August 30, 1986

Dear Masters Competitor:

Thank you for participating in our 1st annual National Masters News Age-Handicapping Meet on August 23 at Birmingham High in Van Nuys.

For our first effort, it seemed to turn out pretty well. The comments I heard were favorable, and I hope you enjoyed the competition and the unique age-handicapping system.

You're the final judge of whether this concept is a success, and whether it should be repeated, so I'm enclosing a short survey. If you could take a few moments to fill it out and drop it in the mail, I'd appreciate it. If your response is favorable, we'll do it again next year. If it's not, we may forget about it.

Also enclosed is an advance copy of the results. Even though we'll publish them in our October issue, I thought you might like to see them right away. The Van Nuys Daily News, by the way, gave us good publicity and published these results in the Neighbors section of their Wed. August 27 edition. You may have seen it.

Please give me your comments -- both pro and con -- and we'll report on the meet and your comments in our October issue.

Thanks again for coming,

Al Sheahen
Editor/meet director

P.S. We had a total of 72 signups -- small by most meet standards, but it didn't seem to matter because, with a couple of exceptions, the competition was keen.

P.P.S. I'd like to thank all our volunteer helpers, without whom we couldn't have done it -- especially Bill Adler and Christel Miller, who coordinated everything.

And a special note of thanks to Pete Mundle and Charles Phillips, who created the age-handicapping tables we used.
Below are the results of the meet on August 23. The calculations are basically divided into three categories:

1) Distance Handicap Events (100, 200, 400, 400H)

Each competitor ran less than the full distance, based on his or her age. If Carl Lewis had been there, he would have started from scratch. In the 100, he would have run about a 10.5 (since it was into a wind). Walt Butler, the winner, ran 10.8 with his 7.9 meter handicap. So, theoretically, Lewis would have caught Butler near the finish and won.

What would Butler have run if he had maintained that same pace for the full 100 meters? Simple to figure. Just divide 10.9 (the time it took him to run 92.1 meters) by 92.1 and multiply by 100 meters, and you get 11.8. You can figure any of those four events the same way.

Looking at another event, the 400: Ben Brown, who is 32, got a 15-meter handicap, and ran 46.1. So Anthony McCay or Edwin Moses would have had to run 46.0 to beat him. That gives you an idea of the caliber of Brown's race -- it's very close to national class. Brown has run 47.7 in open competition this year, and, if we figure what he ran in this meet, we divide 46.1 by 385 meters (the distance he actually ran), and multiply by 400 and we get 47.9 -- an outstanding effort. And it took a great race to beat Gene Harte (47.0) and Bob Watanabe (47.7), two of the best 400-meter men in the M60 division in the world.

Another interesting statistical note: If you take Harte's time of 47.0, and divide it (as we did for Butler and Brown) by the distance run (322m), we get 47.0/322 x 400 = 58.4. Harte is good, but he's not that good. He has run close to 60 this year. So why so fast? Probably because he only had to run 322 meters, not 400, so he was able to run at a faster pace.

We factored all that into the handicaps, and, between you and me, it was the trickiest thing to do in the entire handicapping system. We think it worked, since Dr. Track and myself, working independently, both came up with virtually the same handicaps to allow for the lesser distance run.

2) Time Handicap Events (800, 1500, 5000)

These events seemed to go smoothly, although the 1500 field was rather small. George Cohen ran away with the 800, although if Ben Brown had arrived a few minutes earlier, it would have been quite a battle. With the oldest runner starting at 1:00, George started 1:23 later, and wound up with a total winning time of 3:39.0. It was easy for him to figure the exact time he ran for the actual 800 meters: 3:39 - 1:23 = 2:06.0. You did the same, if you ran in any of these events.

Although most everyone had gone by then, the 5000 was a thrilling race, with Jim Brownfield cutting into Patrick Devine's 23-second head start relentlessly as each lap went by. Devine had something left, however, and held Brownfield off by only 1.6 seconds.

By the way, that was Dr. Track, himself -- Charles Phillips -- who finished second to Cohen in the 800, with a 3:48.9 (actual 2:25.9). Phillips flew in from Washington, D.C. to observe the proceedings and offer his advice. We were honored to have him.
3) Field events and short hurdles

Here the competition took place as usual, and then the age-handicaps were added in (or subtracted, in the case of the hurdles) to determine the winner. The only question here was whether to do the figuring in meters or in feet/inches. For ease of measurement and understanding, we used feet/inches. However, that's a little more complex when you try to add it up in the heat of the moment, and we goofed on the long jump results. John Damski was 2nd, not 3rd; Edith Mendyka was 3rd, not 4th, and Joe Caruso was 5th, not 2nd. It's easier to add and subtract in meters, but is it clearer in feet/inches? What's your preference?

Points were scored on a 6-4-3-2-1 basis to give the meet a little extra flavor. The LA Valley AC narrowly defeated Corona Del Mar, 50-46, to cop the team trophy. (Corona del Mar has already vowed to "get even" next year). The individual high-point honors went to Burl Gist, who tallied 14 points with two wins (HH & HJ) and a 4th (LJ). That's an outstanding effort against this kind of competition and clearly stamps Gist as one of the top masters athletes in the world. Of course, we knew that already, but this adds to his reputation. Also performing at a very high level were Gene Harte (12 pts.), and Bob Watanabe, Tom Patsalis and John Damski (all with 10 pts.). And right behind were Dave Douglass (9), Nick Newton (8), Edith Mendyka and Jim Vernon (both 7). We had planned to give an "outstanding athlete-of-the-meet" award, but thought we'd better not get too ambitious. We plan to do it next year, and will consider Gist the winner of the award for 1986, and will plan a delayed (by one year) ceremony.

RESULTS - NMN AGE-HANDICAPPING MEET - VAN NUYS, CAL. - AUGUST 23, 1986

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### TEAM RESULTS (Based on 6-4-3-2-1 scoring)

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### INDIVIDUAL POINT TOTALS (Based on 6-4-3-2-1)

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1. Did you enjoy the meet? ______________________________________

2. In general, did you like the age-handicapping system? ______________________________________

3. Would you participate in a similar handicapping meet next year? ______________________________________

4. If so, would you prefer it in the spring, summer or autumn? ______________________________________

5. How about if we hold it on Nov. 14, 1987 -- just prior to Melbourne? ______________________________________

6. Did the handicaps seem fair? ______________________________________

7. Did your event(s) go smoothly and professionally? ______________________________________

8. If you ran the 100, 200, 400, or 400H, did you like the head start, with the winner being the first to cross the finish line? Or would you prefer to run the full distance, and then have the handicaps figured later? ______________________________________

9. Were you disappointed that only the first three finishers got trophies? ______________________________________

10. Would you prefer trophies or medals? _______ Would you like to see cash prizes? ______________________________________

11. Shall we continue the team award? __________

12. Should late entries be taken? ______________________________________

13. If a competitor false starts, should he/she:
   a. be disqualified, per TAC Masters rules ______________________________________
   b. be given a second chance, per IAAF rules ______________________________________
   c. be moved back one meter ______________________________________

14. Do you prefer the name; "age-handicapping" or "age-graded"? ______________________________________

15. For the field events, should we use meters or feet/inches? ______________________________________

16. Would you like to see open athletes invited? (They'd start at scratch, of course) ______________________________________

17. How did you hear about the meet? __________

18. Would you like to see several local meets use age-handicapping? Or is one meet a year enough? ______________________________________

19. What did you like most? ______________________________________

20. What did you like least? ______________________________________

21. Comments: ______________________________________

22. Optional: Name ______________________________________
   Address ______________________________________
   City __________ State __________ Zip __________
1. Did you enjoy the meet? ____________ YES ____________
2. In general, did you like the age-handicapping system? YES ____________
3. Would you participate in a similar handicapping meet next year? YES ____________
4. If so, would you prefer it in the spring, summer or autumn? AUTUMN ____________
5. How about if we hold it on Nov. 4, 1987 -- just prior to Melbourne? VERY GOOD ____________
6. Did the handicaps seem fair? YES ____________
7. Did your event(s) go smoothly and professionally? YES ____________
8. If you ran the 100, 200, 400, or 400H, did you like the head start, with the winner being the first to cross the finish line? Or would you prefer to run the full distance, and then have the handicaps figured later? HEAD START ____________
9. Were you disappointed that only the first three finishers got trophies? NO ____________
10. Would you prefer trophies or money? NO ____________ Would you like to see cash prizes? NO ____________
11. Shall we continue the team awards? YES ____________
12. Should late entries be taken? NO ____________
13. If a competitor false starts, should he/she: a. be disqualified, per TAC Masters rules b. be given a second chance, per IAAF rules YES ____________ c. be moved back one meter ____________
14. Do you prefer the name: "age-handicapping" or "age-graded?" AGE HANDICAPPING ____________
15. For the field events, should we use meters or feet/inches? METERS ____________
16. Would you like to see open athletes invited? (They'd start at scratch, of course) YES ____________
17. How did you hear about the meet? N.M.N. ____________
18. Would you like to see several local meets use age-handicapping? Or is one meet a year enough? SEVERAL ____________
19. What did you like most? EFFICIENCY ____________
20. What did you like least? ____________
21. Comments: THIS TYPE OF MEET OFFERS MORE COMPETITION AND REFLECTS A FAIR EVALUATION OF ONE'S ACHIEVEMENT IT IS BETTER TO BE 5TH OUT OF TEN THAN TO BE 3RD OUT OF 3 ____________

22. Optional: Name JOHN DAMSKI ____________
   Address 15140 MAHLIN ST. ____________
   City V.M. State CA Zip 91411 ____________
1. Did you enjoy the meet? Very Much
2. In general, did you like the age-handicapping system? Yes
3. Would you participate in a similar handicapping meet next year? Yes
4. If so, would you prefer it in the spring, summer or autumn? Autumn
5. How about if we hold it on Nov. 14, 1987 -- just prior to Melbourne? O.K.
6. Did the handicaps seem fair? Yes
7. Did your event(s) go smoothly and professionally? Yes
8. If you ran the 100, 200, 400, or 400H, did you like the head start, with the winner being the first to cross the finish line? Or would you prefer to run the full distance, and then have the handicaps figured later? Did not run
9. Were you disappointed that only the first three finishers got trophies? No
10. Would you prefer trophies or medals? Trophies. Would you like to see cash prizes? No
11. Shall we continue the team award? Yes
12. Should late entries be taken? No No
13. If a competitor false starts, should he/she:
   a. be disqualified, per TAC Masters rules
   b. be given a second chance, per IAAF rules
   c. be moved back one meter
14. Do you prefer the name: "age-handicapping" or "age-graded?" Age handicapping
15. For the field events, should we use meters or feet/inches? Feet & inches
16. Would you like to see open athletes invited? (They'd start at scratch, of course) No
17. How did you hear about the meet? N. M. N.
18. Would you like to see several local meets use age-handicapping? Or is one meet a year enough? One a year.
19. What did you like most? Look on young guys when they didn't win.
20. What did you like least?
21. Comments: Sorry I'm so late with this Al.

22. Optional: Name: BURL GIST
    Address: 2840 GIST RD.
    City: San Marcos  State: CA  Zip: 92069
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19. What did you like most? ____________

20. What did you like least? ____________

21. Comments: ____________

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SURVEY ON NATIONAL MASTERS NEWS AGE-HANDICAPPING MEET -- AUGUST 23, 1986

1. Did you enjoy the meet? 
   **Yes, very much**

2. In general, did you like the age-handicapping system? 
   **Yes**

3. Would you participate in a similar handicapping meet next year? 
   **Yes**

4. If so, would you prefer it in the spring, summer or autumn? 
   **Autumn**

5. How about if we hold it on Nov. 14, 1987 -- just prior to Melbourne? 
   **OK**

6. Did the handicaps seem fair? 
   **Yes**

7. Did your event(s) go smoothly and professionally? 
   **Yes**

8. If you ran the 100, 200, 400, or 400H, did you like the head start, with the winner being the first to cross the finish line? Or would you prefer to run the full distance, and then have the handicaps figured later? 
   **If you ran the 100, 200, 400, or 400H, did you like the head start, with the winner being the first to cross the finish line? Or would you prefer to run the full distance, and then have the handicaps figured later?**

9. Were you disappointed that only the first three finishers got trophies? 

10. Would you prefer trophies or medals? **Trophies** Would you like to see cash prizes? **No**

11. Shall we continue the team award? 
   **Yes**

12. Should late entries be taken? 
   **Yes, but a cutoff point is probably needed.**

13. If a competitor false starts, should he/she: 
   a. be disqualified, per TAC Masters rules 
   b. be given a second chance, per IAAF rules 
   c. be moved back one meter 

14. Do you prefer the name: "age-handicapping" or "age-graded"? 
   **age handicapping**

15. For the field events, should we use meters or feet/inches? 
   **Meters**

16. Would you like to see open athletes invited? (They'd start at scratch, of course) 
   **No**

17. How did you hear about the meet? 
   **That it was interesting**

18. Would you like to see several local meets use age-handicapping? Or is one meet a year enough? 

19. What did you like most? 
   **People seem to have fun**

20. What did you like least? 

21. Comments: 
   **Good meet, nice friendships and good sportsmanship**

22. Optional: Name 
   **Jack Fletcher**

   Address 
   **455 Marine Ave.**

   City 
   **Manhattan Beach**

   State 
   **Ca.**

   Zip 
   **90266**
SURVEY ON NATIONAL MASTERS NEWS AGE-HANDICAPPING MEET -- AUGUST 23, 1986

1. Did you enjoy the meet? **YES**

2. In general, did you like the age-handicapping system? **YES**

3. Would you participate in a similar handicapping meet next year? **YES**

4. If so, would you prefer it in the spring, summer or autumn? **AUTUMN**

5. How about if we hold it on Nov. 14, 1987 -- just prior to Melbourne? **OCTOBER SANTA BARBARA MEET**

6. Did the handicaps seem fair? **YES**

7. Did your event(s) go smoothly and professionally? **YES**

8. If you ran the 100, 200, 400, or 400H, did you like the head start, with the winner being the first to cross the finish line? Or would you prefer to run the full distance, and then have the handicaps figured later? **If there is a large turn out, four places would be fine.**

9. Were you disappointed that only the first three finishers got trophies? **NO**

10. Would you prefer trophies or medals? **TROPHIES** (Would you like to see cash prizes?)

11. Shall we continue the team award? **YES**

12. Should late entries be taken? **YES**

13. If a competitor false starts, should he/she:
   a. be disqualified, per TAC Masters rules
   b. be given a second chance, per IAAF rules
   c. be moved back one meter
      **(V)**

14. Do you prefer the name: "age-handicapping" or "age-graded?"

15. For the field events, should we use meters or feet/inches? **FEET AND INCHES**

16. Would you like to see open athletes invited? (They'd start at scratch, of course) **YES**

17. How did you hear about the meet? **NATIONAL MASTERS NEWS**

18. Would you like to see several local meets use age-handicapping? Or is one meet a year enough? **TWO EARLY AND ONE LATER**

19. What did you like most? ____________

20. What did you like least? ____________

21. Comments: **I enjoyed the meet, especially the races with the slower men. Running less disturbed. The finishers were fun to see. Although, I entered only the pole vault and high jump, I might enter the 100M in the April meet.**

22. Optional: Name **Elmer J. Siegel**
   Address **26 South Betsy Ave**
   City **Alhambra**
   State **CA.**
   Zip **91801**
SURVEY ON NATIONAL MASTERS NEWS AGE-HANDICAPPING MEET -- AUGUST 23, 1986

1. Did you enjoy the meet?  Yes
2. In general, did you like the age-handicapping system?  Yes
3. Would you participate in a similar handicapping meet next year?  Yes
4. If so, would you prefer it in the spring, summer or autumn?  Summer
5. How about if we hold it on Nov. 14, 1987 -- just prior to Melbourne?  Sounds like a good tune-up for those going
6. Did the handicaps seem fair?  Yes
7. Did your event(s) go smoothly and professionally?  Yes
8. If you ran the 100, 200, 400, or 400H, did you like the head start, with the winner being the first to cross the finish line? Or would you prefer to run the full distance, and then have the handicaps figured later?  I liked the head start (my speed is better than my endurance)
9. Were you disappointed that only the first three finishers got trophies?  No
10. Would you prefer trophies or medals?  Trophies  Would you like to see cash prizes?  No
11. Shall we continue the team award?  Yes
12. Should late entries be taken?  Yes w/ fee
13. If a competitor false starts, should he/she:
   a. be disqualified, per TAC Masters rules  X
   b. be given a second chance, per IAAF rules
   c. be moved back one meter
14. Do you prefer the name: "age-handicapping" or "age-graded?"  Age-graded
15. For the field events, should we use meters or feet/inches?  No opinion
16. Would you like to see open athletes invited? (They'd start at scratch, of course)  Name athletes if available
17. How did you hear about the meet?  Club
18. Would you like to see several local meets use age-handicapping? Or is one meet a year enough?  One
19. What did you like most?  Strong competition in the sprints, the 100yd final was an "event"
20. What did you like least?  Low turnout
21. Comments:
   a) Several people thought that age-handicapping also included handicapping with respect to their performance
   b) For some reason, the women participation was poor
   c) Hurdles at Birmingham High are in poor shape -- not adjustable as needed

[Signed] Kim
1. Did you enjoy the meet? **YES**

2. In general, did you like the age-handicapping system? **YES, A DECIDEDLY DIFFERENT CHALLENGE**

3. Would you participate in a similar handicapping meet next year? **YES**

4. If so, would you prefer it in the spring, summer or autumn? **ANYTIME**

5. How about if we hold it on Nov. 14, 1987 -- just prior to Melbourne? **GOOD**

6. Did the handicaps seem fair? **YES; A STRONG EFFORT BY THE YOUNGSTERS REQ'D**

7. Did your event(s) go smoothly and professionally? **YES TO CHALLENGE THE OLD FOLKS**

8. If you ran the 100, 200, 400, or 400H, did you like the head start, with the winner being the first to cross the finish line? Or would you prefer to run the full distance, and then have the handicaps figured later? **HEAD START IS FINE WITH RUNNERS OPTION TO RUN REGULATION DISTANCE**

9. Were you disappointed that only the first three finishers got trophies? **NO. AS IT SHOULD BE.**

10. Would you prefer trophies or medals? **YES** Would you like to see cash prizes? **NO.**

11. Shall we continue the team award? **YES**

12. Should late entries be taken? **YES**

13. If a competitor false starts, should he/she:
   a. be disqualified, per TAC Masters rules **✓**
   b. be given a second chance, per IAAF rules
   c. be moved back one meter

14. Do you prefer the name "age-handicapping" or "age-graded?" **AGE-HANDICAPPING**

15. For the field events, should we use meters or feet/inches? **METERS**

16. Would you like to see open athletes invited? (They'd start at scratch, of course) **YES**

17. How did you hear about the meet? **NEWSPAPER "EVENTS" PAGE**

18. Would you like to see several local meets use age-handicapping? Or is one meet a year enough? **ENOUGH**

19. What did you like most? **NO WORRIES ABOUT HERTH'S AGE.**

20. What did you like least? **MY DECISION TO RUN IN BUT ONE EVENT.**

21. Comments: **THE BIGGER THE EVENT THE BETTER. I BELIEVE A LITTLE TIME IS ALL THAT'S REQ'D. FOR THE "AGE-HANDICAPPING" FORMAT CONCEPT TO BE UNDERSTOOD AND EMBRACED.**

22. Optional: Name **S.M. ROBINSON**
   Address **4549 Circle View Blvd**
   City **Los Angeles** State **CA** Zip **90043**
1. Did you enjoy the meet?  **YES**
2. In general, did you like the age-handicapping system?  **YES**
3. Would you participate in a similar handicapping meet next year?  **YES**
4. If so, would you prefer it in the spring, summer or autumn?  **SUMMER**
5. How about if we hold it on Nov. 14, 1987 -- just prior to Melbourne?  **NO**
6. Did the handicaps seem fair?  **YES**
7. Did your event(s) go smoothly and professionally?  **YES**
8. If you ran the 100, 200, 400, or 400H, did you like the head start, with the winner being the first to cross the finish line? Or would you prefer to run the full distance, and then have the handicaps figured later? **HEAD START**
9. Were you disappointed that only the first three finishers got trophies?  **NO**
10. Would you prefer trophies or medals?  **TROPHIES** Would you like to see cash prizes?  **YES**
11. Shall we continue the team award?  **YES**
12. Should late entries be taken?  **?**
13. If a competitor false starts, should he/she:
   a. be disqualified, per TAC Masters rules  **X**
   b. be given a second chance, per IAAF rules
   c. be moved back one meter
14. Do you prefer the name: "age-handicapping" or "age-graded?"  **AGE-HANDICAPPING**
15. For the field events, should we use meters or feet/inches?  **FEET/INCHES**
16. Would you like to see open athletes invited? (They'd start at scratch, of course)  **?**
17. How did you hear about the meet?  **?**
18. Would you like to see several local meets use age-handicapping? Or is one meet a year enough?  **?**
19. What did you like most?  **N M N**
20. What did you like least?  **?**
21. Comments:  **Enjoyed the meet and hope you will repeat next year**

22. Optional: Name  **Tom Patras**
   Address  
   City  
   State  
   Zip  

SURVEY ON NATIONAL MASTERS NEWS AGE-HANDICAPPING MEET -- AUGUST 23, 1986

1. Did you enjoy the meet? YES

2. In general, did you like the age-handicapping system? YES

3. Would you participate in a similar handicapping meet next year? YES

4. If so, would you prefer it in the spring, summer or autumn? NO PREFERENCE

5. How about if we hold it on Nov. 14, 1987 -- just prior to Melbourne? OK

6. Did the handicaps seem fair? YES

7. Did your event(s) go smoothly and professionally? YES

8. If you ran the 100, 200, 400, or 400H, did you like the head start, with the winner being the first to cross the finish line? Or would you prefer to run the full distance, and then have the handicaps figured later? NO

9. Were you disappointed that only the first three finishers got trophies? NO

10. Would you prefer trophies or medals? NO

11. Shall we continue the team award? NO PREFERENCE

12. Should late entries be taken? NO

13. If a competitor false starts, should he/she:
   a. be disqualified, per TAC Masters rules
   b. be given a second chance, per IAAF rules
   c. be moved back one meter
   No Preference

14. Do you prefer the name: "age-handicapping" or "age-graded?" No Preference

15. For the field events, should we use meters or feet/inches? FEET/INCHES

16. Would you like to see open athletes invited? (They'd start at scratch, of course) No Preference

17. How did you hear about the meet? NAT. MAST. NEWS

18. Would you like to see several local meets use age-handicapping? Or is one meet a year enough? No Preference

19. What did you like most? THE PEOPLE

20. What did you like least? NO CRITICISM

21. Comments: It would be nice to know the algorithm for the handicapping. That is, how are the handicaps computed for each event -- not just the amount of the handicap. It would be good if that were explained in Nat. Mast. News. (This is not a criticism of the handicaps.)

22. Optional: Name JIM VERNON
   Address 1147 W. ROWLAND AVE.
   City WEST Covina State CA Zip 91790
1. Did you enjoy the meet? ________________  
2. In general, did you like the age-handicapping system? ________________  
3. Would you participate in a similar handicapping meet next year? ________________  
4. If so, would you prefer it in the spring, summer or autumn? ________________  
5. How about if we hold it on Nov. 14, 1987 -- just prior to Melbourne? ________________  
6. Did the handicaps seem fair? ________________  
7. Did your event(s) go smoothly and professionally? ________________  
8. If you ran the 100, 200, 400, or 400H, did you like the head start, with the winner being the first to cross the finish line? Or would you prefer to run the full distance, and then have the handicaps figured later? ________________  
9. Were you disappointed that only the first three finishers got trophies? ________________  
10. Would you prefer trophies or medals? ________________  Would you like to see cash prizes? ________________  
11. Shall we continue the team award? ________________  
12. Should late entries be taken? ________________  
13. If a competitor false starts, should he/she:  
   a. be disqualified, per TAC Masters rules ________________  
   b. be given a second chance, per IAAF rules ________________  
   c. be moved back one meter ________________  
14. Do you prefer the name: "age-handicapping" or "age-graded?" ________________  
15. For the field events, should we use meters or feet/inches? ________________  
16. Would you like to see open athletes invited? (They'd start at scratch, of course) ________________  
17. How did you hear about the meet? ________________  
18. Would you like to see several local meets use age-handicapping? Or is one meet a year enough? ________________  
19. What did you like most? ________________  
20. What did you like least? ________________  
21. Comments:  
   ________________  
22. Optional: Name ________________  
   Address ________________  
   City ________________  
   State ________________  
   Zip ________________
SURVEY ON NATIONAL MASTERS NEWS AGE-HANDICAPPING MEET -- AUGUST 23, 1986

1. Did you enjoy the meet?   YES
2. In general, did you like the age-handicapping system?   YES
3. Would you participate in a similar handicapping meet next year?   YES
4. If so, would you prefer it in the spring, summer or autumn?   YES
5. How about if we hold it on Nov. 14, 1987 -- just prior to Melbourne?   FINE
6. Did the handicaps seem fair?   YES
7. Did your event(s) go smoothly and professionally?   YES
8. If you ran the 100, 200, 400, or 400H, did you like the head start, with the winner being the first to cross the finish line? Or would you prefer to run the full distance, and then have the handicaps figured later? HEAD START SO FINISH IS MORE EXCITING
9. Were you disappointed that only the first three finishers got trophies?   NO
10. Would you prefer trophies or medals?   TROPHIES   Would you like to see cash prizes?   OR MERCHANDISE (IN LIEU OF TROPHY)
11. Shall we continue the team award?   YES
12. Should late entries be taken?   NO (YOU HAVE ENOUGH PROBLEMS)
13. If a competitor false starts, should he/she:
   a. be disqualified, per TAC Masters rules   _______  
   b. be given a second chance, per IAAF rules   _______  
   c. be moved back one meter   _______  
    X  
14. Do you prefer the name: "age-handicapping" or "age-graded"?   ?
15. For the field events, should we use meters or feet/inches?   
16. Would you like to see open athletes invited? (They'd start at scratch, of course)   YES
17. How did you hear about the meet?   YOUR FILLER
18. Would you like to see several local meets use age-handicapping? Or is one meet a year enough?   2 OR 3
19. What did you like most?   HEAD START IN SPRINTS
20. What did you like least?   LENGTH OF TIME BETWEEN EVENTS

22. Optional: Name   WILL ROBINSON
   Address   2506 YOUNG AVE
   City   1000 OAKS   State   CA   Zip   91360
SURVEY ON NATIONAL MASTERS NEWS AGE-HANDICAPPING MEET -- AUGUST 23, 1986

1. Did you enjoy the meet? Yes  
2. In general, did you like the age-handicapping system? Not Particularly  
3. Would you participate in a similar handicapping meet next year? Depend  
4. If so, would you prefer it in the spring, summer or autumn? Early Spring  
5. How about if we hold it on Nov. 14, 1987 -- just prior to Melbourne? No - No - No  
6. Did the handicaps seem fair? No - Would it be better to base it on the individual's actual time?  
7. Did your event(s) go smoothly and professionally? Yes  
8. If you ran the 100, 200, 400, or 400H, did you like the head start, with the winner being the first to cross the finish line? Or would you prefer to run the full distance, and then have the handicaps figured later? Head start OK - Issue on the Meet Director  
9. Were you disappointed that only the first three finishers got trophies? No  
10. Would you prefer trophies or medals? No - Would you like to see cash prizes? No  
11. Shall we continue the team award? Yes  
12. Should late entries be taken? If possible  
13. If a competitor false starts, should he/she:  
   a. be disqualified, per TAC Masters rules  
   b. be given a second chance, per IAAF rules  
   c. be moved back one meter  
14. Do you prefer the name: "age-handicapping" or "age-graded?" Age-Graded  
15. For the field events, should we use meters or feet/inches? Feet/Inches  
16. Would you like to see open athletes invited? (They'd start at scratch, of course) Not Particularly  
17. How did you hear about the meet? NM News  
18. Would you like to see several local meets use age-handicapping? Or is one meet a year enough? No - Not enough  
19. What did you like most? Running  
20. What did you like least? The Weather  
21. Comments: If it's in summer -- start at 7pm. Seems it would be more equitable if the handicaps were based on the individual's actual time - not Carl Lewis's in Edwin Moses' heat's sake!!  
22. Optional: Name ___________________________  
   Address ___________________________  
   City ___________________________ State _____ Zip _______
1. Did you enjoy the meet? YES
2. In general, did you like the age-handicapping system? YES
3. Would you participate in a similar handicapping meet next year? YES
4. If so, would you prefer it in the spring, summer or autumn? All Three
5. How about if we hold it on Nov. 14, 1987 -- just prior to Melbourne? This date is above
6. Did the handicaps seem fair? Some what
7. Did your event(s) go smoothly and professionally? Yes
8. If you ran the 100, 200, 400, or 400H, did you like the head start, with the winner being the first to cross the finish line? Or would you prefer to run the full distance, and then have the handicaps figured later? Later
9. Were you disappointed that only the first three finishers got trophies? YES
10. Would you prefer trophies or medals? Would you like to see cash prizes? YES
11. Shall we continue the team award? YES
12. Should late entries be taken? YES
13. If a competitor false starts, should he/she:
   a. be disqualified, per TAC Masters rules
   b. be given a second chance, per IAAF rules
   c. be moved back one meter
14. Do you prefer the name: "age-handicapping" or "age-graded"?
15. For the field events, should we use meters or feet/inches? We grew up with this
16. Would you like to see open athletes invited? (They'd start at scratch, of course) NO
17. How did you hear about the meet? Your Paper
18. Would you like to see several local meets use age-handicapping? Or is one meet a year enough? More the better
19. What did you like most? The whole meet
20. What did you like least?
21. Comments: I was injured and could only be a spectator. But the concept is great. I wish there were masters meets year round. A motivation to stay in shape.
22. Optional: Name Lance Pierce
   Address 7111 Formstone #59
   City Canoga Park State CA Zip 91303
1. Did you enjoy the meet? YES - FUN!
2. In general, did you like the age-handicapping system? IT WAS GREAT
3. Would you participate in a similar handicapping meet next year? YES UNLESS I'M TAKING (4 SELLING) pictures
4. If so, would you prefer it in the spring, summer or autumn? 
5. How about if we hold it on Nov. 14, 1987 -- just prior to Melbourne? GOOD!
6. Did the handicaps seem fair? YES
7. Did your event(s) go smoothly and professionally? YES, VERY
8. If you ran the 100, 200, 400, or 400H, did you like the head start, with the winner being the first to cross the finish line? Or would you prefer to run the full distance, and then have the handicaps figured later? 
9. Were you disappointed that only the first three finishers got trophies? NO
10. Would you prefer trophies or medals? TROPHIES! Would you like to see cash prizes? NO
11. Shall we continue the team award? YES
12. Should late entries be taken? YES - Except for events too difficult to handicap at the last minute
13. If a competitor false starts, should he/she: a. be disqualified, per TAC Masters rules X b. be given a second chance, per IAAF rules c. be moved back one meter
14. Do you prefer the name "age-handicapping" or "age-graded?"
15. For the field events, should we use meters or feet/inches? YES
16. Would you like to see open athletes invited? (They'd start at scratch, of course) YES
17. How did you hear about the meet? FROM A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE
18. Would you like to see several local meets use age-handicapping? Or is one meet a year enough? GREAT FOR SMALLER meets
19. What did you like most? BEATING DORS JAMES - GOOD TRACK, GOOD RESTROOMS - LOTS COLD WATER IN LOCKER ROOM
20. What did you like least? A LITTLE TOO CLOSE BETWEEN SOME EVENTS, TOO RAINY FOR LAST EVENTS
21. Comments: FOOD STAND OPENED TOO LATE, TOO CLUSTED TOO EARLY, GREAT IDEA -- VERY CHALLENGING - MAKING RESULTS WANT IDEAS ALONG WITH HOW HANDICAPPING SHAPES YEAR
HOPE YOU HOLD IT ON A NORTH-SOUTH TRACK NEXT (HELA!) SO I CAN TAKE BETTER PICTURES.
22. Optional: Name GRETCHEN SNYDER
Address 2426 ASHBY AVE State CA Zip 94705
1. Did you enjoy the meet? Yes, I'm intent upon inviting some of my masters friends.

2. In general, did you like the age-handicapping system? Yes and no. If you entered the others, except me, you tied for 3rd.

3. Would you participate in a similar handicapping meet next year? Yes.

4. If so, would you prefer it in the spring, summer or autumn? Our in each, with Autumn being a championship to pick.


6. Did the handicaps seem fair? Mostly, yes. It's not fair for a 57 year old to run versus a 37 year old directly.

7. Did your event(s) go smoothly and professionally? Yes, I'm pleased.

8. If you ran the 100, 200, 400, or 400H, did you like the head start, with the winner being the first to cross the finish line? Or would you prefer to run the full distance, and then have the handicaps figured later? No.

9. Were you disappointed that only the first three finishers got trophies? No, I got 3rd.

10. Would you prefer trophies or medals? Would you like to see cash prizes? I'm open to that.

11. Shall we continue the team award? Yes.

12. Should late entries be taken? Yes, I'm possible in certain events.

13. If a competitor false starts, should he/she:
   a. be disqualified, per TAC Masters rules
   b. be given a second chance, per IAAF rules
   c. be moved back one meter

14. Do you prefer the name: "age-handicapping" or "age-graded?" Age-Graded

15. For the field events, should we use meters or feet/inches? Either, but please provide an equivalence chart.

16. Would you like to see open athletes invited? (They'd start at scratch, of course) Not really. It's hard to get specialized keep up with 14:30.5 men.


18. Would you like to see several local meets use age-handicapping? Or is one meet a year enough? Yes, more.

19. What did you like most? Good splits. Given superb consideration of athletes needs, etc. Positive atmosphere.

20. What did you like least? Too much time between events, hard to know who to warm up for next race. Time may be
    restricted (5k).

21. Comments: Everyone was very cooperative and nice. I want to bring some of my other running cohorts with me next year (and they're fast).

22. Optional: Name - Stephen Harvey
    Address - 215 C Bath Street, Hut 4
    City - Santa Barbara, State - CA Zip - 93101
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1. Did you enjoy the meet? _______________ YES - VERY MUCH

2. In general, did you like the age-handicapping system? __________ YES

3. Would you participate in a similar handicapping meet next year? _____ YES - DEFINITELY

4. If so, would you prefer it in the spring, summer or autumn? __________ AUTUMN

5. How about if we hold it on Nov. 14, 1987 -- just prior to Melbourne? __________ GREAT IDEA

6. Did the handicaps seem fair? ___________ I THINK SO

7. Did your event(s) go smoothly and professionally? ______ YES

8. If you ran the 100, 200, 400, or 400H, did you like the head start, with the winner being the first to cross the finish line? Or would you prefer to run the full distance, and then have the handicaps figured later? __________ I PREFER IT THE WAY IT WAS THIS YEAR

9. Were you disappointed that only the first three finishers got trophies? __________ NO

10. Would you prefer trophies or medals? _______ TROPHY Would you like to see cash prizes? __________ I DON'T THINK SO

11. Shall we continue the team award? __________ YES

12. Should late entries be taken? _______ IF POSSIBLE O.K.

13. If a competitor false starts, should he/she:
   a. be disqualified, per TAC Masters rules __________
   b. be given a second chance, per IAAF rules __________
   c. be moved back one meter ____________ I PREFER C.

14. Do you prefer the name: "age-handicapping" or "age-graded?" __________ "AGE-HANDICAPPING"

15. For the field events, should we use meters or feet/inches? __________ METERS

16. Would you like to see open athletes invited? (They'd start at scratch, of course) __________ YES

17. How did you hear about the meet? __________ FROM AL SHEAHAN AT THE TROGAN MEET

18. Would you like to see several local meets use age-handicapping? Or is one meet a year enough? __________ ONE A YEAR

19. What did you like most? __________ THE WHOLE MEET

20. What did you like least? _______ P.A. SYSTEM (NOT THE ANNOUNCER) HE WAS O.K.

21. Comments: ________________________________

   I liked the evening meet - especially at that time of the year.

   wish we could devise some kind of a method to attract more competitors!!!

22. Optional: Name __________ BESS JAMES
   Address __________ 400 SANGELEA WAY
   City ___________ SAN JACINTO State CALIF. Zip __________ 92383
JOHN RUPP
Broker Consultant

1410 Huntington Drive, South Pasadena, CA 91030
(818) 441-2234 (213) 682-2070 Res. (213) 225-8882
1. Did you enjoy the meet? **YES!**

2. In general, did you like the age-handicapping system? **OKAY - Prefer Starting Together.**

3. Would you participate in a similar handicapping meet next year? **YES**

4. If so, would you prefer it in the spring, summer or autumn? **Spring and/or Autumn (Major meets)**

5. How about if we hold it on Nov. 14, 1987 -- just prior to Melbourne? **OKAY**

6. Did the handicaps seem fair? **I'm Not Sure**

7. Did your event(s) go smoothly and professionally? **YES - Very Well Run!**

8. If you ran the 100, 200, 400, or 400H, did you like the head start, with the winner being the first to cross the finish line? Or would you prefer to run the full distance, and then have the handicaps figured later? **Did not run these - but would prefer full distance x handicaps figured later**

9. Were you disappointed that only the first three finishers got trophies? **NO**

10. Would you prefer trophies or medals? **Neither**

11. Shall we continue the team award? **Do Not Matter.**

12. Should late entries be taken? **Sure! Maybe Charge A Reasonable Late Fee.**

13. If a competitor false starts, should he/she:
   a. be disqualified, per TAC Masters rules **NO**
   b. be given a second chance, per IAAF rules **YES**
   c. be moved back one meter **HA! This is a good idea!**

14. Do you prefer the name: "age-handicapping" or "age-graded?" **Neither**

15. For the field events, should we use meters or feet/inches? **Meters**

16. Would you like to see open athletes invited? (They'd start at scratch, of course) **NO**

17. How did you hear about the meet? **National Masters News**

18. Would you like to see several local meets use age-handicapping? Or is one meet a year enough? **So,**

19. What did you like most? **The Excellent Track x Professional - Friendly People That Ran the Meet.**

20. What did you like least? **Getting Lost On Way To Meet**

21. Comments: I especially enjoyed competing in this meet. The officials who ran my events were friendly, punctual, & efficient. This was a very good atmosphere for a meet. I think starting everyone together would be better - competitive wise. And also, the lap times would be easier to understand. Another plus...

22. Optional: Name: John Rupp

Address: 2101 Charlotte Street #12

City: Los Angeles

State: CA

Zip: 90033
SURVEY ON NATIONAL MASTERS NEWS AGE-HANDICAPPING MEET -- AUGUST 23, 1986

P.O. BOX 2372
VAN NUYS CA 91404

1. Did you enjoy the meet? YES
2. In general, did you like the age-handicapping system? YES
3. Would you participate in a similar handicapping meet next year? YES
4. If so, would you prefer it in the spring, summer or autumn? SPRING
5. How about if we hold it on Nov. 14, 1987 -- just prior to Melbourne? OK - SOUNDS GOOD FOR '87
6. Did the handicaps seem fair? YES
7. Did your event(s) go smoothly and professionally? YES
8. If you ran the 100, 200, 400, or 400H, did you like the head start, with the winner being the first to cross the finish line? Or would you prefer to run the full distance, and then have the handicaps figured later? NO. I LIKED THE HEAD START.
9. Were you disappointed that only the first three finishers got trophies? NO
10. Would you prefer trophies or medals? TROPHIES Would you like to see cash prizes? NO
11. Shall we continue the team award? YES
12. Should late entries be taken? NO
13. If a competitor false starts, should he/she:
   a. be disqualified, per TAC Masters rules
   b. be given a second chance, per IAAF rules
   c. be moved back one meter X
14. Do you prefer the name: "age-handicapping" or "age-graded?" AGE-HANDICAPPING
15. For the field events, should we use meters or feet/inches? ___
16. Would you like to see open athletes invited? (They'd start at scratch, of course) YES
17. How did you hear about the meet? MASTERS NEWS
18. Would you like to see several local meets use age-handicapping? Or is one meet a year enough? ONE IS FINE
19. What did you like most? THAT I PLACED IN TWO EVENTS
20. What did you like least? NO RELAYS
21. Comments: THE MEET WAS MANAGED WELL. I JUST WISH THERE HAD BEEN MORE CONTESTANTS.

22. Optional: Name GENE L. HART
Address 5797 HILLVIEW PARK AVE
City VAN NUYS State CA Zip 91404
SURVEY ON NATIONAL MASTERS NEWS AGE-HANDICAPPING MEET -- AUGUST 23, 1986

1. Did you enjoy the meet? Yes

2. In general, did you like the age-handicapping system? Yes

3. Would you participate in a similar handicapping meet next year? Yes

4. If so, would you prefer it in the spring, summer or autumn? Spring

5. How about if we hold it on Nov. 14, 1987 -- just prior to Melbourne? It would be a good tune-up meet

6. Did the handicaps seem fair? Yes

7. Did your event(s) go smoothly and professionally? Yes

8. If you ran the 100, 200, 400, or 400H, did you like the head start, with the winner being the first to cross the finish line? Or would you prefer to run the full distance, and then have the handicaps figured later? Yes

9. Were you disappointed that only the first three finishers got trophies? No

10. Would you prefer trophies or medals? Yes Would you like to see cash prizes? Yes, who wouldn't

11. Shall we continue the team award? Yes

12. Should late entries be taken? Yes, I was

13. If a competitor false starts, should he/she:
   a. be disqualified, per TAC Masters rules
   b. be given a second chance, per IAAF rules
   c. be moved back one meter

14. Do you prefer the name: "age-handicapping" or "age-graded?"

15. For the field events, should we use meters or feet/inches? Yes, more competition

16. Would you like to see open athletes invited? (They'd start at scratch, of course) Yes

17. How did you hear about the meet? At the All-Comers Meet (Birmingham HS)

18. Would you like to see several local meets use age-handicapping? Or is one meet a year enough? One meet

19. What did you like most? The handicapping made the younger athletes run harder to catch the Indians ahead of them, and the older athletes ran harder to get to the finish line

20. What did you like least? The year, the lack of younger athletes in attendance (30-35)

21. Comments: The sub masters age group (30-34) really do not know too much regarding the scheduling of masters track & field meets. If they have information about such meets, the attendance for that age group will increase.

22. Optional: Name Ben Brown

                     Address 2013 Oxford Ave #3
                     City Fullerton State CA Zip 92631
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1. Did you enjoy the meet? ______________________
2. In general, did you like the age-handicapping system? Yes
3. Would you participate in a similar handicapping meet next year? Yes
4. If so, would you prefer it in the spring, summer or autumn? Autumn
5. How about if we hold it on Nov. 14, 1987 -- just prior to Melbourne? Prefer earlier
6. Did the handicaps seem fair? Yes
7. Did your event(s) go smoothly and professionally? ________________
8. If you ran the 100, 200, 400, or 400H, did you like the head start, with the winner being the first to cross the finish line? Or would you prefer to run the full distance, and then have the handicaps figured later? Would prefer the head-start approach
9. Were you disappointed that only the first three finishers got trophies? No
10. Would you prefer trophies or medals? Medals Would you like to see cash prizes? No
11. Shall we continue the team award? No
12. Should late entries be taken? No
13. If a competitor false starts, should he/she:
   a. be disqualified, per TAC Masters rules
   b. be given a second chance, per IAAF rules
   c. be moved back one meter
14. Do you prefer the name: "age-handicapping" or "age-graded?" Age-handicapping
15. For the field events, should we use meters or feet/inches? Meters -- if it's more convenient
16. Would you like to see open athletes invited? (They'd start at scratch, of course) No
17. How did you hear about the meet? WMN
18. Would you like to see several local meets use age-handicapping? Or is one meet a year enough? Once
19. What did you like most? ______________________
20. What did you like least? ______________________
21. Comments: Injuries prevented me from competing. Comments above are based on conversations with those who did compete, copy the results sheet, etc.
22. Optional: Name A. MERCURIO
   Address 4927 W. 123 Place
   City Hawthorne State OR Zip 90250
SURVEY ON NATIONAL MASTERS NEWS AGE-HANDICAPPING MEET -- AUGUST 23, 1986

1. Did you enjoy the meet? Yes

2. In general, did you like the age-handicapping system? It was ok for men but needs some work for women

3. Would you participate in a similar handicapping meet next year? Yes

4. If so, would you prefer it in the spring, summer or autumn? Spring

5. How about if we hold it on Nov. 14, 1987 -- just prior to Melbourne?

6. Did the handicaps seem fair? Yes

7. Did your event(s) go smoothly and professionally? Yes, well run

8. If you ran the 100, 200, 400, or 400H, did you like the head start, with the winner being the first to cross the finish line? Or would you prefer to run the full distance, and then have the handicaps figured later? M/A-run

9. Were you disappointed that only the first three finishers got trophies?

10. Would you prefer trophies or medals? No

11. Shall we continue the team award? Yes

12. Should late entries be taken? Yes

13. If a competitor false starts, should he/she:
   a. be disqualified, per TAC Masters rules
   b. be given a second chance, per IAAF rules
   c. be moved back one meter

14. Do you prefer the name: "age-handicapping" or "age-graded?" age-handicapping

15. For the field events, should we use meters or feet/inches? Meters

16. Would you like to see open athletes invited? (They'd start at scratch, of course) No

17. How did you hear about the meet? In the "National Masters News"

18. Would you like to see several local meets use age-handicapping? Or is one meet a year enough? Several

19. What did you like most? The handicap system (for men)

20. What did you like least? So late in the day. A morning meet would have been better

21. Comments: See attached sheet

22. Optional: Name Bob Heaton
   Address 1207 E Highland Ave
   City Redlands State CA Zip 92373
1. Did you enjoy the meet? Yes
2. In general, did you like the age-handicapping system? Needs updating of tabular basis
3. Would you participate in a similar handicapping meet next year? Yes
4. If so, would you prefer it in the spring, summer or autumn? Spring – Not August – More entries
5. How about if we hold it on Nov. 14, 1987 -- just prior to Melbourne? OK
6. Did the handicaps seem fair? See item 2
7. Did your event(s) go smoothly and professionally? Good start
8. If you ran the 100, 200, 400, or 400H, did you like the head start, with the winner being the first to cross the finish line? Or would you prefer to run the full distance, and then have the handicaps figured later? If this too much pressure on older ones? Too much work for pre-meet set-up?
9. Were you disappointed that only the first three finishers got trophies? Would you prefer trophies or medals? Would you like to see cash prizes? Do we hand them with TAC?
10. Shall we continue the team award? Yes
11. Should late entries be taken? If so permission
12. If a competitor false starts, should he/she:
   a. be disqualified, per TAC Masters rules
   b. be given a second chance, per IAAF rules
   c. be moved back one meter
13. Do you prefer the name: "age-handicapping" or "age-graded?" Age-Graded
14. For the field events, should we use meters or feet/inches? International
15. Would you like to see open athletes invited? (They'd start at scratch, of course) No
16. How did you hear about the meet? (See if this grows)
17. What did you like most?
18. What did you like least?
19. Comments: Need more explanation - try in Master News on basis comparative results. Will try to work with Claude to update basis in tables.
20. Optional: Name Al
   Address
   City State Zip
1. Did you enjoy the meet? ___________ YES

2. In general, did you like the age-handicapping system? ___________ INTERESTING AS AN ODDITY

3. Would you participate in a similar handicapping meet next year? ___________ Probably

4. If so, would you prefer it in the spring, summer or autumn? ___________ Summer

5. How about if we hold it on Nov. 14, 1987 -- just prior to Melbourne? ___________ O.K.

6. Did the handicaps seem fair? ___________ YES

7. Did your event(s) go smoothly and professionally? ___________ YES - VERY

8. If you ran the 100, 200, 400, or 400H, did you like the head start, with the winner being the first to cross the finish line? Or would you prefer to run the full distance, and then have the handicaps figured later? ___________

9. Were you disappointed that only the first three finishers got trophies? ___________ NO

10. Would you prefer trophies or medals? ___________ Medal. Would you like to see cash prizes? ___________ No

11. Shall we continue the team award? ___________

12. Should late entries be taken? ___________ YES - THE MORE THE MERRIER

13. If a competitor false starts, should he/she:
   a. be disqualified, per TAC Masters rules ___________ YES
   b. be given a second chance, per IAAF rules ___________ NO
   c. be moved back one meter ___________

14. Do you prefer the name: "age-handicapping" or "age-graded?" ___________ Definitely

15. For the field events, should we use meters or feet/inches? ___________ Both

16. Would you like to see open athletes invited? (They'd start at scratch, of course) ___________ Yes

17. How did you hear about the meet? ___________ NATIONAL NEWS

18. Would you like to see several local meets use age-handicapping? Or is one meet a year enough? ___________ ONE IS ENOUGH


20. What did you like least? ___________ Not knowing how well you were running because of all the different ages.

21. Comments: ___________ I would prefer to see an added handicap meet under the usual formula, but if nothing to take its place I would come have again.

22. Optional: Name ___________ D. Murray
   Address ___________ 410 JAMIE Road
   City ___________ SANTA BARBARA State CA Zip 93010
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1. Did you enjoy the meet?  
2. In general, did you like the age-handicapping system?  
3. Would you participate in a similar handicapping meet next year?  
4. If so, would you prefer it in the spring, summer or autumn?  
5. How about if we hold it on Nov. 14, 1987 -- just prior to Melbourne?  
6. Did the handicaps seem fair?  
7. Did your event(s) go smoothly and professionally?  
8. If you ran the 100, 200, 400, or 400H, did you like the head start, with the winner being the first to cross the finish line? Or would you prefer to run the full distance, and then have the handicaps figured later?  
9. Were you disappointed that only the first three finishers got trophies?  
10. Would you prefer trophies or medals? Would you like to see cash prizes?  
11. Shall we continue the team award?  
12. Should late entries be taken?  
13. If a competitor false starts, should he/she:  
   a. be disqualified, per TAC Masters rules  
   b. be given a second chance, per IAAF rules  
   c. be moved back one meter  
14. Do you prefer the name: "age-handicapping" or "age-graded"?  
15. For the field events, should we use meters or feet/inches?  
16. Would you like to see open athletes invited? (They'd start at scratch, of course)  
17. How did you hear about the meet?  
18. Would you like to see several local meets use age-handicapping? Or is one meet a year enough?  
19. What did you like most?  
20. What did you like least? Dumb method of handicapping -- you should handicap the actual competitors in the race; the fastest gets no handicap & base it on recent times by each entry.  
21. Comments:  
22. Optional: Name  
   Address  
   City  
   State  
   Zip
1. Did you enjoy the meet?  
   Yes

2. In general, did you like the age-handicapping system?  
   Yes

3. Would you participate in a similar handicapping meet next year?  
   Yes

4. If so, would you prefer it in the spring, summer or autumn?  
   SPRING - (March or early April)

5. How about if we hold it on Nov. 14, 1987 -- just prior to Melbourne?  

6. Did the handicaps seem fair?  
   Yes

7. Did your event(s) go smoothly and professionally?  
   Yes

8. If you ran the 100, 200, 400, or 400H, did you like the head start, with the winner being the first to cross the finish line? Or would you prefer to run the full distance, and then have the handicaps figured later?  
   Winner first to cross finish line

9. Were you disappointed that only the first three finishers got trophies?  
   No

10. Would you prefer trophies or medals?  
    Don't care  
    Would you like to see cash prizes?  
    No - No - No!

11. Shall we continue the team award?  
    Yes

12. Should late entries be taken?  
    No

13. If a competitor false starts, should he/she:  
   a. be disqualified, per TAC Masters rules  
      No - No - No! - Keep it a fun meet!
   b. be given a second chance, per IAAF rules  
      Yes
   c. be moved back one meter  
      No

14. Do you prefer the name: "age-handicapping" or "age-graded?"  
    Age-handicapping (any other name smells - amount)

15. For the field events, should we use meters or feet/inches?  
    Does not affect me - (Feet-inches)

16. Would you like to see open athletes invited? (They'd start at scratch, of course)  
    O.K.

17. How did you hear about the meet?  
    Then club letter

18. Would you like to see several local meets use age-handicapping? Or is one meet a year enough?  
    A couple of meets

19. What did you like most?  
    The fun of the meet and quality of track

20. What did you like least?  
    Heat scheduled for 200m - was happy when times were counted instead.

21. Comments:  
   Do it a couple of times a year, early spring (March or early April) and perhaps mid-september. Keep using a good track.

22. Optional:  
   Name: Al Guida
   Address: 10631 N. Loop Blvd
   City: Calumet City
   State: CA  
   Zip: 93505
1. Did you enjoy the meet?  YES
2. In general, did you like the age-handicapping system?  NO
3. Would you participate in a similar handicapping meet next year?  YES
4. If so, would you prefer it in the spring, summer or autumn?  SUMMER
5. How about if we hold it on Nov. 14, 1987 -- just prior to Melbourne?  ?
6. Did the handicaps seem fair?  NO
7. Did your event(s) go smoothly and professionally?  YES
8. If you ran the 100, 200, 400, or 400H, did you like the head start, with the winner being the first to cross the finish line?  Or would you prefer to run the full distance, and then have the handicaps figured later?  LATER
9. Were you disappointed that only the first three finishers got trophies?  NO
10. Would you prefer trophies or medals?  TROPHY  Would you like to see cash prizes?  NO
11. Shall we continue the team award?  YES
12. Should late entries be taken?  NO
13. If a competitor false starts, should he/she:
   a. be disqualified, per TAC Masters rules  
   b. be given a second chance, per IAAF rules  X  
   c. be moved back one meter  
14. Do you prefer the name: "age-handicapping" or "age-graded?"
15. For the field events, should we use meters or feet/inches?  
16. Would you like to see open athletes invited? (They'd start at scratch, of course)  NO
17. How did you hear about the meet?  THROUGH THE CLUB
18. Would you like to see several local meets use age-handicapping?  Or is one meet a year enough?  ONE
19. What did you like most?  FOR A 1ST MEET IT RAN EXTREMELY SMOOTH
20. What did you like least?  TOO MUCH TIME BETWEEN RACES
21. Comments:  WOULD LIKE TO SEE HANDICAP ACCORDING TO PERFORMANCE RATHER THAN AGE. IF YOU NOTICE ALL THE WINNERS ARE THE CONSISTENTLY BEST RUNNERS, IN A HANDICAP SYSTEM, SOME OF THE AVERAGE RUNNERS SHOULD STAND A CHANCE TO WIN!  GEORGE SIMKIN
22. Optional: Name  
   Address  15355 MULHOLLAND DR  
   City  L.A.  State  CA  Zip  90077
1. Did you enjoy the meet? Yes
2. In general, did you like the age-handicapping system? Yes
3. Would you participate in a similar handicapping meet next year? Yes
4. If so, would you prefer it in the spring, summer or autumn? Anytime
5. How about if we hold it on Nov. 14, 1987 -- just prior to Melbourne? No
6. Did the handicaps seem fair? Yes
7. Did your event(s) go smoothly and professionally? Yes
8. If you ran the 100, 200, 400, or 400H, did you like the head start, with the winner being the first to cross the finish line? Or would you prefer to run the full distance, and then have the handicaps figured later? Yes
9. Were you disappointed that only the first three finishers got trophies? No
10. Would you prefer trophies or medals? TROPHIES Would you like to see cash prizes? No
11. Shall we continue the team award? Yes
12. Should late entries be taken? No
13. If a competitor false starts, should he/she:
   a. be disqualified, per TAC Masters rules
   b. be given a second chance, per IAAF rules
      [ ]
   c. be moved back one meter

14. Do you prefer the name: "age-handicapping" or "age-graded?" [ ]
15. For the field events, should we use meters or feet/inches?
16. Would you like to see open athletes invited? (They'd start at scratch, of course)
17. How did you hear about the meet? Masters News
18. Would you like to see several local meets use age-handicapping? Or is one meet a year enough? 2 or 3
19. What did you like most? Trying to catch the overage
20. What did you like least?
21. Comments:
22. Optional: Name Fred Niedermyer
   Address 2951 9 Oceanport
   City Palo Alto  State CA Zip 90274
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1. Did you enjoy the meet?  ___________  Yes or No  ___________  Yes

2. In general, did you like the age-handicapping system?  ___________  Yes

3. Would you participate in a similar handicapping meet next year?  ___________  Yes

4. If so, would you prefer it in the spring, summer or autumn?  ___________  SPRING or AUTUMN (Please mark in the blank)

5. How about if we hold it on Nov. 14, 1987 -- just prior to Melbourne?  ___________  Yes or No  ___________  YES or NO

6. Did the handicaps seem fair?  ___________  Yes

7. Did your event(s) go smoothly and professionally?  ___________  Yes

8. If you ran the 100, 200, 400, or 400H, did you like the head start, with the winner being the first to cross the finish line?  Or would you prefer to run the full distance, and then have the handicaps figured later?  ___________  Head Start

9. Were you disappointed that only the first three finishers got trophies?  ___________  No

10. Would you prefer trophies or medals?  ___________  Trophies  Would you like to see cash prizes?  ___________  No

11. Shall we continue the team award?  ___________  Yes

12. Should late entries be taken?  ___________  Yes

13. If a competitor false starts, should he/she:
   a. be disqualified, per TAC Masters rules  ___________  Yes
   b. be given a second chance, per IAAF rules  ___________  No
   c. be moved back one meter  ___________  No

14. Do you prefer the name: "age-handicapping" or "age-graded"?  ___________  This one

15. For the field events, should we use meters or feet/inches?  ___________  Feet/Inches

16. Would you like to see open athletes invited?  (They'd start at scratch, of course)  ___________  No

17. How did you hear about the meet?  ___________  The meet before

18. Would you like to see several local meets use age-handicapping?  Or is one meet a year enough?  ___________  Yes local meet  ___________  One meet per year

19. What did you like most?  ___________  The very friendly and together spirit of the meet

20. What did you like least?  ___________  The heat

21. Comments:  ___________  No shade to wait for the field events turn

   HOW ABOUT GETTING ANOTHER TROPHY FOR THE LONG JUMP  ___________  Mistake

22. Optional: Name  ___________  EDITH MENDYKA
   Address  ___________  10637 McCLELLAND AVE
   City  ___________  TULSA OK  State  CALIF  Zip  ___________  74104 2
   (Cut me in)

   Thinker  ___________  Ed the Thinker  ___________  Really, I'm not
1. Did you enjoy the meet? **YES**
2. In general, did you like the age-handicapping system? **YES**
3. Would you participate in a similar handicapping meet next year? **YES**
4. If so, would you prefer it in the spring, summer or autumn? **SUMMER OR AUTUMN**
5. How about if we hold it on Nov. 14, 1987 -- just prior to Melbourne? **YES**
6. Did the handicaps seem fair? **YES**
7. Did your event(s) go smoothly and professionally? **YES**
8. If you ran the 100, 200, 400, or 400H, did you like the head start, with the winner being the first to cross the finish line? Or would you prefer to run the full distance, and then have the handicaps figured later? 

   N/A
9. Were you disappointed that only the first three finishers got trophies? **N O**
10. Would you prefer trophies or medals? Don't care Would you like to see cash prizes? **NO**
11. Shall we continue the team award? **Don't care**
12. Should late entries be taken? **Doesn't bother me**
13. If a competitor false starts, should he/she:
   a. be disqualified, per TAC Masters rules
   b. be given a second chance, per IAAF rules
   c. be moved back one meter

   **c.**
14. Do you prefer the name: "age-handicapping" or "age-graded?" **AGE GRADED (FORMER SOUNDS LIKE WE'RE VIPEP)**
15. For the field events, should we use meters or feet/inches? **PT/INCHES**
16. Would you like to see open athletes invited? (They'd start at scratch, of course) **YES**
17. How did you hear about the meet? **NATIONAL MASTERS NEWS**
18. Would you like to see several local meets use age-handicapping? Or is one meet a year enough? **YES**
19. What did you like most? **WINNING**
20. What did you like least? **NOT KNOWING HOW FAR BEHIND MY COMPETITION WAS**
21. Comments:________________________________________________________________________
22. Optional: Name ____________________________ Patrick Devine
Address ____________________________ 29641 S. Western Ave Apt 103
City ____________________________ San Pedro State CA Zip 90732
1. Did you enjoy the meet? yes
2. In general, did you like the age-handicapping system? yes
3. Would you participate in a similar handicapping meet next year? yes
4. If so, would you prefer it in the spring, summer or autumn? 
5. How about if we hold it on Nov. 14, 1987 -- just prior to Melbourne? ok
6. Did the handicaps seem fair? yes
7. Did your event(s) go smoothly and professionally? yes
8. If you ran the 100, 200, 400, or 400H, did you like the head start, with the winner being the first to cross the finish line? or would you prefer to run the full distance, and then have the handicaps figured later? head start
9. Were you disappointed that only the first three finishers got trophies? no
10. Would you prefer trophies or medals? Would you like to see cash prizes? yes
11. Shall we continue the team award? yes
12. Should late entries be taken? yes
13. If a competitor false starts, should he/she:
   a. be disqualified, per TAC Masters rules
   b. be given a second chance, per IAAF rules
   c. be moved back one meter
14. Do you prefer the name: "age-handicapping" or "age-graded?" age-graded
15. For the field events, should we use meters or feet/inches? meters
16. Would you like to see open athletes invited? (They'd start at scratch, of course) yes
17. How did you hear about the meet? masters newsletter
18. Would you like to see several local meets use age-handicapping? Or is one meet a year enough? one meet
19. What did you like most? 
20. What did you like least? 
21. Comments: Well organized meet which was fun. I without the pressure of a regular meet. I enjoyed myself.
22. Optional: Name Robert S. Watanabe M.D. 
   Address 11645 Wilshire Blvd. #701
   City Los Angeles, CA 90025 
   State Zip