Saskatchewan Athletics Policy on Recognizing Provincial Track and Field Records

1. Introduction

Saskatchewan Athletics is dedicated to promoting excellence in track and field. As part of this commitment, we recognize and celebrate outstanding athletic achievements by maintaining an official record of provincial track and field records. This policy outlines the criteria and procedures for the recognition of these records.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish a standardized process for the verification, recognition, and documentation of provincial track and field records in Saskatchewan. This ensures that records are recognized fairly, consistently, and transparently.

3. Definitions

- **Saskatchewan Provincial Record**: The best performance recorded in a specific track and field event by a Saskatchewan athlete or team irrespective of where the competition was held.
- **Saskatchewan Open Record**: The best performance recorded in a specific track and field event by an athlete or team competing in Saskatchewan, or the best performance recorded in a specific track and field event by a Saskatchewan athlete or team irrespective of where the competition was held.
- **Recognized Competitions**: Competitions sanctioned by Athletics Canada, World Athletics, or other governing bodies recognized by Saskatchewan Athletics.
- **Automatic Timing**: Electronic timing system that records times to at least one-hundredth of a second accuracy.
- **Hand Timing**: Timing recorded by hand-held stopwatches.

4. Eligibility Criteria

4.1. Athlete Eligibility

- Saskatchewan Athletes must be a registered member of Saskatchewan Athletics at the time the record performance is achieved. Athletes must hold a Full Year Competitive Membership.
- Saskatchewan Athletes must hold a valid Saskatchewan Health Card and/or be a resident of Saskatchewan for a minimum of 2 years.
- Athletes who reside outside of Canada are eligible to establish Saskatchewan provincial records, provided they hold a valid Saskatchewan Athletics Full Year Competitive Membership or Seasonal Membership at the time of their performance.

- Athletes holding only a Recreational Membership, Community Membership, and/or a day pass/meet pass are not eligible to claim a record.
- Out of province athletes competing for a Saskatchewan Open Record must be registered members of their Provincial and/or National Sport Organization at the time of their performance.
- Records are maintained in the following categories for men and women: U14, U16, U18, U20, Senior, Masters.
- An athlete may claim a record in their own age class and in all higher age classes irrespective of the age class of the event in which the performance was made when the technical specifications of the event are the same across age classes.
- For relay events, all members of the relay team must be members of Saskatchewan Athletics.
- For relay events, all members of the relay team must belong to the same club.
- For relay teams not representing a club, only provincial teams such as those competing at the Canada Summer Games, Legion Championships, Western Canada Team Challenge, and branch relay teams at the Indoor or Outdoor National Championships will be considered for records.
- Relay records for Masters athletes are not recognized.

4.2. Event Eligibility

- The record must be set in a competition sanctioned by the relevant governing athletic body (Saskatchewan Athletics or another Provincial Sport Organization, Athletics Canada or another National Sport Organization, etc.)
- The event must comply with the rules and regulations set forth by Athletics Canada and World Athletics.
- Athletes must adhere to the most up to date version of the World Athletics Athletic Shoe Regulations.
- Records are maintained for indoor events and outdoor events.
- For current event specifications for events in which records are maintained refer to the Saskatchewan Athletics website.

4.3. Timing and Measurement

- For track events, times must be recorded using automatic timing systems.
- For field events, measurements must be recorded using certified equipment and verified by qualified officials.

- Hand timing to follow Athletics Canada's Technical Rules regarding hand timing.
- may only be considered for record purposes if automatic timing is not available and is deemed acceptable by the Executive Director of Saskatchewan Athletics.
- For outdoor track and field events that require wind readings, the wind readings cannot exceed +2.0m per second.
- Indoor track events must take place on an indoor track no longer than 200m.
- Indoor track events that take place on oversized tracks longer than 200m may be considered for separate oversized track records.

5. Submission and Verification Process

5.1. Record Submission

- Performances that take place within Saskatchewan will be monitored by Saskatchewan Athletics and do not need to be submitted for record consideration.
- Performances that take place outside of Saskatchewan must be submitted to Saskatchewan Athletics within 30 days of the performance.
- The submission must include:
    - Official results from the competition.
    - Date and location of the competition.

5.2. Verification

- The Executive Director will review the submission to ensure all criteria are met.
- The Executive Director may request additional information or clarification if necessary.
- The Executive Director will verify the competition's recognition status and compliance with relevant rules.
- No record breaking performance will be accepted if it is determined that the athlete has received illegal assistance as outlined in World Athletics rules.

5.3. Ratification

- All records are pending until they are ratified annually by the Saskatchewan Athletics Board of Directors at the Annual General Meeting.
- Records will be published on the Saskatchewan Athletics website and included in the official records database.

6. Appeals

- Appeals regarding the denial of a record claim must be submitted in writing to the Saskatchewan Athletics Executive Director.
- The Board of Directors and Executive Director will review the appeal and make a final determination.

7. Record Maintenance

- Saskatchewan Athletics will maintain an up-to-date database of all pending and ratified provincial records.
- Records will be regularly reviewed and updated to reflect new achievements and any corrections as necessary.

8. Review and Amendments

- This policy will be reviewed annually by the Board of Directors to ensure it remains current and effective.
- Amendments to this policy may be proposed by the Board of Directors.

9. Effective Date

This policy is effective as of October 30, 2026 and supersedes all previous policies regarding the recognition of provincial track and field records.

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By establishing this policy, Saskatchewan Athletics aims to uphold the integrity of provincial track and field records, ensuring that they are recognized accurately and celebrated appropriately.

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