



**North and Central American and Caribbean
Masters Athletics**

CONSTITUTION

2025

North and Central American and Caribbean Masters Athletics

1. NAME

The name of the Association shall be the **North and Central American and Caribbean Masters Athletics “NCCMA”** (formerly known as: North and Central American and Caribbean Regional Association of WAVA).

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. ASSOCIATION: the entity responsible for coordinating and fostering Masters athletics in North America, Central America and the Caribbean.
- 2.2. BY-LAWS: the laws which implement the principles and processes described in this Constitution.
- 2.3. COMMITTEE: a standing or ad hoc committee established under this Constitution.
- 2.4. COUNCIL: the body responsible for the administration of NCCMA.
- 2.5. DELEGATES: representatives to the General Assembly of Member Countries.
- 2.6. GENERAL ASSEMBLY: a meeting of the Council and Delegates.
- 2.7. MASTERS: men and women thirty-five years of age and over who participate in the sport of athletics.
- 2.8. MEMBER COUNTRY: a country in the NCCMA Region, having a current affiliation with WMA.
- 2.9. NCCMA CHAMPIONSHIPS: the major regional championships, normally held in odd numbered years, consisting of athletic events.
- 2.10. WMA: World Masters Athletics, the international governing body for Masters who compete in the sport of athletics.

3. PURPOSES

- 3.1. To foster and promote the systematic development of Masters' athletics in the NCCMA region.
- 3.2. To sanction international Masters athletics meetings within the NCCMA Region.
- 3.3. To sanction Masters athletics meetings between WMA Regions in accordance with procedures acceptable to WMA.
- 3.4. To represent Masters from the NCCMA Region in the administrative activities of WMA.
- 3.5. To authenticate and maintain NCCMA Regional Masters records.
- 3.6. To foster international fellowship, understanding, and cooperation.

4. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

4.1. The General Assembly shall consist of:

4.1.1. The COUNCIL, and

4.1.2. DELEGATES - Each Member Country shall have a minimum of one (1) Delegate to represent that Member Country and exercise its voting rights. Each Member Country shall have one (1) additional Delegate for each fifty (50) of its registered competitors at the last three NCCMA Championships, to a maximum of four (4) additional Delegates.

4.2. RESPONSIBILITIES

4.2.1. The General Assembly shall be the governing body of NCCMA. It shall elect the Council, amend the Constitution, approve the financial statement, and accept or reject proposals for championship venues and dates.

4.2.2. The General Assembly shall delegate responsibility for actions other than the above to the duly elected Council, which shall administer the affairs of NCCMA.

4.3. MEETINGS

4.3.1. Regular Meetings of the General Assembly shall be held in conjunction with the NCCMA Championships. An additional meeting may be held in conjunction with the WMA Outdoor World Championships.

4.3.2. The President and two (2) additional members of the Council, or twenty (20) percent of the Delegates may call upon the General Assembly to decide on a specific issue by electronic vote.

4.4. ELECTRONIC VOTES

4.4.1. If an electronic vote is called, the Secretary shall send the ballots to all eligible voters within one week. Votes shall be transmitted electronically.

5. THE COUNCIL

5.1. The Council consists of five members, elected by the General Assembly:

5.1.1. PRESIDENT

5.1.2. EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT (formerly Vice-President)

5.1.3. VICE-PRESIDENT COMPETITION

5.1.4. SECRETARY

5.1.5. TREASURER

5.2. The Council shall administer the affairs of NCCMA but may be overruled by a majority vote of the General Assembly. It shall:

- 5.2.1 ensure that the NCCMA Championships are organized and conducted with the best interests of members in mind and in a manner consistent with WMA competition policies;
- 5.2.2 approve a budget and conduct activities so identified;
- 5.2.3 have accounts audited, internally or externally, at least every second year;
- 5.2.4 determine such fees as may be necessary to ensure the financial stability of NCCMA; and
- 5.2.5 establish and modify By-Laws.

5.3. MEETINGS. Meetings of the Council may be held at the call of the President or when requested by at least two other Council member. Voting may be in person, or electronically.

6. COMMITTEES

6.1 Committees assist the Council. There are two standing Committees:

- Competition Committee
- Organizational Committee

6.2 The Council may add *ad hoc* Committees or set up task forces to deal with specific matters.

7. ELECTIONS

7.1. The elections shall be held during the General Assembly. The President and Treasurer shall be elected at the General Assembly in 2027 for a term of four years, with a maximum of two consecutive terms. The Secretary, Vice President-Competition and Executive Vice President shall be elected at the General Assembly in 2029 for a term of four years, with a maximum of two consecutive terms. Such elections shall take place during the General Assembly held in conjunction with the NCCMA Championships.

7.2. Nominations must be sent to the Secretary a minimum of forty-five (45) days in advance of the Elections.

7.3. All contested elections shall be conducted by secret ballot of the members of the General Assembly, with a majority of votes cast required for election. If there are more than two nominees for any position and no nominee receives a majority, then the candidate with the lowest number of votes shall be dropped from the voting and another vote taken; such procedure shall continue until a candidate receives a majority of the votes cast.

8. VACANT OFFICE

8.1. In the event of a Council office not being filled by election, or falling vacant during a term, the Council shall select and appoint a replacement to serve until the end of the next

General Assembly at which time the members of the General Assembly shall elect an individual to serve in the vacant office until the original term would have expired.

9. COMPETITORS, IMPEACHMENT, COMPETITION RULES.

9.1. Eligibility of competitors, Impeachment Procedures, and Competition and Technical Rules shall be as fixed by WMA, as amended by NCCMA Bylaws.

10. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

10.1. This Constitution may only be amended by two thirds majority of votes cast by the General Assembly members in a duly convened meeting or by electronic vote. Proposals for amendments must be sent to the Secretary sixty (60) days before the votes are to be counted. The Secretary shall send the proposals to General Assembly members forty-five (45) days before the votes are to be counted.

11. LANGUAGES

11.1. English and Spanish shall be the official languages of the Association. Both will be used when needed.

TRANSITION:

Upon approval of this Constitution by the General Assembly, the Council shall consist of those members previously elected and identified in Section 5.1. The new position of Vice-President of Competition shall be selected and appointed by the new Council. The President and Treasurer shall continue to serve until the end of the Championships in 2027; the newly appointed Vice President-Competition, Executive Vice-President, and Secretary shall continue to serve until the end of the Championships in 2029.