

RULES OF THE Dr MARSHALL SHIELD COMPETITION

(Set at Annual general Meeting 1978)

A winter race program consisting of all proposed club runs, proposed Athletics Victoria events and other nominated events for the forthcoming season, is presented to the Annual General Meeting of the club. Once this program is accepted, only the events listed are used to accrue points toward the shield during the season.

NO FURTHER EVENTS MAY BE INCLUDED

Events which accrue points are:

- a. All Athletics Victoria events to which club championship points are allocated by the Association.
- b. Relay championships
- c. All club handicaps.
- d. All club scratch races
- e. Other special events nominated at the Annual General Meeting.

Scoring:

All points to accrue as follows

- a. One (1) point for appearance and assisting at the venue on the day of the run.
- or b. two (2) points for appearance and start in the event.
- or c. four (4) points for appearance, start and completion of the course.

Note: for relay events a person is deemed to have completed the course if they are in attendance and prepared to compete but are either not selected in a team or, are selected in a team which is not complete due to available numbers.

Bonus Points:

will only be allocated in the event of a tie as follows:

In the event of more than one (1) competitor obtaining the same number of accrued points at the end of the season, bonus points will be allocated to each of the "tied" competitors to decide the winner. These bonus points will be allocated for club handicaps only. Will be applied to place results (not fastest times) and for each competitors best three (3) results only.

eg. 1st placing will be allocated 1 point,

2nd placing will be allocated 2 points,

etc, etc,

13th placing " " " 13 points and so on until last place.

Each competitors best three (3) handicap placings points are to be totalled (therefore discarding their worst placed runs) and the LEAST total number of bonus points will decide the winner of the shield.

NO SCRATCH RACES ARE TO BE INCLUDED FOR BONUS POINTS

JUNIOR AND SHORT SUPPORT RACES :

Where alternative events are provided, for juniors and other competitors, in conjunction with events on which shield points accrue, points will be accorded but no bonus points will be considered. i.e. to be eligible for bonus points the competitor **must** complete three (3) of the Club open handicap events.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP :

The Club Cross Country Championship shall have a sealed handicap applied and the results of this handicap will form part of the Shield bonus point system.

The above rules are drawn from the minutes and motions of the following General meetings of the Club :

Annual Meeting 1978

Semi Annual meeting 26/3/86

Semi Annual meeting 6/4/87 and subsequent committee meetings.

M.J.Owen

Secretary

Coburg Harriers 1987.

Moved and accepted in total at the Annual General Meeting of the Club 20/4/91

M.J.Owen 1991

Dr. MARSHALL SHIELD RULES SIMPLIFIED

AWARD

The award is for consistency of attendance by Club members in support of the Club.

INTENT

The intention of the shield is to encourage all members of the Club to support the Club during the winter season.

EVENTS

Only winter season road and cross country events are involved as follows:

- •All Club handicaps , whether sealed, open or scratch start (Yacht races).
- •All Club scratch races.
- •All Athletics Victoria Championship races for which Club Pennant Championship points are scored.
- •Any other event the Club committee nominates when the season fixture is accepted at the start of the season.

SCORING:

Two scoring systems are used :-

a. Attendance -

1 point for being in attendance & assisting with the organisation of the race. or

2 points for attending and starting in the event. or

4 points for attending, starting and completing the course.

b. Handicap Placing :-

The competitor is allocated a number of points equal to the place obtained in each handicap.

The winner of the shield is decided by points system a/

System b/ is only used as a count back decider to separate competitors who are equal on points from system a/ at the completion of the season.

Certain Club events may be designated as OPEN events. That is members of the general public were invited to enter.

Club members will be required to assist as officials and/or aid in the setting up of the courses thus preventing them from running in the event. The Committee decreed that these persons will not be disadvantaged in the Dr. Marshall shield scoring.

Each member who forfeits a run in this way, on the specified occasions, will receive full points (4) as if they had completed the course. They will also be recorded as if they had finished in 4th place. i.e. 4 points in the event of a count back at end of season.

Club members may be rostered for these events but may arrange suitable substitutes in their place to enable them to race.

M.J.Owen 1992