

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES CONCERNING APPLICATION FOR AN ONTARIO RECORD (November 21, 2005)

1. For purposes of records a person is considered an Ontarian if he/she meets the following conditions at the time during which the record-establishing performance is achieved:

a) is a resident of Ontario and is a Canadian Citizen, Landed Immigrant or has Refugee status.

b) is a resident outside of Canada but a) is a Canadian citizen and b) had either been a resident of Ontario for a minimum of 188 days or was born in Ontario and c) is eligible to compete for the Canadian National Team and d) has not last been a member of an Athletics Canada branch other than Ontario.

c) resides in a province outside of Ontario but a) had either been a resident of Ontario for a minimum of 188 days or was born in Ontario, and b) has been an athletic member of the Ontario Track & Field Association and c) has not last been a member of an Athletics Canada branch other than Ontario and d) is eligible to compete for the Canadian National Team.

2. An Ontario Open Record represents the best performance established by either a non-Ontarian on Ontario soil or by an Ontarian competing inside or outside of Ontario.

3. An athlete's age category is determined by his/her age as of December 31st of the year in which the competition takes place.

4. No performance will be accepted as an Ontario record if it was achieved in contravention of IAAF/OTFA rules in force at the time at which the event was conducted or if the quality of officiating or equipment was not of a suitable standard as deemed by the OTFA Technical Committee (but see No. 16.). Applicants shall provide, when requested to do so, details concerning officials present at the competition and the condition of the facilities and equipment in use. There is no limit to the period of retroactivity with respect to the voiding of a record.

5. The affiliation of a record holder will be shown as the team, club or school that the athlete was representing at the time the record-breaking performance was achieved. In the case where an athlete was competing for a school or other non-club team but was concurrently registered with the OTFA with a club the athlete's club team will also be shown (in brackets). No Club affiliation will be included if the athlete was not registered with the OTFA at the time the record was established.

6. Relay records shall be kept in two categories: "Club/School" and "Composite". When the "Club/School" record is superior to the composite record only the former shall be listed. To claim a club/school record in a relay event all members of the team must have been registered with the OTFA under the same club name or enrolled as students of the same school or university. In the case of school or university teams the performance must have been achieved before the official closing of the school year. National, branch, regional or other teams composed of athletes from more than one club or school may establish "Composite" relay records provided all runners on the team are registered members of the parent organization.

7. To be accepted as a record, a performance in events of 400m and less in distance (with the exception of combined events) must have been timed with fully-automatic equipment.

8. Wind information, expressed in metres per second, for events of 200m or less (including 200m hurdles) and the long and triple jumps must be provided with the application. (Applicable to Outdoor Records only).

9. In the field events intermediate results within the same competition may not be claimed as records unless a superior performance is, for some reason, not acceptable as a record.

10. To preclude unfair advantages to some athletes records in the hurdling events may only be claimed in a

particular age category if the competition was conducted using the specifications for height, etc. currently designated for the age group.

11. In the throwing events the OTFA Technical Committee must be satisfied that the throwing implement used to establish the record was measured for mass, etc. by technical officials at the competition.

12. In field events, the use of a fiberglass tape for measuring the distance or height will not disqualify a performance from consideration as an Ontario record.

13. A copy of the birth certificate must be filed with the OTFA office in case of age class records.

14. Performances which are listed as “pending” on the provincial records listings may be dropped if they cannot be ratified within three years of their establishment.

15. Notwithstanding IAAF Rule 148-6b, performances from competitions in which fewer than three competitors in individual events or two teams in relay events participated will be accepted provided that the event was arranged, sanctioned and advertised before the day on which the event took place.

16. Performances achieved in mixed competitions (male-female) will be accepted as records in the Bantam and Midget age categories.

17. Applications for records should be forwarded to the Technical Coordinator, OTFA. The applications, which should contain all relevant information about the performance, are examined by the Technical Committee at one of its regular meetings and are passed on to the OTFA Board of Directors for ratification. Special application forms are available in several of the event groups.