

Waikato Bay of Plenty Masters Athletics Inc.

Remits to NZMA 2025 AGM

The following remits were passed by the Committee on 23 March 2025.

Remit 1: That the Memorandum of Association between New Zealand Masters Athletics Inc. and Athletics New Zealand is discontinued.

Reasons:

1. It does not comply with the NZMA Constitution (clause 7-1.7)
2. It breaches the privacy provisions of members by transferring member details without permission.
3. Obligations are not being honoured by either party.
4. It is not equitable to both parties. (Biased toward ANZ)
5. Document has not been updated / reviewed since 2016 yet has a 2year life.
6. It has not met its expectations.
7. It prejudices the financial independence it agrees to.

Remit 2: That the NZMA Board drafts a new Constitution in consultation with their Legal advisor to meet the provisions of the Incorporated Societies Act and distribute to its members prior to the end of the financial year (31 August 2025) for approval.

1. Existing Constitution is not being adhered to and is badly worded.
2. Centres do not have access to member detail although they are responsible for the conduct of them.
3. The Board is responsible for upholding the tenets of this document but have either altered it illegally or without legal advice or ignored it as irrelevant.

Following this remit, the NZMA Board requested more information to back up this remit.

Notes to WBOP Masters Remits

(prepared by Murray Clarkson & supported WBOP Masters Committee)

I have been asked to elaborate on our Centre request to discontinue with the Memorandum of Understanding with Athletics New Zealand.

Firstly a few basic facts need to be established.

1/ I am not against an agreement between the two parties as is being portrayed but only that any agreement must be equal to both parties and comply within their Constitutional

obligations. This agreement, signed in 2016 does not do that. I have pointed this out to the NZMA Board, attempted to correct anomalies, and have not been able to get anywhere.

2/ Constitution Requirements – Membership. To become a member of NZMA there are two requirements – a / Be over the age of 30. b/ provide proof of age by way of passport or drivers license or similar proof to that Centre – the Centre to where the athlete resides.

This is not a maybe, it is a REQUIREMENT.

3 / NZMA competitive members are prevented from participating in NZMA national events.

WHEREAS ANZ members are able to compete in ANZ national events. Where is the equity in this when ANZ's role is to provide NZMA members access to the same member benefits as are currently provided to ANZ members. Clearly ANZ members take part in their National Championships.

There are 9 other reasons for needing to discontinue this agreement to comply with our constitution and therefore be valid.—

a/ It is pointed out that 282 entries were accepted for the NZMA track champs. That's a lot of paperwork getting proof of age. How can this be done when Centres are not supplied with member lists. (Of the 43 WBOP entries only 2 did not comply) Whose responsibility is it to have the medals returned of non-compliant competitors??

b/ Privacy Act – ANZ quote compliance with this document but NZMA forward details to them without any authority from its members. Centres therefore do not know who their members are and cannot control the disciplinary requirements dictated in the Constitution.

c/ Financial Independence – It is stated that both groups are to remain financially independent but includes notes on division of fees etc. and using the same entry system.

There is a major problem with Centre subscriptions with this. NO INDEPENDENCE.

d/ Changes to MOU to be agreed by both parties and implemented forthwith. This cannot happen as the MOU is incorporated in the Constitution and can only be amended at a special or annual meeting. Recent attempts to change this incorporating financial obligations on NZMA and not ANZ. This cannot happen without member approval via AGM

e/ NZMA obligations – No provision has been made for Centres to operate as normal – they do not even know who their members are far less who has paid. (Member list)

f/ MOU states details to be supplied through Clubnet. We are now asked to use Gameday.

What AGM was this passed at?? (Constitutional requirement)

g/ From discussion with ANZ registered athletes, they have not been informed on the MOU or their requirements to provide proof of age. It is an ANZ RESPONSIBILITY.

h/ ANZ Events Manager will consult with NZMA on Non-stadia Championships – This is not being done and entries to our Championship events do not provide for the correct age grouping, results do not have age % & I have yet to know who is our qualified representative at these events.

I/ The MOU gives the option to pay on-line avoiding fees for entries. This is not available.

As you can see, the current document is and has been unenforceable for a long time and breaches the provisions of our Constitution which is the base from which we operate.

Questions arise as to whether the NZMA championship 10k road race can include Masters athletes & if not then it is not a true NZMA championship event.

I presume that all Board members understand the wording of the Constitution and are prepared to operate within its dictates. This remit must therefore be able to be voted on by the Centre Delegates & Board members taking into consideration the obligations of the current constitution.

I am prepared to speak to any delegate, Centre, or board member if they require any more detail and hope I have expressed the facts correctly.