



# QMA E-NEWS

January 2021

This is the QR code to scan if you are attending the SAF track on Saturday and have not entered or registered on-line.



**MEMBERS – YOU CAN ENTER THE OCEANIA VIRTUAL CHAMPS.**

Check the website for details

## TOP PRIORITY

### **QMA COVID-19 CONTACT TRACING. New registration requirement.**

The Queensland Government has mandated that from 24<sup>th</sup> December 2020, all persons attending an event or venue must register their details **electronically** for contact tracing purposes.

This means that at the **QMA Brisbane competitions at the SAF track**, there will no longer be lists at the gate for you to tick off.

The following procedures will be implemented:

- All members intending to compete are encouraged to enter and pay on-line, following the usual link from the website. That is all you will need to do.
- Members who want to enter on the day, visitors intending to compete, officials, volunteers and spectators have two alternatives:
  - You can register on-line ahead of the competition following the link from the website, or
  - You can scan the QR code at the gate (or as shown here) and enter your required details.

Then those intending to compete go ahead and lodge their entry using the pink and blue forms as usual.

NOTE: If you have an iPhone, you can scan the QR code using the photo app, or if you have an android phone, you will need to have a QR code scanning app installed. If you don't have a phone, try to come with a friend who has one as they will be able to register you. It is the responsibility of all attendees to register their correct details appropriately.

**Members attending QMA Gold Coast competitions – check requirements at the venue.**

## **LEARN TO BE A WALKS JUDGE**

**Mark the date - Saturday February 20.** A Race Walking seminar will be conducted in Brisbane by one of the world's leading walk judges - Zoe Eastwood-Bryson from South Australia. More details later but this is an opportunity for anyone interested in learning how to walk judge to get excellent information and become involved in an area where there are desperately few people available. The rules of race walking are specific and not hard to understand nor judge. So come on, attend and be part of this excellent seminar. More details will be given when final plans are known.

## **AMA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – CANCELLED AGAIN**

This sad news from Canberra has been confirmed by the AMA Board – The AMA National Championships due to be held in Canberra in March 2021 have been cancelled.

With the continued impacts of the COVID 19 virus, the LOC were not prepared to risk attempting to hold this championship in March. Considering how QMA had to cancel the 2020 Championships in Brisbane this is fully understandable. The AMA Board will consider what options exist for championship events ongoing and when information becomes available we will advise you.

## **GOOD NEWS: DATE FOR QMA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021**

The weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of May has been provisionally booked at QSAC for the QMA Track and Field Championships for the 2020/21 season. It is recognised that this is not ideal but now that the national championships have been cancelled the availability of QSAC at an earlier date will be checked with the venue management. As soon as a final date is confirmed QMA members will be advised.

## **UPCOMING COMPETITIONS**

### **BRISBANE Check the website for program details**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January – enter on-line now via the link from the website

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – **QMA Pentathlon Championships**

### **GOLD COAST Program Details are on the QMA and QMA Gold Coast websites**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January

## **VOLUNTEERS MAKE AN IMPACT**

Athletes who do track events know very well the importance of electronic timing and photo finish to deliver correct times and placings in your run and walk events. QMA's resources in officials to operate the MEET MANAGER system are often stretched to the limit, particularly recently when some of the regular team have been away. Thanks to Hazel McDonnell for stepping in recently when Finn O'Connor was away and a huge thank you to Greg Ison who is the guru when it comes to this system. Whilst he works for QA he assists us when possible. Now we have some very good volunteers from Volunteer Queensland who are learning the systems and they are doing a great job. Lorraine Birtwell is responsible for volunteers and she is doing a great job. I will keep you informed of the progress of our fabulous volunteers!

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