



WMA Championships Newsletter – April 2011

Runners (and throwers, hurdlers and jumpers) to your marks: Entry deadline is almost here - April 24

Athletes have until April 24 to register for the 2011 WMA Championships. As of 9 a.m. on April 19, more than 2,900 athletes had registered online at wma2011.com, and we're anticipating a surge of entries in the next few days.

The United States had the most entries as of April 19, with 923, followed by Germany (192), India (188), Great Britain and Northern Ireland (150), Australia (147), Mexico (127) and Canada (117). We look forward to having athletes from around the world join us in California for what will be a terrific event.

All affiliates must have their paper entries submitted online at wma2011.com or received by the Sacramento Local Organizing Committee by May 6.

As specified in the contract between the Sacramento LOC and the WMA Council, late entries from individual athletes will be accepted online with a \$50 late registration fee beginning April 25 through a to-be-determined date in May. The deadline for late entries will be posted online at wma2011.com in the coming weeks.

Athletes can make changes to their registration by visiting wma2011.com and using the password and instructions provided with the confirmation email. No refunds will be given to athletes who withdraw from the WMA Championships.

Hotel, dormitory rooms still available for WMA entrants

Hotel rooms are still available in the 24 contracted Local Organizing Committee properties. These hotels are located close to the various venues and include a free transportation pass along the Regional Transit train and bus system for the entire WMA Championships. Visit wma2011.com and click on the “Accommodations/Transportation” tab to make your reservation.

Dorm rooms are still available at Sacramento State near the main stadium. Visit <http://wma2011.com/en/dorms.htm> to reserve a dorm room.

No declarations needed at 2011 WMA Championships

With the lone exception of the marathon, there will be no need for athletes to check in or declare their intention to compete in an event until just before the scheduled time on the day of the event.

In the past, athletes were often required to declare a day or two before the first round of their respective events. With the electronic entry and timing system being used in Sacramento, there's no need to require early declaration. We think this will be a positive change, both for the athletes and the organizers.

Reporting procedure for all events in Sacramento:

- Pick up your credential and registration packet when you first arrive in Sacramento.
- The final call for athletes to report is at least 50 minutes before the scheduled start of each round of your event. Simply report to the appropriate Call Room (Clerking Area). The Call Room will be located at the venue where your competition is being held.
- Because of the early start time for the marathon, there will be no check-in or chip distribution on Sunday morning (July 16) at the Wellness Center.

More details about reporting procedures for all events will be posted online at wma2011.com.

For updates and previous newsletters, visit wma.2011.com.