A.A.A. of N.S.W. from the Union requesting information about invitations sent to these athletes. A report had been received from the A.A.A. of N.S.W. and it was agreed that no further action need be taken.

16.3 A.A.A. of N.S.W.: Request received re amendment to the Constitution in respect of registered athletes competing against unregistered athletes. It was resolved that the Constitution Committee be requested to look at this question.

16.4 Industries Assistance Commission: It was agreed that the Union is not in a position to supply information which would be of value to the Commission.

17. AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

17.1 Appointment of Jury for 1977 T. & F. Championships: Messrs. F.T. Treacy, R.M. Durie and A.L. Morrison were appointed the Jury of Appeal for the 1977 Track and Field Championships.

17.2 Recapitulation of 1977 Venues and Dates:

- (i) Track and Field Championships - Hobart - 11, 12 & 13 March
- (ii) Cross Country Championships - Brisbane - 27 August
- (iii) Marathon Championship - Longford, Tasmania - 6 August
- (iv) 50 Km. & 10 Km Junior Road Walks - South Australia - 6 August
- (v) Pacific Conference Games Trials - Canberra - 29 & 30 October.

17.3 Fixing of Dates for 1978 Championships:

- (i) Track and Field Championships - Brisbane - 16, 17, 18 & 19 March.
- (ii) Cross Country Championships - New South Wales - 2 September
- (iii) Marathon - Queensland - The Queensland Association was requested to advise the Union Secretary of the date as soon as possible.
- (iv) 20 Km Road Walk Championship - Melbourne - The Victorian Association was requested to advise the Union Secretary of the date as soon as possible.

17.4 Advice received that the Women's Union had agreed to combined Track & Field Championships in Brisbane next year and Perth the following year; after that the fixing of venues to be by agreement. Combined Cross Country Championships to be held in 1978 in N.S.W. and thereafter the venue to be agreed by arrangement.

#### 17.5 ALLOCATION OF 1979 CHAMPIONSHIPS

- (i) Track and Field Championships - Perth
- (ii) Cross Country Championships - Perth
- (iii) Marathon and Road Walk Championships - to be held in Perth on the same weekend.
- (iv) Australian Schoolboy Championships - Perth

#### 17.6 Scoring System for Junior Teams at Track and Field Championships.

It was resolved that the recommendations submitted by Mr. K. Taggart be adopted and that this come into effect from the 1977 Championships.

17.6.1 It was resolved that on the Agenda for the 1978 Conference consideration be given to the revision of the junior scoring system and an appropriate trophy approved for the junior competition.

#### 18. INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

##### 18.1 Pacific Conference Games:

18.1.1 Outfitting and Assembly of Australian Team: The Secretary reported that Adidas will provide competition uniform, track suits, bags, shoes and T. shirts at no cost to the Union. It was resolved that the assembly expenses for the Team be paid from the Pacific Conference Games Fund.

18.1.2 Categories of Team Officials: It was noted that there are five team officials - one a member of the P.C.G. Permanent Committee and the remainder as follows: General Manager, Assistant Manager - Men, Assistant Manager - Women and Co-ordinator of Training.



18.1.3 Function for Visitors: It was resolved that the question of the Union arranging a special function be referred to the Administration Committee for decision.

18.1.4.1 Progress Report: (This item was dealt with later in the proceedings, when Mr. Marshall was in attendance, but is recorded here for practical reasons.)

Copy of report from the Organising Committee and 1st Newsletter received. It was resolved that the report be received and formally endorsed.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. John Marshall, Special Vice-President of the A.A.A. of N.S.W. and Chairman of the Organising Committee for the Third Pacific Conference Games, to the meeting. Mr. Marshall reported on additional developments with regard to the Games. Accommodation, Travel and Transport Committee working satisfactorily; Box Office and Ground Management Committee report ticket sales excess of \$20,000 with nearly all \$10 tickets sold - without any press release to date; Ceremonial and Protocol Committee had advised that the Minister for Defence had agreed to make bands of the Services available, 1,500 children will form the Games Logo. The Governor General has accepted the position of Patron and will perform the opening ceremony. The Organising Committee was confident of raising the required \$330,000.

Queries were raised by delegates as to the extent of Government assistance etc. with regard to the Games and the Victorian delegates asked the question - "Under Article 8 of the Agreement is the Union under that Agreement liable for any deficit incurred in connection with the Pacific Conference Games and the Satellite Meetings." The President stated that technically this was correct.

Mr. Lee, on behalf of the A.A.A. of N.S.W., reiterated what had been stated by his Association when the Games had first been allocated to N.S.W. This was to the effect that the Association, through its Organising Committee, would organise all aspects of the Games including the raising of the necessary finance.

A query was raised regarding TV coverage and Mr. Marshall reported on discussions with the TV networks - at this stage it appeared that the Australian Broadcasting Commission would be the host Broadcasters, but would be free to negotiate commercial TV rights with networks in the participating countries.

18.1.4.2 It was resolved that the report be received.

18.1.4.3 The President thanked Mr. Marshall for his detailed report and said he had no doubt of Conference's confidence in the Organising Committee.

18.2 Commonwealth Games: Nothing to report.

18.3 I.A.A.F. Cross Country Championships: Dr. Larkins reported that five Australians were in the first twelve in the German National Title - a lead up race to the I.A.A.F. Cross-Country Championships.

18.4 World Cup: The Secretary reported that attempts were being made to obtain travel tickets early for members of the Oceania team who may wish to compete in Europe in the period preceding the Cup meeting. Austria had indicated interest in a visit by the team and the A.A.A. of N.S.W. had offered to arrange a meeting in Sydney. These opportunities for competition could be accepted only if the tickets provided for the team members allowed them to break their journey.

18.4.1 The Secretary reported that competition uniforms were to be provided by Adidas - the actual colours were not yet finalised, but Oceania team colours would probably be orange singlet with black shorts.

18.4.2 Reference was made to an offer by the A.A.A. of N.S.W. to the Oceania Group to stage a pre-Cup competition in Sydney for which sponsorship had already been obtained. The Secretary advised that the Oceania Group was very interested, but this depended on a break of journey privilege for the New Zealand Team.

18.5 Lugano Trophy: Nothing further to report.

18.6 50 Kilometres Walk, World Championship: Report received that three Australian athletes competed in 1976. No advice yet received regarding 1977 Championships. It was agreed that when advice received the Secretary writes to States inviting them to call for entries from athletes able to travel at their own expense and then refer the matter to the Selectors to decide which three be invited to compete. It was resolved that the Union agree in principle to Australia's participation in the I.A.A.F. 50K. World Walking Championship, subject to adequate funds being raised by the Walking bodies.

18.7 Australia v New Zealand Match: Deferred for discussion when the New Zealand representative is in attendance.

18.7.1 It was agreed that the cost of assembly of the team should be borne by the States in proportion to the numbers of members drawn from the individual States.

19. MOTIONS UPON NOTICE

19.1 In view of the fact that the Queensland Association had submitted a similar motion the A.A.A. of N.S.W. was permitted to withdraw its motion to amend Law 124.

19.2 On a motion from the Queensland A.A.A. it was resolved that in the first sentence of Law 124 the words "who", "not" and "(hereinafter referred to as the Secretary)" be deleted and the word "and" be included after 'President' and the words "no two of whom" be included after the word 'Vice-President'. The first sentence of Law 124 will read;

"The officers of the Union shall be a President and two Vice-Presidents, no two of whom shall be resident in the territory of the same Association, a Secretary, and an Honorary Treasurer (hereinafter referred to as the Treasurer) each of whom with the exception of the Secretary, shall be elected at the Annual Conference....."

19.3 Notice of motion received from the A.A.A. of N.S.W. that the following new paragraph be added to Law 124: "That the positions of President and the two Vice-Presidents have a tenure not exceeding five years; the incumbent being ineligible for re-election for a period of two years, except in the event of no opposing nominations being received." The motion was lost.

19.4 Notice of motion received from the Tasmanian A.A.A. that the word "three" be substituted for the word "two" in the last sentence of Law 127. If so amended the sentence would read: "Not more than three Merit Awards may be granted in any one year." The motion was lost.

19.5 Notice of motion received from the A.A.A. of N.S.W. that the following new Law be adopted;

"New Law 128 (h) - Those Committees of whom the members are for convenience and by custom drawn from one State, unless specifically referred to in this Constitution, shall have a tenure of office not exceeding three consecutive years. After three years the Committee shall pass to a different State by rotation, provided relevant nominations from States were received, and no change of State appointment had occurred by virtue of the normal annual election process." The motion was lost.

19.6 On a motion from Queensland A.A.A. it was resolved that the following new Law 128 (h) be adopted:

"New Law 128 (h) - A Selection Committee consisting of one member from each State Association.

The Union Conference shall determine and supply to the Selection Committee, and at the same time to Member Associations, in the year preceding an Olympic Games or a Commonwealth Games, and as soon as practicable in the case of other Meetings, the policy to be followed in selecting athletes to represent Australia at these Meetings."

19.7.1 On a notice of motion from the Secretary it was resolved that the following new section be added to Law 128:

"(!) A standing committee to be known as the Australian Amateur Athletic Advisory Board consisting of one member nominated by each Affiliated Association and one member nominated by each Affiliated Association of the Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Union, and charged with the duty of formulating policy for the development of amateur athletics in Australia.

The Board shall meet annually or more often if required and shall submit reports and recommendations to the Union and to the Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Union forthwith after its meeting. The Secretary of the Union shall be the Convener of the Board, but shall not have a vote. The Honorary Secretary of the Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Union shall have the right to attend meetings, but shall not have a vote. The Board shall elect a Chairman from its members. The Chairman shall have a deliberative vote but not a casting vote.

The reasonable expenses incurred by the representatives of affiliated associations in attending meetings of the Board shall be borne by the associations in equal shares; the expenses of the Secretary of the Union shall be borne by the Union and the administrative expenses of the Board shall be borne by the Union."

19.7.2 It was resolved that the Committee shall meet within three months.

19.8.1 On a motion from the Queensland A.A.A. it was resolved that Law 134 be deleted.

19.8.2 It was resolved that despite the deletion of Law 134 its provisions shall apply until the 1978 Conference.

19.9 A notice of motion submitted by the Western Australian A.A.A. that the fourth sentence of Law 134 be deleted and the following substituted: "The retiring member shall not be eligible for re-election for a period of 2 years, but he shall continue to hold office until the 30th June of that year at which time the new member shall take office." was withdrawn.

19.10 On a notice of motion from the A.A.A. of N.S.W. it was resolved that in respect of Law 138 in the first line the

word "and" be deleted and in the second line following the word "Treasurer" add "and all Statutory Committees". Law 138 will now read:

"Nominations for the Office of President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer and Statutory Committees of the Union shall be in writing....."

19.11 On a notice of motion from the A.A.A. of N.S.W. it was resolved that Law 138 be amended by adding a further sentence reading as follows:

"All nominations as received by the Secretary shall be listed on the business paper of the Annual Conference."

19.12 Notice of motion received from the A.A.A. of N.S.W. that the following new law be adopted:

"Salaried officers of the Union shall not be nominated for appointments as delegates to any Australian or International body, nor shall he/she be permitted to accept such an appointment." The motion was lost.

19.13.1 On a notice of motion received from the Western Australian A.A.A. and as amended, it was resolved that Law 157 be deleted and the following substituted:

"The Annual Conference of the Union shall be held, if practicable, at the time and place of the Track and Field Championships of Australia. A half yearly Conference of the Union shall be held in the month of September in each year."

19.13.2 It was resolved that the first half yearly Conference be held in 1978.

19.13.3 It was resolved that the question of finance be placed on the Agenda for the next Conference.

19.13.4 It was resolved that the Secretary write to Member Associations informing them that it has been resolved that there be two Conferences each year and calling for suggestions and information on what parts of the Union business should be discussed at each and that these be received by the 31st May next.

19.14 The Western Australian A.A.A. submitted a number of amendments to Law 163 which were consequential on the amendment of Law 157. It was resolved that the matter be referred to the Constitution for consideration and the drafting of appropriate motions.

19.15.1 On a notice of motion from the Victorian A.A.A. It was resolved that Law 184 be deleted and the following substituted:

"The Track and Field Championships of Australia shall be held once in each athletic season on the third or fourth week-end in March in such track and field events as the Union shall from time to time determine. (Week-end being defined as having at least one day of March on either Saturday or Sunday.) An Association which cannot comply with the above must notify the Union at least 12 months in advance stating reasons."

19.15.2 It was noted that the A.A.A. of N.S.W. had already been allocated the 1987 Australian Track and Field Championships scheduled for the 20th April of that year. (minute 22.8 of 1975 Conference).

19.16 A notice of motion from the Western Australian A.A.A. - that Law 185 be amended by deleting the word "nineteen" and substituting "twenty" - was withdrawn.

19.17 A notice of motion from the Western Australian A.A.A. proposing a consequential amendment to Law 186 was withdrawn.

19.18 A notice of motion from the Western Australian A.A.A. proposing a consequential amendment to Law 187 was withdrawn.

19.19 A notice of motion from the Western Australian A.A.A. proposing a consequential amendment to Law 192 was withdrawn.

19.20 On a notice of motion from the Secretary it was resolved that Law 193 be amended as follows:

- (i) by including in clause (a) after the word "person" the words "or by a relay team",
  - (ii) by adding to clause (b) the words "or by a relay team all of whose members meet the foregoing qualification".
  - (iii) by including in clause (c) after the word "Union" the words "or by a relay team all of whose members meet the foregoing qualification" and by deleting the words "and which is a member nation of the I.A.A.F."
- The Law as amended will read:

193. Australian records shall be of the following three classes -

- (a) An Australian Open record shall be one established by a person or by a relay team at an accredited meeting in Australia.
- (b) An Australian National record shall be one established at an accredited meeting in Australia by a person who was born in Australia or by a person who has resided in Australia for a period of at least one year immediately prior to the date of the performance claimed as a record or by a relay team all of whose members meet the foregoing qualification.

- (c) An Australian International record shall be one established at an accredited meeting conducted under I.A.A.F. Rules in a country other than Australia by a person who was born in Australia or by a person who has resided in Australia for a period of at least three years prior to the date of the performance claimed as a record and who at the time of competition is a person accredited by the Union, or by a relay team all of whose members meet the foregoing qualification, provided that the only records recognised in this category will be performances equal or superior to the corresponding Australian National record."

19.21 On a notice of motion from the Secretary it was resolved that Law 194 be deleted.

19.22.1 On a notice of motion from the Tasmanian A.A.A. it was resolved that General Rule 204 be amended as follows:

1. That the last sentence of paragraph (b) be deleted.
2. In paragraph (c) delete "The Controlling Association" in the first line and substitute "the Union" and after the word "events" in the second line add "and the drawing of the order of competition for field events". Paragraph (c) will then read:

The Union may conduct the drawing of stations for track events and the drawing of the order of competition for field events at an Australian Track and Field Championship Meeting at any time suitable to itself after the closing of entries provided that such drawing shall be made in the presence of any one of the following:- The President or a Vice-President, or the Secretary, or the Treasurer, or a member of the Executive Committee of the Union, or in the event of all of the above being unavailable, in the presence of a person nominated by the President of the Union.

3. Delete Paragraph (d) and substitute -

(d) Where the number of entrants for a track event is such as to require the running of heats the names of all entrants shall be listed in the programme. The draw shall be made one hour before the advertised time of starting of such event. Any entrant whose entry has not been confirmed at that time by the Manager of his State's team shall be excluded from the draw. In seeding the heats and semi-finals the

performances referred to in paragraph (b) or any better performances under record or near record conditions recorded since the closing of entries shall be taken into consideration so as to ensure, as far as possible, that the best competitors reach the final in each case.

- (e) Each team manager shall lodge with the Manager of the meeting not later than one hour before the advertised starting time -
- (i) of an event for which heats have been provided, a list confirming entrants from his State who will be participating in such events, or
  - (ii) of an event for which heats have not been provided a list of entrants from his State who will not be participating in such event.

19.22.2 It was resolved that as a consequential amendment, Competition Rule 303 be deleted.

19.22.3 It was resolved that the question of seeding be referred to the Selectors for their comment and recommendation.

19.23 The following notice of motion received from the A.A.A. of N.S.W. was withdrawn: That General Rule 204 (d) be amended by adding:

"That in events where heats are required competitors be listed on the programme only and the draw for heats take place on the day of the competition from those competitors who, through team managers, confirm their entry at least one hour before the time of competition. Up to date authorised performances to be taken for seeding of performances".

19.24 On a notice of motion from the A.A.A. of N.S.W. It was resolved that the following paragraph be added to Rule 210:

"Where facilities exist and permission from the requisite authorities can be obtained, discus, shot, javelin and hammer competition shall be conducted on the main arena at Track and Field Championships of Australia."

19.25 On a notice of motion from the Tasmanian A.A.A. it was resolved that the second paragraph of General Rule 210 be amended by inserting "decathlon" after "hammer throw".

19.26 On a notice of motion from the Secretary on behalf of the Constitution Committee it was resolved that General Rule 210 be amended as follows:

- (a) That the third paragraph of General Rule 210 be deleted.



- (b) That "3000 metres Steeplechase" be inserted after "400 metres hurdles" in the first paragraph.
- (c) That "2000 metres Steeplechase" be inserted after "400 metres hurdles" in the second paragraph.

19.27. It was resolved that a notice of motion from the Tasmanian A.A.A. regarding General Rule 211 in relation to the sequence of events for Australian Track and Field Championships be referred to the Technical Committee to look at a timetable for a combined programme; any suggestions in this regard to be referred to the Secretary by the 31st May.

19.20 On a notice of motion from the Western Australian A.A.A. it was resolved that new Laws 185A and 189A and General Rules 227A, 227C and 227D be adopted in the following format as recommended by the Constitution Committee.

185A Schoolboys Track and Field Championships shall be held annually in the age groups of under nineteen years, under seventeen years and under fifteen years on the day of the event.

189A The Union at each Conference shall allocate the Schoolboys Track and Field Championships for the following calendar year to an Association.

General Rules: A new section after Rule 227.

#### AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLBOYS TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

227A The Schoolboys Track and Field Championships shall be held in the territory of the Association to which the control of the meeting has been allocated. The Championships shall be conducted on two consecutive days. At least three months clear notice of the proposed dates and place of the Championships shall be given by the Controlling Association to the Union and to each other Association. No alteration to the proposed dates or place may then be made without the approval of the Union. Postponement due to weather conditions shall be made by the Executive Committee of the Association controlling the meeting.

227D Championships shall be conducted for the following events in the sequence presented below on the respective days.

<u>Track Events</u>	<u>1ST DAY</u>	<u>Field Events</u>	
300m	U/15	Javelin	U/15
100m	U/17	L/Jump	U/15
3000m Walk	U/19	Hammer Throw	U/17
3000m	U/19	Pole Vault	U/17
200m	U/19	Shot Put	U/19
1500m	U/17	Javelin	U/17

(Continued)

<u>Track Events (Cont)</u>	<u>1ST DAY</u>	<u>Field Events (Cont)</u>	
400m	U/17	H/Jump	U/19
200m	U/15	Triple Jump	U/17
800m	U/19	Shot Put	U/15
110m Hurd.	U/19	Javelin	U/19
110m Hurd	U/17	Long Jump	U/19
90m Hurd	U/15		
		<u>2ND DAY</u>	
100m	U/15	Discus	U/17
1500m	U/15	Triple Jump	U/19
400m	U/19	Hammer Throw	U/19
3000m	U/17	High Jump	U/17
1500m	U/19	Pole Vault	U/19
100m	U/19	Discus	U/15
200m	U/17	Long Jump	U/17
400m	U/15	Shot Put	U/17
800m	U/17	High Jump	U/15
		Discus	U/19
		Triple Jump	U/15

2275 Each Association shall be entitled to be represented by one competitor in each event.

The Controlling Association shall be entitled to include such other invitation events in the programme as it considers appropriate.

The Controlling Association shall provide suitable awards or trophies to the winners and placegetters in each event.

Entries for the Championships shall be in accordance with Rule 204 (a) with the exception of deleting the word "Union" and substituting the words "Controlling Association" and no entry fee shall be payable.

The Controlling Association shall be responsible for all the arrangements associated with the conduct of the Championship and be entitled to any profit accruing therefrom and to bear any loss whatsoever and shall within three months submit to the Union a detailed written report upon the organisation and conduct of the meeting and such report shall contain a proper financial statement duly audited."

19.29 On a notice of motion from the Western Australian A.A.A. it was resolved that General Rule 223 be amended as follows:

"After the word 'meeting' in the fifth line, add the words -  
"and each member of the Technical Committee other than the Manager and Technical Manager of the meeting shall be reimbursed 50% of return economy airfare, and such expense shall be a charge against the Track and Field Championship meeting."

19.30 Notice of motion received from the Victorian A.A.A. that General Rule 231 be amended by deleting the words 'fourteen

in number and inserting the words 'whichever is the greater of fourteen in number or one for every one hundred senior athletes registered for the previous season'. The motion was lost.

19.31 Notice of motion received from the Western Australian A.A.A. - 'That in Competition Rule 307 the Under 16 90m Hurdle event be deleted, and in lieu thereof substitute the following- 110m (distance) 10 x 91cm (height and no of hurdles) 13.72m (distance to 1st hurdle) 9.14m (distance between hurdles) and 14.02m (distance to finish). The motion was lost.

19.32 On a motion from the A.A.A. of N.S.W. it was resolved that the Conference appoint a Special Committee to re-investigate the administrative structure of the Union.

It was resolved that the Committee be drawn from more than one State. Messrs. C.O. Lee, R.W. Pannell, and G.T. Briggs were elected to the Committee with the Secretary as an ex-officio member; the Committee to have power to co-opt if necessary. It was resolved to authorise expenses for one meeting of the Committee in Melbourne to be paid by the Union. Expenses for any further meeting to be referred to the Administration Committee. It was resolved that the first meeting be held no later than the 1978 Conference to which a report shall be submitted

19.33 The following notice of motion from the A.A.A. of N.S.W. was withdrawn.

"That the Union gives all States until the 31st March 1978 to effect amalgamation of the Men's and Women's Associations in their own State."

19.34 On a motion from the Victorian A.A.A. it was resolved - 'That all A.A.U. Life Members and Merit Award recipients and their wives be invited to attend future Track and Field Championships with free admission to the Championships'.

19.35 It was resolved that a notice of motion from the Victorian A.A.A. - 'That the possibility of fixed dates for all men's and women's Australian Championships be investigated' - be referred to the Australian Amateur Athletic Advisory Board.

19.36 On a notice of motion from the Secretary it was resolved 'That performances in the 2000 metres Steeplechase be recognised for junior records and for sub-junior records'.

19.37 On a notice of motion from the Secretary it was resolved 'That performances in the 1500 metres Steeplechase be no longer recognised for junior and sub-junior records'.

19.38 Notice of motion received from the Western Australian A.A.A. - "National Team Selection Methods  
To consider directions to the Selection Committee.  
(a) Winners at designated selection trials should have absolute

priority over all others, i.e. including other athletes who may have qualified on other occasions.

(b) No second placegetters at selection trials should be picked until all first placegetters have been selected with the exception that first placegetters in events where a qualifying performance is demanded (there are 4 such events in the Olympics) cannot be given such a priority.

(c) The selection trial dates should be as near as possible to the time of leaving.

The motion was lost.

19.39 On a notice of motion from the A.A.A. of N.S.W. it was resolved "That the Union request the I.A.A.F. to clarify the responsibility of the Starter in relation to the nature of penalties imposed on competitors as per I.A.A.F. Rule 120 (1), and 162 (2), (4) and (5), and to give further clarification in establishing the actual position of the Starter when starting events from 200 metres to 800 yards on circular tracks as per I.A.A.F. Rule 120 (2)."

19.40 The Following notice of motion received from the Western Australian A.A.A. was withdrawn.

"That the Union recommend to the I.A.A.F. that the terminology of the relays referred to as 4 x 100m and 1 x 100m be changed to read 400m and 1600m relays respectively".

20. FINANCIAL DUDGET: It was resolved that the Budget submitted by the Honorary Treasurer be adopted.

21. GENERAL BUSINESS

21.1 There was discussion on the voting procedure in relation to Law 196 and it was resolved that the Constitution Committee be asked to draft an amendment providing for a two-thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote, but preserving the right of a sole delegate to cast two votes.

21.2 Coaching and Education Fund: It was resolved that a fund be established and a sum of \$100 be transferred to it from the Union's General Account.

21.3 Australian Women's A.A.U.: It was resolved that a cocktail party be held on the occasion of the 1978 Conference, during the Conference, and that the members be restricted to the Delegates and Officers from both organisations; the cost to be debited to the Championship Fund.

21.4 New Zealand A.A.A.

21.4.1 The President formally welcomed and introduced the Secretary of the New Zealand Association, Mr. Barry Myers.

Mr. Myers expressed his appreciation at being allowed to be in attendance at Conference to discuss the question of the New Zealand v Australia Matches. He advised that each team would

comprise 47 members - two athletes per event from each country. The main meeting would be held on the Saturday as a twilight meeting. Mr. Myers further advised that the main sponsors had indicated that they would be interested in sponsoring such a meeting for a four year period.

21.4.2 It was resolved that the Manager of the Australian Team be given authority to negotiate on details as to dates etc. for future meetings.

21.4.3 It was resolved that, subject to negotiation, the dates for the 1978 meetings be the 1st and 2nd April. It was resolved that Messrs. Lee and Pannell investigate the matter of sponsorship for this meeting and report back to the Administration Committee by the 30th April, 1977

21.4.4 Appreciation was extended to Mr. Myers for his report and assistance in this regard.

21.5 Amateur Status - Frank McGuire The President submitted a letter from the Constitution Committee in which it reported having examined the file relating to Mr. McGuire's application for reinstatement, including the rulings previously given by the President and by the I.A.A.F.. It endorsed the decision that Mr. McGuire is not eligible for reinstatement.

21.6 Mail Votes of the Executive: It was requested that more detail in relation to Executive Committee Mail Votes be included in the voting paper.

21.7 Advertising on the Arena: Following an enquiry the Chairman ruled that there was nothing in the I.A.A.F. Rules to prohibit advertising on the arena at Australian Championships.

21.8 Little Athletics: The question of over 12 competition was discussed. It was resolved that this matter be referred to the Australian Amateur Athletic Advisory Board for consideration.

21.9 Relay Teams: The question of whether an athlete who had not been entered in the Championships should be permitted to compete in a relay team was raised and the President ruled that there was nothing in the Constitution to prevent this. It was resolved that the Chairman's ruling be upheld and that the Constitution Committee be asked to draft a rule forbidding the practice.

21.10 Presidential Rulings: It was resolved that a precis of Presidential Rulings be included in the Minutes.

21.11 Australian Schoolboys Championships: It was resolved that the 1978 Championships be allocated to South Australia.

21.12 Invitations to Athletes: Mr. Bailey raised the question of the difficulties caused by athletes accepting invitations then declining at a late stage. It was agreed that this

Matter be referred to the meeting to be held with athletes during the Track and Field Championships.

It was resolved that the possibility of drafting an invitation acceptance form be referred to the State Selectors and a report be submitted to the Secretaries Conference.

21.13 Publications: The N.S.W. Delegates moved that the Union Constitution be re-printed this year. The motion was lost.

## 22. MERIT AWARD NOMINATIONS

The following nominations for Merit Awards of the Union had been received:

F.J.W. Dudge	-	nominated by the South Australian Association
F.J. Day	-	Nominated by the Western Australian Association
E.D. Eastham	-	nominated by the Victorian Association
F.W. Napier	-	nominated by the Western Australian Association
H.L. Ralph	-	nominated by the New South Wales Association
M.F. Synnot	-	nominated by the Western Australian Association
C.A. Wise	-	nominated by the Tasmanian Association.

Secret ballots were conducted and the Chairman announced that Merit Awards had been conferred upon Mr. F.J.W. Dudge (SA) and F.W. Napier (WA).

## 23. ELECTION OF OFFICERS, DELEGATES, COMMITTEES, AUDITOR AND TRUSTEES

### 23.1 Officers:

23.1.1 President - Mr. G.R. Kitten (South Australia) - nominated by New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmanian and Western Australian Associations - was re-elected unopposed to the office of President.

23.1.2 Vice-Presidents - nominations were received for -  
 T.C. Blue (Queensland) - nominated by Queensland and Western Australian Association.  
 G.T. Driggs (Tasmania) - nominated by Tasmanian Association  
 R.M. Durie (New South Wales) - nominated by New South Wales Association.  
 A.W. McDonald (Victoria) - nominated by Queensland, Victorian and Western Australian Associations.

Messrs. T.C. Blue and R.M. Durie were declared elected. Mr. Blue was elected Vice-President to act in substitution for the President.

23.1.3 Honorary Treasurer - Mr. E.J. Sumner (Victoria) - nominated by Queensland, Victorian and Western Australian Associations - was re-elected unopposed to the office of Honorary Treasurer.

23.2 Delegates: Messrs. F.P. Larkins and C.D. Lee were elected Delegates to the International Amateur Athletic Federation Congress - Mr. Lee appointed senior delegate; Messrs. J.W. Chugg and C.D. Lee were elected Delegates to the I.A.A.F. Oceania Group Congress - Mr. Lee appointed senior delegate; Mr. G.D. Stringer was appointed Representative on the I.A.A.F. Oceania Group Council; Messrs. C.D. Lee and A.L. Morrison were elected Delegates to the Australian Olympic Federation; Messrs G.T. Briggs and R.W. Pannell were elected Delegates to the Australian Commonwealth Games Association, Mr. Briggs to be member of the Executive.

23.3 Standing Committees:

23.3.1 Executive Committee: The following were elected to the Executive Committee; T.C. Blue (Queensland); G.T. Briggs (Tasmania) R.W. Durie (New South Wales), E.R. Graham (South Australia), R.W. Pannell (Victoria), F.T. Treacy (Western Australia).

23.3.2 Constitution Committee: Messrs. J.C. Draper, F.P. Larkins and A.W. McDonald, all of Victoria, were appointed to the Constitution Committee. Convener: Mr. McDonald.

23.3.3 Technical Committee: Nominations received from Messrs. R.C. Frith, H.L. Ralph and J.C. Waller of New South Wales; Messrs L.D. Curnow, J.L. Patching and K.L. Taggart, all of Victoria. A ballot resulted in the appointment of Messrs. L.D. Curnow, J.L. Patching and K.L. Taggart to the Technical Committee. Convener: Mr. Curnow.

23.3.4 Scoring Tables and Standards Committee: Messrs. R.K. Hood, R. Morriss and N.J. Ruddock, all of Tasmania, were appointed to the Scoring Tables and Standards Committee. Convener: Mr. Ruddock.

23.3.5 Walking Committee: Messrs. S.W. Bray (Q), E.V. Horsley (W), J.S. McDougall (N), V.D. Sharp (S), R.C. Smith (V) and C.A. Wise (T) were appointed to the Walking Committee. Convener: Mr. McDougall.

23.3.6 Coaching Co-ordinating Committee: Messrs. R. Chugg, D. Hodgson and H.J. Schubert, all of Victoria, were appointed to the Coaching Co-ordinating Committee. Convener: Mr. Schubert.

23.3.7 Officials: Messrs. G.T. Briggs (T), H. Crane (Q), D.G. Ferrier (V), M.L. Finn (S), H.L. Ralph (N), M.E. Synnot (W) were appointed to the Officials Committee. Convener: Mr. Briggs.

23.3.8 Statisticians Committee: Messrs. F.W. Budge (S), D. Ferris (Q), J.L. Masters (N), A. Upton (T) and L.R. Wilson (W) were appointed to the Statisticians Committee. Convener: Mr. Masters.

23.3.9 Selection Committee: Nominations received for Messrs. E. Dartholomeusz (Q), P. Jenes (V), P.J. May (W) and H.L. Ralph (N) for the vacancy on the Selection Committee occasioned by the expiration of Mr. Jenes' three year term of office. Following a secret ballot Mr. P.J. May was elected to the Selection Committee. Convener: Mr. Briggs.

23.4 Honorary Auditor: Mr. R. Mill (Victoria) was re-elected unopposed as Honorary Auditor. It was resolved that the Secretary write to Mr. Mill expressing the thanks of the Conference for work done during the past year.

23.5 Trustees: Messrs. C.R. Aitken (S) and A.W. McDonald (V) were appointed Trustees to the Union. Messrs. C.R. Aitken (S) and A.W. McDonald (V) were appointed Trustees to the R.W. Clarke Foundation.

#### 24. FIXING OF HEADQUARTERS

It was resolved that the headquarters of the Union for the ensuing year would be at Melbourne, Victoria.

#### 25. CLOSURE

The President thanked all members for attendance at the Conference. On behalf of the Delegates present, Mr. R.M. Durie thanked the President for his Chairmanship of the meeting and hoped that he would enjoy his forthcoming 12 months in office.

Mr. Myers expressed appreciation for the invitation to attend the Conference and expressed the wish that the Championships being held over the next three days would be a great success.

Mr. D. Peggs expressed appreciation for co-operation and friendship from other delegates at his first Conference.

The Conference closed at 5.20 p.m.

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#### APPENDIX "A" SUMMARY OF REGISTRATIONS 1947-48 to 1976-77

##### (a) ACTUAL NUMBERS

	<u>N.S.W.</u>	<u>QLD</u>	<u>S.A.</u>	<u>TAS.</u>	<u>VIC.</u>	<u>W.A.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1947-48	1586	350	202	136	2637	391	5301
1948-49	1017	390	324	157	2005	461	6034
1949-50	1925	301	266	115	2064	405	5956
1950-51	1682	450	310	136	2491	500	5569
1951-52	1572	325	330	103	2416	495	5271
1952-53	1601	371	302	177	2541	548	5540
1953-54	1640	316	271	119	2424	500	5273



	N.S.W.	QLD.	S.A.	TAS.	VIC.	W.A.	TOTAL
1954-55	1349	317	300	152	2649	474	5241
1955-56	1474	334	284	189	2967	572	5820
1956-57	1752	407	301	219	3471	449	6599
1957-58	1977	816	445	309	4264	689	8500
1958-59	1819	964	544	330	4190	779	8626
1959-60	1822	801	502	383	4190	817	8515
1960-61	2213	899	521	344	3696	787	8460
1961-62	2052	900	608	358	3607	860	8393
1962-63	2032	1042	639	501	3857	1002	9153
1963-64	2387	1041	888	456	3994	1054	9820
1964-65	3162	1030	850	627	4258	911	10046
1965-66	3283	1121	925	460	4281	747	10817
1966-67	3476	700	1064	503	4694	648	11085
1967-68	3847	1034	1120	687	5276	694	12658
1968-69	4725	964	1013	696	5990	879	14267
1967-70	4748	1180	1061	753	5037	880	14459
1970-71	4700	1085	1003	816	5650	873	14127
1971-72	4618	1091	915	668	6055	909	14256
1972-73	4008	1250	949	820	6117	929	14879
1973-74	4113	1370	837	838	5630	846	13642
1974-75	3937	1515	953	770	5820	720	13715
1975-76	3696	1506	859	859	5580	654	13162
1976-77	4413	1677	945	764	5881	749	14429

## (b) PERCENTAGES

	N.S.W.	QLD.	S.A.	TAS.	VIC.	W.A.	TOTAL
1947-48	29.4	6.5	5.2	2.5	49.0	7.4	100.0
1948-49	32.3	5.1	4.5	1.9	48.1	8.1	100.0
1949-50	30.1	6.5	5.4	2.6	47.8	7.6	100.0
1950-51	30.1	8.6	5.4	2.3	44.6	9.0	100.0
1951-52	29.7	6.2	6.3	2.0	46.4	9.4	100.0
1952-53	28.8	6.7	5.5	3.2	45.9	9.9	100.0
1953-54	31.1	6.0	5.2	2.3	46.0	9.4	100.0
1954-55	25.6	6.1	5.7	2.9	50.6	9.1	100.0
1955-56	25.4	5.7	4.9	3.2	51.0	9.0	100.0
1956-57	26.6	6.2	4.6	3.2	52.6	6.8	100.0
1957-58	23.3	9.6	5.2	3.6	50.2	8.1	100.0
1958-59	21.1	11.2	6.3	3.8	48.6	9.0	100.0
1959-60	21.4	9.4	5.9	4.5	49.2	9.6	100.0
1960-61	26.1	10.6	6.1	4.2	43.7	9.3	100.0
1961-62	24.4	10.8	7.3	4.3	43.0	10.2	100.0
1962-63	22.2	11.4	7.0	5.5	42.1	11.0	100.0
1963-64	24.3	10.6	9.0	1.7	40.7	10.7	100.0
1964-65	29.1	9.6	7.8	5.8	39.3	8.4	100.0
1965-66	30.4	10.4	8.5	4.2	39.6	6.9	100.0
1966-67	31.4	6.3	9.6	4.5	42.3	5.9	100.0
1967-68	30.4	8.2	8.8	5.4	41.7	5.5	100.0
1968-69	33.1	6.7	7.1	4.9	42.0	6.2	100.0
1969-70	32.8	8.2	7.3	5.2	40.4	6.1	100.0
1970-71	33.2	7.7	7.1	5.8	40.0	6.2	100.0
1971-72	32.4	7.7	6.4	4.7	42.5	6.4	100.0
1972-73	32.3	8.5	6.4	5.5	41.1	6.2	100.0
1973-74	30.2	10.1	6.1	6.1	41.3	6.2	100.0

(b) PERCENTAGES (Cont.)

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	<u>N.S.W.</u>	<u>QLD.</u>	<u>S.A.</u>	<u>TAS.</u>	<u>VIC.</u>	<u>W.A.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1974-75	28.1	11.0	7.0	5.6	42.4	5.3	100.0
1975-76	28.1	11.4	6.5	6.5	42.5	5.0	100.0
1976-77	30.6	11.6	6.5	5.3	40.0	5.2	100.0

APPENDIX "C"ANALYSIS OF REGISTRATIONS 1976-77

	<u>N.S.W.</u>	<u>QLD</u>	<u>S.A.</u>	<u>TAS</u>	<u>VIC.</u>	<u>W.A.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>Athletes:</u>							
Senior	1330	369	454	130	2491	294	5076
(over 19 years)							
Junior (Under 19 yrs & over 17 yrs)	321	122	88	65	1246	75	1917
Sub-Junior (Under 17 yrs & over 12 yrs)	557	617	243	324	1056	101	3690
	2216	1100	705	519	5593	470	10691
<u>Officials</u>	284	110	53	69	200	83	895
	2500	1226	830	580	5001	553	11506
<u>Athletes:</u>							
Juvenile (Under 12 years)	1913	351	107	176	-	196	2843
Total Registrations	<u>4413</u>	<u>1677</u>	<u>945</u>	<u>764</u>	<u>5001</u>	<u>749</u>	<u>14429</u>
Number of Clubs:	77	33	20	12	90	15	247
Average Membership per Club	57	51	47	64	65	50	58

APPENDIX "C"PRECIS OF RULINGS GIVEN BY THE PRESIDENT  
SINCE THE 1976 CONFERENCE

Question: (1) Do officials participating in an amateur meeting require amateur status?

(2) Does the Executive Committee of a junior club require amateur status?

(These questions had been submitted at the request of the Victorian Little Athletics Association).

Answer: As the Rules of the I.A.A.F. do not specifically refer to the eligibility of officials in respect of status, the subject is implicit rather than explicit, but I am quite sure that the appointment of officials who were not amateur would be quite unacceptable to the I.A.A.F. The Union Laws require (Law 153) that "all officials and competing athletes shall be registered members of their respective Associations". It is therefore the obligation of State Associations to register all officials and, as amateurs only may be registered, it necessarily follows that officials must be amateur. The answer to

question 1, therefore, is "Yes", officials at a meeting under the sanction or auspices of a State Association affiliated with the AAU of A must be amateurs in accordance with the laws of the Union. The Union's reinstatement laws concerning "non-competing amateurs" were formulated to enable persons who were not amateur to regain status so that they could become officials.

As to Question (2). As members of an Executive Committee of a Club must be regarded as Officials they, too, must be amateurs. In spite of what I have stated, I must assert that the amateur status of an athlete would not be affected if an official happened to be non-amateur and I would not like to think that the conduct of meetings for young athletes was prejudiced by the lack of officials.

After all, we specify that our Amateur Status Laws exclude an athlete under the age of 12 years and if Little Athletics has permission to go a little beyond that age, which I understand is the case in some States, I doubt if any great harm would be done if a professional or two officiated. If, however, the junior club was an affiliated body of the WAAA it would risk disciplinary action if it infringed the Association's laws in any way, and the appointment of non-amateur officials would come within this category.

Question: Is it permissible for club members to wear T shirts bearing an advertisement for a firm which had supported the club financially?

Answer: There is nothing to prevent athletes from wearing such T shirts outside the arena, but the relevant IAAF Rule specifies that they may not compete in them or even take them onto the arena or course.

Question: Is it permissible for a club which receives sponsorship from a firm to include the name or portion of the name in the club's name?

Answer: No.

Question: (1) Must the incoming runner be within the take-over zone before passing the baton, or is it sufficient for the baton to be within the zone?

(2) Must the outgoing runner be within the zone when taking the baton, or is it sufficient for the baton to be within the zone?

Answer: In each case it is sufficient for the baton to be within the zone. If these changes are cut too finely there is grave risk of disqualification because (quote) "The passing of the baton is completed at the moment it is in the hand of the receiving runner only". The operative word is "only", which means that if both runners have their hands on the baton outside the limits of the take-over zone, disqualification will follow.

Question: If a pole vaulter uses a pole of a shorter length than the height of the cross bar and it falls under the bar without touching is the attempt classed as a foul?

Answer: The only part of Rule 173 which now applies is para 3 (a) - "A competitor fails if he knocks the bar off the supports". It does not matter therefore, whether or not the pole falls under the cross bar. The risk, of course, is that the pole may strike the uprights and dislodge the bar, which could constitute a foul.

#### FINANCIAL BUDGET 1977

1. The following Budget of Income and Expenditure for 1977 is submitted for consideration at the 49th Conference of the Union to be held at Hobart on March 8th, 1977.

#### Income:

Affiliation Fees	175.00	
Registration Dues	8500.00	
Interest	1600.00	
Subsidy Commonwealth Bank	4875.00	
Australian Track and Field C/ships	4000.00	
Sundries	<u>500.00</u>	19650.00

#### Expenditure:

Affiliation Fees	500.00	
Cables and Telegrams	100.00	
Coaching and Officials Committee	100.00	
Conference Expenses	300.00	
Depreciation	350.00	
Duplicating & Stationery	700.00	
Entertainment Goodwill Expenses	150.00	
General Expenses	500.00	
Insurance	210.00	
Library	100.00	
Postage	300.00	
Telephone	500.00	
Trophies	20.00	
Rent	750.00	
Typing Assistance	250.00	
Officers Expenses Fund	1200.00	
Selectors Expenses Fund	200.00	
Congress Delegates Fund	<u>300.00</u>	6530.00

Surplus: (Subject to Items (1) to (6) of Paragraph 2 below) \$13,120.00

2. It will be seen that the above Budget for 1977 covers only normal income and expenditure, and does not include the following:-

- (i) Outfitting and other expenses which may be incurred in connection with the dispatch overseas of individual athletes or teams.

- (ii) Expenses allowed to Managers who may accompany athletes or Teams overseas.
- (iii) Additional income and/or Extra Expenditure which may result from the adoption of Notices of Motion on the Agenda of the present Conference or from other decisions of the Conference or of the Executive Committee during the year.
- (iv) Australia's share (other than the current levy of \$10 per annum) of operating and administering the I.A.A.F. Oceania Group, including the cost (less any I.A.A.F. travel subsidy) of sending the Group Council Member to Meetings of the I.A.A.F. Council
- (v) Honoraria (if any) as determined by the Conference.
- (vi) Secretary's Salary.

E.J. SUMNER  
Honorary Treasurer.

7th March, 1977

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

In my opinion the accompanying accounts are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia as at the 31st December 1976 and the results for the year ended on that date.

R. MILL  
Chartered Accountant (Aust.)

Melbourne.  
3rd March, 1976

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1976

(1) GENERAL FUND

<u>1975</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>1975</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	
	<u>Affiliation Fees</u>			<u>Affiliation Fees</u>	
178	International Amateur Athletic Federation	161.79	75	Member Associations	60.00
296	Pacific Conference Games Council	197.05	180	Aust. Women's A.A. Union	<u>141.45</u> 201.45
15	Aust. Olympic Federation	15.00	1436	<u>Registration Dues</u>	
11	Aust. Commonwealth Games Association	10.50	541	A.A.A. of N.S.W.	2613.60
—	Confederation of Australian Sport	<u>25.00</u>	403	Queensland A.A.A.	867.80
	<u>I.A.A.F. Oceania Group Expenses</u>	109.34	305	South Australian AAA	517.60
40	Administration Levy	40.00	2725	Tasmanian A.A.A.	418.70
	<u>A.A.U. Special Funds</u>		297	Victorian A.A.A.	<u>3010.95</u>
400	IAAF Congress Delegates Fund	500.00	1419	Western Australian AAA	<u>592.65</u> 8021.30
600	Officers Conference Expenses Fund	1000.00		<u>Interest</u>	1731.76
200	Selectors Expenses Fund	<u>100.00</u>	1939	Profit Australian Track & Field Championships	3932.71
(30)	<u>Team and Athletes Expenses</u>	1600.00	10	<u>Fines - Reinstatement Fees</u>	58.00
201	Commonwealth Games Team of 1974			<u>Publication Sales</u>	
	New Zealand Games 1975		70	Almanacs	146.25
	Olympic Games Team Expenses	109.92	223	Handbooks	312.50
	<u>Special Committee Expenses</u>	409.92	1902	Other	<u>1008.97</u> 1467.72
96	Joint Australian T & F C/ships			<u>Subsidy Administration</u>	
	<u>General Administration</u>		1625	Commonwealth Bank	6500.00
33	Cables and Telegrams	53.65	79	Commonwealth Government	<u>3154.00</u> 9654.00
17	Badges Lapel	4.80		<u>Sundry Income</u>	15.35
104	Conference Expenses	157.85			

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EXPENDITURE

553	Complimentary Dinner Expenses		
124	Depreciation	355.00	
705	Duplicating, Printing, Stationery	936.00	
40	Entertaining Goodwill	54.66	
	Expenses Proposed Australia- New Zealand Meeting	97.00	
96	General Expenses	407.35	
1525	Honoraria	100.00	
94	Insurance	208.81	
29	Library	60.54	
	Medallions	30.90	
190	Postage	202.81	
563	Rent Office	750.00	
	Pacific Conference Games Permit	37.73	
5800	Salaries	8489.00	
2	Secretaries Conference		
528	Telephone	453.88	
51	Trophies Aust. C/ships		
54	Typing Service	127.75	12607.73
	<u>Publication Costs</u>		
160	Almanacs	207.50	
277	Handbooks	325.00	
1354	Others	812.00	1344.50
	Surplus for Year transferred to Accumulated Funds		9470.80
(1157)			
<u>\$13229</u>			<u>\$25882.29</u>

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INCOME\$13229\$25882.29

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1976

1975	<u>LIABILITIES</u>		<u>(1) GENERAL FUNDS</u>		<u>ASSETS</u>	
(2)	Sundry Creditors		72.00	7357	Cash; Commonwealth Savings Bank, Sandringham	063.52
	<u>Congress Delegates Expenses Fund</u>			1166	Sundry Debtors	208.41
	Balance 1.1.76	1402.95			<u>Accruements</u>	
	Allocation for 1976	500.00			Registration Dues	8936.20
		1902.95		6702	Interest	578.37
1403	Congress Delegates, Montreal	274.98	1627.97		<u>Investments</u>	9511.57
	<u>Officers Conference Expenses Fund</u>				MNS&DB of NSW Debentures	7000.00
	Balance 1/1/76	459.80			Commonwealth of Aust.	
	Allocation for 1976	1000.00			Special Bonds	2000.00
		1459.80			Commonwealth Savings Bonds	14000.00
460	Melbourne Conf.	350.00	866.60		Commonwealth Bank Interest	
	Officers Exps.	213.20			Terming Deposit	5000.00
	<u>Selectors Expenses Fund</u>			22000	Commonwealth Savings Bank Investment Account	8000.00
	Balance 1.1.76	877.11				36000.00
	Allocation for 1976	100.00		2222	Stocks	2696.00
		977.11		075	Equipment at cost less Depreciation	920.00
877	less Selectors Exps.	366.80	610.31			
	<u>Special Funds:</u>					
	Subsidy Aust. Track & Field					
	C/ships 1977	5000.00				
	Administration	6500.00				
	less allocation to 31/12/76	1625.00				
9075	World C-C C/ships	4875.00	9029.90			
		(15.10)				
	<u>Accumulated Funds:</u>					
	Balance 1.1.76	27724.95				
	Add Surplus Income over Expenditure for year ended 31.12.76	9470.80	37195.75			
			350202.53			
27725						
<u>340402</u>				<u>340402</u>		<u>350202.53</u>



(2) PACIFIC CONFERENCE GAMES FUND

Sundry Creditors & Liabilities		472.14	
Accumulated Funds			
Balance at 1.1.76	3760.46		
Surplus for year transferred from Income & Exp. Account	<u>250.63</u>	4021.09	
			<u>\$4493.23</u>

Cash Commonwealth Savings Bank- Sandringham		989.64	
Accruements Interest Investments		203.59	
Bank of NSW Interest Bearing Deposit		1800.00	
Commonwealth Savings Bank Investment A/c		1500.00	3300.00
			<u>\$4493.23</u>

RONALD W. CLARKE ATHLETIC FOUNDATION

<u>International Tours Fund</u>			
Balance at 1.1.76	3077.64		
Interst for Year	<u>2396.66</u>	5474.30	
Subsidy			
Miss D. Robertson	250.00		
P. Larkins	<u>250.00</u>	500.00	4974.30
Trust Fund			27673.80
			<u>\$32640.10</u>
			<u>\$87343.94</u>

Cash Commonwealth Savings Bank Sandringham		3006.54	
Accruements Interest Investments		901.64	
M.W.S. & D. Bd. of N.S.W.- Debentures		9500.00	
Bank of NSW Interest Bearing Deposit		2500.00	
Commonwealth Government Savings Bonds		16740.00	28740.00
			<u>\$32640.10</u>
			<u>\$87343.94</u>