



World Masters Athletics Championships

Sacramento CA – July 6-17, 2011

Team Canada Information

The biggest event in Masters Athletics in 2011 will be the biennial World Masters Athletics Championships, being held in Sacramento from July 6th to 17th. This will be the closest that the World Championships have come to Canada since Buffalo in 1995, so we are anticipating a large Canadian contingent at these games.

Registration is now open for these World Championships at www.wma2011.com, and will remain open until April 24, 2011. This time around, you can enter in just a few minutes through this web site, without having to fill out any tedious hard copy entry forms. The web site also provides complete information, including the preliminary timetable, venues, hotels, tourism, etc.

Team Managers

One or more Team Managers will be named shortly for the Canadian team, and they will look after the interests of the Canadian athletes attending these Championships, including arranging for the Canadian Team Party, near the end of the games. When you go to register, you will see that a “Canada Affiliate Fee” of \$30.00 is automatically charged to any athlete who indicates that he or she wishes to enter as a Canadian. This fee doesn’t provide 2011 membership in the CMAA, Athletics Canada or any Provincial Branch – it will be used to fund part of the costs of providing the Team Managers .

Membership

Membership in the CMAA for 2011 is necessary in order to compete in Sacramento. The combined membership currently being negotiated between CMAA, AC and the Provincial Branches, when finalized, will likely not be ready until the latter half of December. If an agreement isn’t able to be finalized for the 2011 year, it will still be necessary for athletes to have 2011 CMAA memberships to compete in Sacramento. The membership fees for any athletes who join, or have already joined, the CMAA for 2011 will be adjusted, after any agreement is finalized on the combined membership between CMAA and AC, to avoid duplicate membership payments.

Benefits of Online Registration

The benefits of online registration are numerous:

- Athletes will be able to register directly from the comfort of their own homes and will not need to submit a paper entry form.
- Using a password, online registration allows athletes to return to **www.wma2011.com** at any hour of the day to update their best marks, purchase tickets to the athlete party or even correct misspellings or mistakes they noticed after making their original entry.
- Athletes will have greater access to pre-meet information such as a real-time entries page.
- The online service does not give out personal information to anyone but the athlete’s affiliate and meet management – the same people who had access to their information with the previous paper entry process.
- Also, the online service doesn’t store entrants’ credit card or bank account numbers on its servers. Once payments are processed, account information is discarded.

To Register Online

To register for the 2011 WMA Championships online, follow these simple steps:

- Log on to www.wma2011.com and click on the “Register Online Now” link.
- In the “CMAA Membership Number” field, the system requires a CMAA or AC membership number. An entry with an invalid number won’t be processed.
- Fill out the entry form and submit payment by credit card or debit card.
- Fill in the “Time/mark” with your best recent performance for each of your events.
- If you are interested in being considered for a relay (on July 17, the last day of the Championships), click on “4x100 Relay Pool” or “4x400 Relay Pool”. There is no charge for this, and you won’t be under any obligation, but it will allow the managers to consider relay teams in advance.
- The computerized system produces both an on-screen confirmation and an email confirmation, with a password that athletes should print out and save for their records.

After You Have Registered

- Your entry will be stored in the entry database, and you will be able to go back to it, to update information or correct errors, using your password, until April 24, 2011.
- The CMAA will access the entry information for all Canadians, and will verify that all those entering have the required 2011 membership, and that we have proof of age for all athletes.
- If by mistake an entry has been processed for a non-member, the athlete will be given a chance to join the appropriate body, before the entry will be reversed.
- If we do not already have proof of your date of birth, you will be contacted to provide it to us.
- When each entry has been verified and cleared, CMAA will approve the entry.
- When you get to Sacramento, you will need to present photo identification to pick up your entry packet.

If You Wish More Information

- The Championship web site www.wma2011.com , contains lots of interesting information.
- Answers to certain questions are available by emailing info@wma2011.com .
- Regular Team Canada updates will be posted at: http://canadianmasters.ca/?page_id=1249
- Information for Canadians about entries, qualifications, birth dates, etc., is available by emailing Joan Christensen, at joanandvern@hotmail.com , or Brian Keaveney, at masters@sympatico.ca .
- If you do not have access to the online registration, please contact Joan Christensen, by mail at: 11 Lee Avenue, Toronto, ON M4E 2N8, or at her email address shown above.

See you in Sacramento!



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