

Masters Age Grading Policy

The purpose of this policy for age grading of performances at Alberta Masters Championship Competitions is to improve competition within each age group listed below. A greater number of masters' athletes can compete within each age group, which will provide meaningful and better competition. This age grading policy will be subject to review as required.

1. The categories for master athletes for competitions and awarding medals in **Alberta Championship Meets** shall be:

- **35-49 years of age**
- **50-64** “ “
- **65 +** “ “

(Referred to as “the Alberta Masters Age Categories”).

2. **Alberta Masters Age Categories** will be determined by master's year of birth calculated as of **December 31 of each year** (not as per WMA rule; first date of the meet).
3. Master athletes performances will be age-graded according to Hy-Tek **built in Age Grading Factors/Tables**.
4. Athletes performances will be age graded based on the year of birth within the Alberta Masters Age Categories (35-49, 50-65 and 65+).
5. Hy-Tek **One Year Age Grading Tables** will be used for **Standard Events** and **Five Year Age Grading Tables** will be used for **Multi-Events**.
6. **Medals will be awarded in the Alberta Masters Age Categories** of competition provided there are 3 or more athletes competing.
7. Provincial records shall be recognized based on pure mark in a 5 year age category commencing with 35-39, 40-44 etc. The date of birth shall determine the age category of the athlete as per the WMA rule for the purpose of setting records.
8. Host of the meet or Athletics Alberta Statistician shall produce Masters results according to WMA Standards for masters' records purposes and age grading performance statistics as follows:
 - Athlete's Age Category will be determined by his/her date of birth at the first day of the meet.
 - The report of masters' results will show age of athlete as F38, M50, F64, M72 etc.

- All athletes performances will show age graded marks and percentages calculated by one year age grading tables in standard events and five year age grading tables in multi-events.
9. The policy will be reviewed depending upon the numbers of athletes competing in the age categories (for example categories could be 10 year categories with the ultimate objective to be 5 year categories).

This is a procedure regarding age grading at Alberta Championship Meets.