

QMA AGM 2019 – Background information to the Motion.

Motion proposed by Irene Davey:

That QMA members are encouraged to compete at QA Shield Meets during the 2019/20 Track and Field season.

Background points:

- I think all QMA members who entered the QMA Track and Field Championships this year enjoyed the competition run by qualified and experienced officials.
- Masters athletes in North Queensland compete regularly with open and junior athletes
- Both Greg Ison (QA Competition Director) and Dave Gynther (QA CEO) welcome the concept of QMA members competing at the Shield meets.

Competing at the Shield meets would be entirely up to individual members, but this should be encouraged and promoted. There are usually 12 Shield meets during the season.

Benefits to members:

- Competition will be run by qualified and experienced officials. Competitors generally will not need to eg rake jump pits or pull measuring tapes.
- Shield meets are generally held in the afternoon, leaving members free to participate in parkruns or take children to Saturday morning sport events.
- Afternoon meets avoid the worst of the heat and sunshine.

QMA Brisbane meets:

A number (10 – 12) of QMA Brisbane competitions will still be held, on dates not clashing with QA Shield meets, when the track (or an alternative venue) is available. This will greatly reduce the workload on the hard-working Brisbane team, and hopefully allow for the implementation of a more workable roster system.

Costing for members:

There will be a small increase in cost to QMA members averaged over a nominal 20 competition days, of the order of \$5 per competition day. If members wish to participate in more than 3 QA meets (the maximum allowed for Base level membership), it would be more cost effective to join QMA at the QA ‘Traditional’ or ‘Platinum’ rate, rather than at the Base rate as most members currently do.

Other considerations:

Members wishing to enter events at QA meets would need to do this on-line a few days beforehand.