

# Veterans Category (Men & Women)

# Age Group V

22+ on 1<sup>st</sup> day of the games. No upper age limit.

# DOB

25/05/2002 or before.

# **Eligibility criteria**

Competitors must have competed in at least one previous OGI games.

Same rules will apply on whether a competitor is classified as Italian or Non-Italian as is applied to younger age groups.

Likewise, same "Club Runner/Athlete" rule will apply for a non-Italian competitor as is applied to younger age groups.

Veteran competitors will be included in the team's ratio of Italians to non-Italian. (Minimum 60% of a team's competitors must be of Italian origin)

# Available events.

# Individual Track & Field

100m, 800m, Long Jump & Javelin

# **Team Track**

4 x 100m relay 4 x 400m relay

There are **<u>NO</u>** swimming or Netball events open to veterans.

The maximum number of individual events which a veteran can enter is **Three** and they cannot enter both the 100m & 800m races. They may only enter **One** of these events.

Minimum number of individual events is **One.** 

The maximum number of team events is **Two**.



# **Competitor Registration Timetable**

# **Competitor Registration Period**

#### 01/12/2023

OGI competitor database goes live, and TM's can start to upload registration details using the OGI spread sheet which we will send to you, from this date.

You may upload details as often or as little as you like but, it's a good idea to start uploading sooner rather than later. This way, any mistakes which you may have made, in your registration process gets picked up sooner and can be corrected.

Whenever you upload, always include all the competitors on your database, even the ones that you may have previously uploaded, as the OGI database will update everyone automatically. <u>Do not</u> only upload your new registrations, as by doing so, will result in all your previous uploaded competitors, being deleted.

You may add or remove a competitor or change their events on your spread sheet, as often as you like, up until the registration deadline date. But please remember to upload these amendments, regularly, to ensure that they are updated on our system.

You must also ensure that each competitor and their parents/guardians complete and sign, all the relevant sections of the OGI registration form and that they supply **Two** passport size photographs. One of which must be attached to the form and one of which will be used on their ID card, which we will supply nearer the games.

Both photographs must show recent and identical images and be taken with the subject facing the camera in front of a light-coloured background. No headgear, dark sunglasses or face coverings should be worn, and the eyes must be open.

You will be required to submit all your completed registration forms to OGI no later than the start of the first day of the games (25/05/2024).

#### 31/03/2024

Is the registration deadline date. All competitors **must** be registered and uploaded onto OGI's database by midnight of the 31/03/2024.

# After this date, no further competitor registrations will be allowed, irrespective of individual circumstances.



#### **Amendments Period**

#### 01/04/2024 - 29/04/2024

From this point onwards, and up until the meeting where we declare the events, you will only be allowed to withdraw competitors or make amendments to their events.

During this period, you can make as many alterations as you wish, and you can upload these changes as often as you wish. However, you will not be allowed to re-register a competitor once you have withdrawn them, irrespective of the circumstances of their withdrawal.

# Therefore, it is important that you triple check that any amendments which you make, are correct, before uploading the file onto our database.

As per the registration period, you should upload the complete file when updating our database. Therefore, it would be prudent not to remove any competitor until you are 100% sure that they will no longer compete.

#### **Declaration of Events**

#### 30/04/2024

A TM meeting will be held, during which we try to turn as many non-scoring events into scoring events as possible.

At the end of this meeting, the events will be declared.

Once events are declared, their status cannot change, even if competitors are subsequently withdrawn.

Also, no further changes can be made to a competitor's events, from this point onwards, they can only be withdrawn.

#### **Event Status**

- Scoring event: Is where three or more teams are competing, irrespective of the number of individual competitors entered. Medals awarded in a scoring event will count towards both the OGI Shield and The Les Rickard Trophy.
- **Non-Scoring event:** Is one where only two teams are entered, irrespective of the number of individual competitors entered. A non-scoring event will still be run, with medals presented, but the medals awarded will not count towards the OGI Shield, but they will count towards The Les Rickard Trophy.
- **Non-Event:** Is one where only one or no teams are entered and will not take place.



# **Club Athletes**

OGI's rule book states the following:

# 2.4 Definition of a Club Athlete

For the purpose of OGI an individual whose name or details appear on any database or reference site, which is operated or recognised by either UK Athletics or British Swimming, including any of their subsidiaries, will be classified as being a Club Athlete. Irrespective of whether the individual is or has ever been a member of an athletics or swimming club.

# 2.5 Eligibility of a Club Athlete with Italian origin to compete.

A competitor who is classified as being of Italian origin (Rule 2.3) and who is also classified as being a Club Athlete (Rule 2.4) can register and compete in OGI.

### 2.6 Eligibility of a Club Athlete with non-Italian origin to compete.

A competitor who is classified as being of non-Italian origin (Rule 2.3) and who is also classified as being a Club Athlete (Rule 2.4) <u>CANNOT</u> register and compete in OGI.

It is the responsibility of each team to ensure that their non-Italian competitors comply with Rule 2.6. While OGIC normally carries out its own checks on registered competitors, before the start of the games, this year's extension of the registration period until the end of March, will make this harder. Therefore, more than ever, the onus will fall on the teams to ensure that all their non-Italians can legitimately compete.

You should carry out regular checks using the following sites:

http://www.thepowerof10.info/ http://www.runbritainrankings.com/ http://www.englandathletics.org/athletics-in-school/english-schools-athletic-association/esaa-results http://www.britishathletics.org.uk/competitions/fixtures-and-results/ http://swimming.org/asa/clubs-and-members/membership-check https://swimmingresults.org/individualbest/ https://swimmingresults.org/ https://www.swimmingresults.org/12months/

Furthermore, you should also carry out regular checks on google.

Do not assume that because a name doesn't appear on your first check, that all is clear. Check and keep checking, right up to the night before the games.



Keep a record of all your checks, to show that you have carried out "Due Diligence", in the event of a problem coming to light over the three days.

If you find out that someone fails to comply with Rule 2.6 after you have registered them, withdraw them before the start of the games. Do not think "That you may get away with it".

If you're not sure about a competitor, if you have any doubts, then err on the side of caution. It is better to be safe than sorry.

Remember, you will face no sanctions for withdrawing someone before the games have started, but you may once they have.

Once OGI has started, any non-Italian who is discovered to have failed to comply with Rule 2.6, then the following sanctions **WILL** be imposed:

The competitor will be disqualified from all events and any individual medals already won, forfeited.

If the competitor has taken part in any team event, then the whole team for that event will be disqualified, with any medals won forfeited.

Furthermore, the following sanctions may also be imposed, in the event of it being deemed that "Due Diligence" was not followed:

A deduction of up to 20 Gold Medals from the teams overall medal tally and the possible disqualification of the whole team from that years OGI, if further breaches of Rule 2.6 come to light.

• Please refer to the OGI Rule Book for further information.