**World Master Association: regulations for team events.**

**A summary of regulations.**

* A runner can only drop down to lower age group if there are insufficient runners in that age group to make up a team.
* The age group of a team will be the age group of the youngest member of that team.
* All runners actual age groups should be recorded on the team declaration form.
* Runners may only run once and in one race on the night.
* Mixed or composite teams other than those described above are not permitted.
* A runner’s individual performance will only be recognised if they compete in a race containing their age group.

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(Note: For ease of use, the WMA Rules of Competition additions and exceptions to the IAAF

Rules are arranged to correspond to the IAAF Competition Rules numbering system)

151.2.2 In road races, cross‐country races and road walk races, every athlete competes individually in their own age group. For team scoring purposes, athletes will only be permitted to drop to a lower age group to complete the required number for a team (3). All athletes on the team must compete and score in the race of the youngest member of the team.

The following requirements must all be met:

151.2.2.1 The lower age group shall be in the same race as that in which the athlete competes individually.

151.2.2.2 The athlete’s country does not have a sufficient number of athletes in that age group to make up a full team in that age group.

151.2.2.3 Every team must submit a start list that shows the names and original age group of all their athletes competing in a particular age group.

151.2.2.4 An athlete may only score in one team.

151.2.2.5 A maximum of two athletes from an older age group may be declared in a team not of their age group. Athletes may drop down more than one age group.

151.2.2.6 An athlete who joins a team of a lower age group will not lose the right to an individual medal in their own age group as long as all of the above rules are followed.

151.2.2.7 Should it be found that an athlete has entered for the team scoring in a younger age group wherein the Member has already sufficient athletes within the team’s age group to make up a full team, the team will be disqualified.

151.2.2.8 Athletes who join an age group team, in a race that does not include their age group, will lose the right to an individual medal and only count for the team.

A full copy of competition rules may be found on the following link:

http://www.ctma.tw/2018%20-%202020%20WMA%20RULES%20OF%20COMPETITION.pdf

(please note the reference to relays in the rules relates to track and field relays)