

**Records of the  
Amateur  
Athletic  
Association of  
England**

**Reference:  
AAA**

## Records of the Amateur Athletic Association of England

AAA Records of the Amateur Athletic Association of England 1880-1992

This material was acquired through two deposits, both consisting of core material relating to the administration of the association. A significant amount of the collection consists of the minute books generated by the broad structure of committees which directed the actions of the association. Other material includes financial records, association publications and a small amount of miscellaneous items.

The Amateur Athletic Association of England (AAA) is the successor of the Amateur Athletic Association which was formed in the last century to govern athletics in England. Its constituent members are the Athletic Clubs, Counties and Areas within England. The Association has run the AAAs Championships for over one hundred years, the oldest of all such meetings. It also organises and prepares England International Teams annually and the Team for the Commonwealth Games every four years. The Association is responsible for providing the structure for athletics within England not only for Track and Field but also Cross Country, Road and Fell Running. It holds Championships for these annually. In addition the Association organises various grass roots activities including a Standards Scheme, and an Awards Scheme, both of which are aimed to encourage sport and health in youngsters by involving them in the various disciplines of Athletics. The Association's Clubs, Counties and Areas are the life blood of the sport, providing Officials, Coaches Administrators and of course many great Athletes. At the Commonwealth Games every four years England brings back a host of medals, providing the backbone of the Track and Field programme with Australia, Canada and South Africa. The Association works with UK Athletics in all areas of the sport and provides over eighty per cent of the UK's international athletes.

The Amateur Athletic Association has a growing preoccupation with advertising and sponsorship deals, television contracts and the increasing problem of drug use to enhance performance and the need for effective drop test procedures. The

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Association debated and finally accepted the concept of a single governing body for athletics in the United Kingdom.

Reference: Amateur Athletic Association of England, The Association - An Introduction to England Athletics (<http://www.englandathletics.co.uk/page2.html> ).

Reference: Steve Hewett, Research Libraries Bulletin ( The University of Birmingham, No 6, 1998 ).

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This collection was acquired in two deposits in 1988 and 1998.

University of Birmingham Information Services, Special Collections Department holds many other collections relating to sport, including both private and corporate collections. These include papers of the regional divisions of the Amateur Athletic Association. Papers of individuals include Harold Abrahams, who served on the General Committee of the Amateur Athletic Association.

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- AAA/1 Administrative Records 1888-1992
- Artificial series
- 76 volumes 1 file
- Open
- AAA/1/1 Memorandum and Articles of Association 1948-1991
- The articles of association are documents required to incorporate a company in the United Kingdom and in this case being a non-profit organization which does not issue share capital. The documents pertain to the incorporation of the Amateur Athletic Association in 1948 and the update of the articles of association required with the subsequent change in name in 1991 to the Amateur Athletic Association of England.
- 3 items
- Open
- AAA/1/1/1 Memorandum and Articles of Association 1948
- Document of incorporation of the Amateur Athletic Association dated August 12 1948.
- 1 item
- Open
- AAA/1/1/2 Memorandum and Articles of Association 1991
- Document of incorporation of the Amateur Athletic Association.
- 1 item
- Open
- AAA/1/2 Minutes 1888-1992
- The Amateur Athletic Association was governed by a series of committees established to specialise in the organisation of a particular aspect of the associations administration.
- 78 volumes
- Open

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- AAA/1/2/1 Annual General Meeting 1925-1991
- Annual General Meetings consisted of members selected from the association's other committees and from members of the regional branches. The meetings served as a review of the events and issues which occurred throughout the year as well as acting as a forum to express the members concerns and wishes for the future of the association.
- 5 volumes
- Open
- AAA/1/2/1/1 Annual General Meeting Minutes 1926-1937
- Minutes covering the dates April 10 1926- April 17 1937. The election of officers such as the President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary of the association was undertaken at the Annual General Meeting and documented. However, the vast majority of the meetings were dominated by the proposal and amendment of AAA laws and rules. The volume also includes the annual reports presented at the Annual General Meeting as well as annual balance sheets and accounts.
- 1 volume
- Open
- AAA/1/2/1/2 Annual General Meeting Minutes 1938-1958
- Minutes covering the dates March 19 1938 - March 15 1958. The minutes illustrate the adjustments the AAA had to make as a consequence of World War Two. Athletics matches were limited during this time and an Emergency Committee was established which had the same amount of power as the General Committee on the occurrence of 'exceptional circumstances'. The volume also includes annual reports, circulars to members and balance sheets and accounts.
- 1 volume
- Open

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- AAA/1/2/1/3 Annual General Meeting Minutes 1958-1973
- The Annual General Meeting minutes cover the dates March 14 1959 - October 30 1971 while the volume also includes annual reports and balance sheets and accounts from 1958 - 1973. Topics examined by the committee primarily consist of the election of association officers, reviews of the annual reports and accounts and discussion of amendments to the laws of the association.
- 1 volume
- Open
- AAA/1/2/1/4 Annual General Meeting Minutes 1973-1991
- The minutes cover the dates November 1973 - 1991 and the volume also includes annual reports, circulars to members and balance sheets and accounts. The minutes of this volume follow the same themes and usual business of previous Annual General Meetings. The typical matters on the agenda were the election of association officers, reviews of the annual reports and accounts and discussion of amendments to the laws of the association. Extraordinary General Meetings were also held occasionally in addition to the annual meetings. These were conducted to discuss special business and in this case to establish the British Athletic Federation in 1988. The preliminary constitution of the BAF, which was to administer athletics for the whole of the United Kingdom, was discussed at length at the meetings due to the potential implications of the new organization on the AAA.
- 1 volume
- Open
- AAA/1/2/1/5 Annual General Meeting Minutes 1977-1988
- Incomplete. Items for the years 1977, 1982, 1986, 1988.
- Agendas for 1983 and 1989.
- 1 file
- Open

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AAA/1/2/2	General Committee	1880-1970
	<p>The General committee was responsible for the overall welfare of the association, overseeing every aspect of the organization's administration and responsibility for the ultimate say and control of issues brought up by the other committees. Minutes from the early years refer to formation of the AAA such as who composed the association, the clubs involved, and the purpose for which it was established. The volumes record the election of chairman and officers, the discussion of finances and rules for competition as well as including reports received from other committees. As a complete series the minutes document the entire development of the association throughout the years, for example the minutes for February 5th 1944 record that as part of the post-war plan the association established a number of committees including the Finance and General Purposes, Championships, Development and Publications committees.</p>	
	25 volumes	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/2/1	General Committee Minutes Vol. 1	1880-1883
	1 volume	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/2/2	General Committee Minutes Vol.2	1883-1886
	1 volume	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/2/3	General Committee Minutes Vol.3	1887-1891
	1 volume	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/2/4	General Committee Minutes Vol.4	1889-1911
	1 volume	
	Open	

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AAA/1/2/2/5	General Committee Minutes Vol.5	1911-1924
	1 volume	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/2/6	General Committee Minutes Vol.6	1925-1931
	1 volume	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/2/7	General Committee Minutes Vol.7	1931-1934
	1 volume	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/2/8	General Committee Minutes Vol.8	1934-1937
	1 volume	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/2/9	General Committee Minutes Vol.9	1937-1945
	1 volume	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/2/10	General Committee Minutes Vol.10	1945-1948
	1 volume	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/2/11	General Committee Minutes Vol.11	1948-1950
	1 volume	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/2/12	General Committee Minutes Vol.12	1951-1953
	1 volume	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/2/13	General Committee Minutes Vol.13	1954-1956
	1 volume	
	Open	

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AAA/1/2/2/14	General Committee Minutes Vol.14	1956-1957
	1 volume	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/2/15	General Committee Minutes Vol.15 and 16	1957-1958
	Contains volume numbers 15 and 16.	
	1 volume	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/2/16	General Committee Minutes Vol.17	1959-1960
	1 volume	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/2/17	General Committee Minutes Vol.18	1960-1962
	1 volume	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/2/18	General Committee Minutes Vol.18A	1960-1962
	1 volume	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/2/19	General Committee Minutes Vol.19	1963-1965
	1 volume	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/2/20	General Committee Minutes Vol.19A	1963-1965
	1 volume	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/2/21	General Committee Minutes Vol.20	1966-1970
	1 volume	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/2/22	General Committee Minutes	1970-1977
	1 volume	

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	Open	
AAA/1/2/2/23	General Committee Minutes 1 volume Open	1978-1986
AAA/1/2/2/24	General Committee Minutes 1 volume Open	1986-1990
AAA/1/2/2/25	General Committee Minutes 1 volume Open	1989-1991
AAA/1/2/3	Handicapping Board of Control  The Handicapping Board of Control had responsibility for the issuing of handicapping licenses as well as the power to revoke them. The minutes of the meetings cover the application, granting and refusal for handicapping licenses for all classes and the query of athletes starts in handicap races.  2 volumes  Open	1908-1920
AAA/1/2/3/1	Handicapping Board of Control Minutes  This volume contains manuscript meeting minutes covering the dates 10th April 1908- 16th November 1911. The minutes discuss the revision of handicapping regulations and the fees which official handicappers charge entrants to handicap a race. It was stipulated that the handicappers must be an Amateur Athletic Association licensed handicapper and must belong to a club affiliated to the AAA to handicap in their own district. The function of handicapping was facilitated by the setting of time standards or distances for track and field events. The minutes primarily handle protests and complaints regarding the handicapping system and the start times allocated to athletes. The minutes resolve that each handicap mark or allowance allocated	1908- 1911

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to an athlete is noted in the event programme. The minute book includes copies of letters sent to handicappers and concluded that the handicaps be registered on the entry forms. The volume also contains minutes of the Joint Board of Control which consisted of representatives from all the AAA County Handicapping Boards of Control (Northern, Southern and the Midlands), which met to discuss and formulate the uniformity of time standards in order to regulate and control the system of handicapping, and to supervise handicappers practice. Generally the meetings dealt with letters of complaints from athletes concerning the starts allocated to them by the handicapper, usually addressed by a request for an explanation from the handicapper resulting sometimes in their licence being suspended. The granting of full and partial licenses to handicap also occupied much of the meetings with a list of applicants and those to whom licenses were granted noted. Cycling events and championships were also handicapped by AAA approved handicappers and this is discussed. Time penalties incurred for wins and placings within the top three are noted within the minutes. Loose Leaves consist of a list of complaints received regarding handicap marks, a list of time standards, start limits and scale of penalties.

1 volume

Open

AAA/1/2/3/2 Handicapping Board of Control Minutes 1912-1920

This volume contains minutes for the dates covering 1912-1920 and includes a report of the sub-committee who were appointed to investigate the question of handicapping, listing the flaws of the present system. The volume contains complaints received from athletes regarding starts and penalties and accounts of handicapping fees are also included as are the appointments of district handicappers, list of events to be handicapped by the board and individual handicappers, handicapping board of control rules and regulations and report of the conference of the Handicapping Boards of Control. Loose leaves consist of a scale of penalties for prize winners; complaints concerning handicapping marks; multiple copies

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of the Handicapping Board of Control Rules and Regulations 1920; Agenda Dec 30 1920; blank paper samples and printing estimates from various printers.

1 volume

Open

AAA/1/2/4 General Olympic Committee 1911-1932

Previously known as the Special Olympic Committee the General Olympic Committee was established to organize the association's connections and position regarding the Olympic Games.

2 volumes

Open

AAA/1/2/4/1 Special Olympic Committee Minutes 1911-1923

Volume containing minutes covering the dates 1911-1923. The committee had responsibility for the selection of olympic athletes by organizing the trial games held for the purposes of selection, and the organization of the teams trip ranging from the accommodation for the representatives to the design of the team costume in collaboration with the British Olympic Council. The letter sent out to athletes provisionally chosen for the Olympics prompted responses that revealed the extreme lack of training received by the athletes as advice was requested for aspects such as training, diet, arm action and breathing. Also highlighted were the inadequacies of facilities for rural athletes such as the necessity to dress and undress in the open air and practice in a field. It was highlighted by the committee that promising athletes who lack facilities could certainly develop to championship form if given better training facilities. The minutes also record the committees discussion of various issues such as funding for training and trainers wages, the cost of and allocation of funds for medals, the organization of an international contest between England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, discussion of the proposal to include all the Olympic Field Events in the AAA Championships. The minutes report

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that after a notable discussion it was decided in 1920 that the metric system should not be adopted for the Olympic Trials, County Championships and the General Championships. The volume also includes a list of the number of competitors entered for the olympic events, names of the selected team and a report on the Antwerp Olympics. The Special Olympic committee changed its name to the General Olympic committee in .

1 volume

Open

AAA/1/2/4/2 General Olympic Committee Minutes 1923-1932

The volume contains minutes covering the dates August 27 1923 - September 20 1932. The minutes report that two members of the British Olympic Association were invited to join the General Olympic Committee of the AAA. Funds were finally received from the British Olympic Association after much discussion and negotiation to cover all expenses incurred by the AAA for the Paris Olympics of 1924. The committee decided that as far as possible the County Championships were to include a full Olympic programme. The volume also provides details of the selection discussion, list of those selected, a list of approved world records, the appointment of coaches and a report on the IAAF congress of 1932 which noted the prohibition of starting blocks and the Kirby Camera which was used for photo finishes. Loose leaves enclosed at the rear of the volume.

1 volume

Open

AAA/1/2/5 Championships Committee, later Promotions Committee 1919-1988

The role of the Championships Committee was defined as the committee to '...organise and manage the Senior and Junior and other Championships of the Association'. [source: Vol.9 General Comm. Feb5th 1944] Therefore the committee was responsible for the total organization of the association's annual athletic

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meetings, the annual AAA sponsored marathon, road race relays, decathlon championships, junior championships, international competitions and other athletic activities. The committee was responsible for every aspect of an athletic meet including the maintenance of stadiums and tracks, equipment, the appointment of officials, medal provision/design, organization of post-championship dinner etc. The committee appears to consist of one representative from each county, the Southern, Midland and Northern Amateur Athletic Association nominated by fellow members plus chairman, honorary team secretary, honorary treasurer, honorary secretary and honorary championship secretary. The Championships Committee changed its name to the Promotions committee in the 1980's.

6 volumes

Open

AAA/1/2/5/1 Championships Committee Minutes 1919-1931

Volume containing manuscript and typescript Championship Committee meeting minutes covering the dates 1919-31, alongside the minutes of the Southern Counties Championships Committee meetings for 1922-1928. The format of the minutes took the traditional form of noting in order those present, minutes of last meeting signed and confirmed, apologies, and then matters arising. The issues discussed include the advertising of the championships, price of admission, the appointment of officials and the setting of time standards to be met by athletes who wish to compete in their chosen discipline. Other topics discussed in the meetings encompass all aspects of the organisation of the championships such as printing estimates for the championships programme, medal provision and the commissioning of its design by Messrs T. Frattorini of Birmingham, prices to charge for stadium admission, organization of a post-championship dinner for team and officials, dressing accommodation for athletes at the stadium and a discussion on the question of insurance in case of wet weather. The committee was also responsible for the organization of international matches and the minutes of 10th July 1923 not that the team took a supply of

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English bread to the International match against France.

The minutes of the Southern Counties Championships Committee meetings include a debate about the erection of a temporary stand to seat 1,000, prices of admission for part of the ground, the hiring chairs, and the organisation of medals, badges, programmes and band for the championships. Loose leaves inserted are three letters of apology for absence dated 1925, list of officials for the AAA Championships and an agenda for the meeting to be held 15th May 1925.

1 volume

Open

AAA/1/2/5/2 Championships Committee Minutes 1931-1947

Typed committee meeting minutes covering the dates 1931-1947 and including minutes of the Southern members of the championships committee meetings for 1932-1938. The committee discussed topics such as the choosing of the team captain e.g. Lord Burghley, the organization of the programme of events, which was recommended to the General Committee for approval, and the organization of continental invitations and international meetings e.g. matches against France and Italy for which reports were also received. Aspects of the championships also organized by the committee include dressing rooms, prize distribution, press and refreshments, insurance for competitors, officials and pluvius. Discussions regarding the specifications of the athletic track at White City, which was to host the AAA Championships, encompassed the surface of the track, the specifications of the high jump pit, take off boards for long jump and the steeplechase hedge height. The minutes record that for the 1932 British Empire v USA match the programme of events relate to all male contests with women's events included as additional features, promoting only 2 female competitions in comparison to the mens 10. Each county division within the AAA had its own championships and reports of these are received and recorded in this volume. The minutes for October 1933 document a weakness

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in field events with the committee observing that more coaching, and of a higher standard is required in order to improve the situation. Therefore in 1934-1936 negotiations between the association and Pathe are annotated regarding the agreement to make a film together, in slow motion, in order to assist the coaching of various disciplines.

Advertising and publicity initiatives during this time included publicity in local press, cinema screen advertising in picture houses, theatres, and music halls, as well as a plan to distribute 2,500 advertising cards to hotels and pubs in, addition to placing posters on railways and sandwich boards. In November 1934 the committee agreed to establish the Indoor Championships with the amateur status of the Indoor Championships defined in 1938. The minutes for 3 December 1938 report the committees consultation on the use of starting blocks for the first time and the use of electric timing , noting that 'Mr. Abrahams described an instrument for electric timing'. Finally, in May 1939, the decision was made to commission the design from the London Instrument company for a set of starting blocks. The minutes in the volume skip from May 6th 1939 - January 16th 1946, clearly a hiatus for the Second World War. On the committee's return in 1946 the Eric Liddell cup for AAA Junior Champion was established in his honour and the difficulty of staging the Marathon Championships in London due to congestion was noted.

1 volume

Open

AAA/1/2/5/3 Championships Committee Minutes 1948-1961

Volume containing minutes for the dates 1948-1961. Particularly of note in this volume is the focus of the association on the publicity drive to promote the competitions and the associations through the press and with the BBC who televised competitions and commentated at championships. A significant concern during this time was the endeavour of the association to improve grounds and arena facilities in order to enhance the efficiency of meetings. The entry

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forms for competitions by athletes were regarded as very important and it was agreed in 1951 that all entry forms be scrutinized by sub-committee in order to safeguard against any wilful omissions. Many applicants were refused entry to their chosen competition primarily due to the need for a smaller field of entrants. In addition the committee also had responsibility for the allocation of honorary awards, these being; CN Jackson Memorial Cup for outstanding athlete/best performance, Harvey Memorial Cup for Best Champions, John Thornton Memorial Trophy for Best High Hurdles time, George Hogsflesh Memorial Trophy for Junior Athlete of the Year, Joe Turner Memorial Trophy for Best Junior Champion and the WJ Pepper award for Best Field Event in Championships.

1 volume

Open

AAA/1/2/5/4 Championships Committee Minutes 1961-1965

Minutes covering the dates from 21st October 1961 to 1965 also containing circulars to committee members regarding the next planned meetings. Topics under discussion include the role of chief timekeeper, the debate surrounding the impending metrication planned for 1968 and refers to a television arrangement with the BBC and problems of sponsorship with Yardley as a result.

1 volume

Open

AAA/1/2/5/5 Championships/Promotions Committee Minutes 1972-1985

Volume consists of minutes covering the dates February 1972 - February 1985. The volume opens with a request for members of the committee to submit their opinions on Championship Standards. The standards refer to the time or height criteria imposed on athletes in order to gain a place in the championships at their chosen event. The primary discussion rests on the revision of these standards, most notably to raise them sensibly. The volume includes championship reports noting results and times of

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events and often the overall outcome. The committee was responsible for the organization of championships such as the dates and venues, as well as providing lists of candidates and apparently allocating athletics awards. The last entry of minutes for the Championships committee is for January 10 1976, the next minutes in the volume are for the Promotions committee dated November 6 1976. The decision to change the name of the Championships committee to the more general name of Promotions committee is not documented within the minutes. However, it is apparent that the Promotions committee is a continuation of the Championships committee due to the identical responsibilities and issues discussed during meetings.

1 volume

Open

AAA/1/2/5/6 Promotions Championships Committee Minutes 1985-1988

Partially filled volume containing minutes covering the dates March 19 1985 - September 6 1988. This volume contains minutes from a variety of committees under various names, these consist of; Championships Promotions Sub Committee, Promotions (Championships) Sub Committee, and finally Promotions Championships Committee. It is unclear as to whether these are the same committees under various stages of development although it is apparent that the responsibilities and issues of the committees are similar. These responsibilities include the organization of championships and other major fixtures as well as the reporting of the problems encountered at events. The minutes of 11/11/87 imply the championships committee was still in existence in its own right.

1 volume

Open

AAA/1/2/6 Southern Committee 1896-1959

The Southern Committee was established as a counterpart to the Northern Counties Athletic Association (NCAA) and the Midland Counties

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Amateur Athletic Association (MCAAA). The committee served as an area association until 1961 when the Southern Counties Amateur Athletic Association was formed and was put on the same footing as the MCAAA and the NCAAA. The minutes of this committee from 1959 can be located within the Southern Counties Amateur Athletic Association collection at SCAAA/1/1.

18 volumes

Open

AAA/1/2/6/1	Southern Committee Minutes	1896-1900
	1 volume	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/6/2	Southern Committee Minutes	1901-1909
	1 volume	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/6/3	Southern Committee Minutes	1912-1920
	1 volume	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/6/4	Southern Committee Minutes	1920-1926
	1 volume	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/6/5	Southern Committee Minutes	1926-1929
	1 volume	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/6/6	Southern Committee Minutes	1929-1931
	1 volume	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/6/7	Southern Committee Minutes	1931-1934
	1 volume	

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	Open	
AAA/1/2/6/8	Southern Committee Minutes	1934-1936
	1 volume	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/6/9	Southern Committee Minutes	1936-1937
	1 volume	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/6/10	Southern Committee Minutes	1938-1940
	1 volume	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/6/11	Southern Committee Minutes	1940-1946
	1 volume	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/6/12	Southern Committee Minutes	1953-1956
	1 volume	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/6/13	Southern Committee Minutes	1956-1957
	1 volume	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/6/14	Southern Committee Minutes	1958-1959
	The minutes of this committee from 1959 can be located within the Southern Counties Amateur Athletic Association collection at SCAAA/1/1.	
	1 volume	
	Open	
AAA/1/2/6/16	Military sub-committee of the Southern Counties	1915-1918
	This volume contains minutes dated 7th April 1915 to 19th August. The committee was established by the Southern committee 'to deal	

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with all matters in connection with the promotion of Athletic Meetings confined entirely to His Majesty's Forces'. Many of the minutes were contained as loose typescript inserts and the volume consequently does not follow strict chronological order or contain the complete set of minutes produced by this committee.

2 items 1 volume, 1 file

Open

AAA/1/2/6/17 Southern Championships committee and sub-committee Minutes 1931-1958

This volume contains minutes dated 19th March 1931 to 16th September 1958 of the Southern Championships committee and sub-committee which was a sub-committee of the Southern committee. The committee was responsible for the organisation and management of the Senior and Junior championships in the southern region of the Amateur Athletic Association

1 volume

Open

AAA/1/2/6/18 Minutes for the Southern Championships 1931-1933

This volume contains minutes dated May 4th 1931 to June 2nd 1933. Minutes of a variety of committees involved in organising the Southern Championships at Southend-on-Sea are contained within this volume including minutes from the Ground committee; Combined Publicity and Finance Committees and General Local Committee (for the Southern Championships).

1 volume

Open

AAA/1/2/7 Publications Committee 1927-1971

The function of the publication committee was to '...organize a film library; to arrange a library of books of instruction; to arrange the publication of the Annual Handbook and any other instructional book or pamphlet' [source: Vol.9 General Comm. Feb 5th 1944]. This series is incomplete, the

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whereabouts of the minutes from 1963 -1971 and beyond are unknown.

2 volumes

Open

AAA/1/2/7/1 Publications Committee Minutes 1927-1963

Reports on sales, circulars to members and the discussion of advertising agreements are also included in this minute book which covers the dates February 18 1927 - October 11 1963. The minutes refer to the financial planning of AAA publications, as well as the decisions made on what should be published. During the meetings proofs of publications were checked with suggestions discussed and final approval given for production.

1 volume

Open

inserts coming loose from pages, need to be pasted in

AAA/1/2/7/2 Publications Committee Minutes 1971

Only containing minutes for June 1 1971. It was agreed that coaching publications, previously produced by the AAA, would now be the responsibility of the British Amateur Athletic Board's Coaching Technical Sub-committee. Stock of various titles is also listed.

1 volume

Open

AAA/1/2/8 Finance and General Purposes Committee 1929-1989

This committee evolved from the original Finance Committee which subsumed the responsibility of administrative matters in May 1931 when it became the Finance and Administrative Committee. The Finance and Administrative Committee then changed its name to the Finance and General Purposes Committee in May 1946 as a result of the association's post-war plan. The function of the committee was to perform the '...administration of the association; to control all

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expenditure; to consider budgets of committees where necessary; to deal with matters requiring immediate attention and not provided for under any other committee'. [source: Vol.9 General Comm. April 15 1944] . The material is arranged as a run of Finance and General Purposes committee volumes with the minutes relating to the affiliated, but separate, committees of the General Purposes and Finance committee located at the end.

7 volumes

Open

AAA/1/2/8/1    General Purposes Committee and Constitution    1926-1937  
Sub-committee minutes

The front of this volume contains minutes for the Constitution sub-committee for the year 1937, while the rear of the volume contains minutes of the General Purposes committee from December 6 1926 - June 6 1928.

The Constitution sub-committee was established as a sub-committee of the General Committee in December 1936. The committee was established 'consisting of members nominated by the Southern Committee, and by the M.C.AAA and N.C.AAA to consider the whole constitution of the Amateur Athletic Association and to make recommendations as to the alterations advised for the better government of athletics in England and Wales'. The small number of minute entries in this volume therefore briefly discuss the constitution particularly the allocation of representatives from various districts on the assorted committees.

The minutes of General Purposes committee imply that these entries are a continuation of previous meetings, however, those volumes are lost. It can be assumed that the administration of the General Purposes committee was closed when the Finance and Administration committee became the Finance and General Purposes committee in 1946, however the whereabouts of the minutes beyond June 1928 are unknown. The brief entries in this volume discuss protests received from clubs and athletes against decisions made, the discussion of letters

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received and the question of eligibility of certain athletes to compete.

1 volume

Open

AAA/1/2/8/2 Finance and General Purposes Committee Minutes 1929-1936

Containing manuscript and typescript minutes covering the dates August 9th 1929 - December 1st 1936. The volume initially contains the minutes of the Finance committee which then becomes the Finance and Administration committee in May 1931. The minutes of the Finance committee report on the finances of the association, noting the accounts of athletics events, purchases made, recommendations for annual subscription, salaries, and allocation of funds etc. When the committee officially encompasses administrative matters, by changing its name to the Finance and Administration committee, issues discussed span the adoption of the 'horse-shoe' table design in the association's offices, the employment of a stenographer and the refurbishment of new offices. Also included is a report on the proposed memorial to P.L.Fisher. Loose leaf.

1 volume

Open

AAA/1/2/8/3 Finance and General Purposes Committee Minutes 1937-1957

Minutes cover the dates April 25 1937- February 9th 1957. The volume initially contains minutes from the meeting of the Finance and Administration committee which then becomes the Finance and General Purposes committee in May 1946. Matters as extensive as tax, the funding of events, such as the British Empire Games of 1938, staff salaries, the provision of stop watches and steeplechase rules are considered by this committee. Loose leaves.

1 volume

Open

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AAA/1/2/8/4 Finance and General Purposes Committee 1957-1963  
Minutes

Indexed volume of minutes covering the dates April 6th 1957 - July 13th 1963, including circulars and agendas to members. Topics considered during the meetings include the awarding of grants, AAA publications, television agreement with the B.B.C., staff salaries, the coaching fund, White City stadium agreement etc. Many matters such as the suggestions of Harold Abrahams of the use of photo-finish in 1958 were often conferred upon other committees in accordance with the declaration that the committee deal only with matters 'not provided for under any other committee'. The volume also includes a copy of the Constitution and Terms of Reference of sub-committees of General Committee (1961). Loose leaves: brown envelopes containing Reports of the Chief National Coach.

1 volume

Open

AAA/1/2/8/5 Finance and General Purposes Committee 1963-1969  
Minutes

Minutes covering the dates October 12 1963 - October 18 1969. The minutes include a discussion of athletes television appearances and the method of dealing with all fees received; reports from other committees received when addressing financial considerations, such as the Publication committee; issues of sponsorship such as pepsi-cola sponsoring the AAA Championships 1964-1966; the renting of new premises; coaching expenses; area grants and awards etc.

1 volume

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AAA/1/2/8/6 Finance and General Purposes Committee 1970-1983  
Minutes

Volume contains minutes, agendas and circulars to members covering, incompletely, the dates

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February 1970 - November 1983. The missing minutes for April 29 1977, September 15 1977, February 3 1978 can be found in volume of the finance committee AAA/1/2/8/9. In accordance with its title the committee deliberated over a wide range of topics during its meetings. These included issues such as reports from the honorary treasurer on the financial position of the association, staff matters, annual estimates and budgets, sources of funding and grant applications, the financial effects of staging athletics meetings and the relinquishing of the jurisdiction of fell running to the Fell Runners' Association.

1 volume

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AAA/1/2/8/7 Finance Committee and Finance and General Purposes Committee minutes 1971- 1980

Volume containing minutes of the Finance Committee from January 1971 - November 1975 and minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee sporadically from September 1973 - April 1980. A considerable number of the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee are duplicates of those in AAA/1/2/8/5 however, those for April 29 1977, September 15 1977 and February 3 1978 are to be found in this volume only. It is not stated and so it is uncertain as to when, or if, the Finance Committee was assimilated into the Finance and General Purposes Committee, which had originally evolved from a Finance Committee. The location of the preceding minute books of the Finance Committee is unknown, however this volume implies that the committee had been in existence for some time, responsible purely for financial matters.

1 volume

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AAA/1/2/8/8 Finance and General Purposes Committee Minutes 1984-1989

Volume covering the dates February 1984 - February 1989. Amongst a broad range of topics

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the committee considered details such as the distribution of equipment to areas in relation to the numbers of active clubs, the allocation of funds, for example to the marathon squad, and discussion of the proposal that new premises were required for the association. members of the committee also dealt with the preparation of the commonwealth games budget, tax issues, the proposal of a Registration Scheme and the undertaking of an initial survey of the computer requirements. The minutes of May 1985 record a meeting on the possibility of staging the Olympics in London in 1992, it was felt that although the idea was met with enthusiasm the Lord Mayor was not taking the correct approach to it. On reporting that a company was seeking to establish and sponsor a series of races the committee resolved that 'it is important that we should maintain vigilance on such interference by outside commercial interests trying to penetrate the sport'. The committee meetings also generated recommendations to be submitted to the General Committee particularly with regard to the administration of British athletics.

1 volume

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AAA/1/2/8/9

Finance and General Purposes Committee  
Minutes

1989

Partially filled volume containing minutes covering the dates March 1989 - November 1989. The committee agenda includes discussion of the withdrawal of major sponsorship from competition and the need to find replacement funding and office accommodation regarding the move of the organization from London to Birmingham for financial reasons. Other financial and general matters discussed include items as varied as supplying provisions for officials uniforms, financing the development fund for areas who do not have significant sources of income and the negotiation of television coverage of athletics events.

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AAA/1/2/9 Physical Fitness Committee 1938-1939

The Amateur Athletic Association was notified by the Government's Board of Education that cooperation was required for their physical recreation campaign to promote exercise for everyone. As a result a committee was established for the running of the physical fitness initiative which involved the establishment of a systematic campaign to provide athletics facilities and specialized training. It was recognized that the AAA could not fund all the provisions necessary so applications for grants were made for financial resources from the National Advisory Council and co-operation with the Education Authorities was forged. It is unclear as to if this committee continued beyond the years for which there are minutes.

1 volume

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AAA/1/2/9/1 Physical Fitness Committee Minutes 1938-1939

Volume covering the minutes for the dates 1938 - 25 March 1939. The results of a questionnaire conducted by the committee to investigate the state of club and coaching facilities available for athletics, revealed the massive shortfall in provisions for the sport. The questionnaire highlighted the inadequacies by emphasizing the fact that some clubs had no grounds available to them and that there was a dire need for equipment such as jumping and throwing pits, hurdles, javelins, poles and even sports clothes. The minutes record the ambitions and plans of the committee to improve this situation by the dissemination of qualified instructors throughout the country to regularly attend the tracks and grounds of both small schools and large centres. Through their efforts the association gained a place for a representative of athletics on the governing body for the proposed National Training College and the minutes record the granting of an awarded to AAA from the National Fitness Council 'to appoint a full-time organizer to stimulate interest in physical training and recreation'. The minutes for October 4 1938 explains the organization of physical activity which included working with other organizations

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to arrange and promote inter-village sports meetings and to encourage athletics in boys clubs. The outcome of the committee appears to be the focussed impetus on the need to develop the sport of athletics in every way be it the need to obtain active representation on useful public bodies or to fund a coaching scheme.

1 volume

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AAA/1/2/10 Development Committee 1944-1968

The function of the Development Committee was '...to continuously consider and promote development in athletics; to organize and manage a Summer School or any other event of a similar nature; to organize a panel of instructors; to organize and manage examinations for instructors and officials; to organize a panel of lecturers; to organize the showing of films.' [ Source: Vol.9 General Committee minutes Feb 5th 1944]

3 volumes

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AAA/1/2/10/1 Development Committee Minutes 1944-1956

Minutes cover dates December 16 1944 - April 7 1956, however the minutes are not in chronological order. In accordance with the committee's mission this volume documents the initial discussion and plans for the development of athletics in terms of coaches and instruction, the establishment of a summer school, provision of facilities and junior athletics. Tests for trainers to be recognized as AAA coaches were prepared and reported on during the meetings and a list of officials approved by the association as competent judges and timekeepers drawn up for the clubs wishing to use them at events. Having appointed a professional coach under the coaching scheme, which was a programme devised to ensure that coaching became more professional, a summer school at Loughborough was established with the newly appointed coach taking charge of this, and any other AAA organized courses. The provision of facilities for

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athletics around the country are discussed and reported on according to locality particularly on the availability of tracks. The proposal that films of athletes be produced in order that prints could be provided for training purposes is discussed, as are regulations for Junior athletes specifically age, weight and equipment specifications. Also includes minutes of a meeting of the AAA members of the Festival of Britain sub-committee (1950) and a report into the effects of hammer throwing on school boys.

1 volume

Open

AAA/1/2/10/2 Development Committee Minutes 1965-1968

Partially filled volume containing minutes and reports. The Development committee minutes cover dates September 25 1965 - October 29 1967, while Facilities committee minutes cover March 14 1967 - February 10 1968. Loose leaves included are of circulars and agendas to members of the Facilities committee. The construction of new indoor tracks are investigated by the Development committee with specifications and advice sought from abroad. The National Development policy reports on the association's endeavours to improve the provision of training and competitive facilities according to region. While the report of the Joint Coaching and Development Conference reviews the coaching scheme, liaison with schools and school leavers and the formation of the regional sports council. The proposal made for the Organization committee and the Development committee to combine into one accounts for the amalgamation of the two which occurred in 1967. Also included within this volume are some minutes of the Facilities committee which cover issues such as the plans for metrication in 1972 and the adjustments required as a result, for example it is stated that in future tracks will have to be 400 metres in circumference, reports on indoor tracks and regions are also received.

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- AAA/1/2/10/3 Development Committee Minutes 1985-1987
- Partially filled volume containing minutes for the Development Committee and Development sub-committee covering the dates April 1985 - January 1987. The committee at this point was primarily concerned with the registration scheme which was apparently a venture to establish computerization as an aid in AAA administration by registering the association's members via a compulsory scheme on a centralized system which, amongst other benefits, would assist in ensuring annual subscriptions. All regions were to be provided with the software to fulfill the registration scheme and other requirements. Other issues raised include advertising on club vests, the improvement of the AAA newsletter, and the discussion in 1986 of the proposed amalgamation of both the individual country associations within the UK and the English Women's Amateur Athletic Association and the Amateur Athletic Association. A considerable amount of attention was also paid to the administration of the Amateur Athletic Association, particularly with regard to the administrative areas of the association and the discussions to re-structure the Northern counties and Southern counties areas which were regarded as too large to manage.
- 1 volume
- Open
- AAA/1/2/11 Organization Committee 1958-1965
- The Organization committee was responsible for reviewing the infrastructure of the Amateur Athletic Association in order to make suggestions and amendments to improve the working practices and constitution of the association.
- 1 volume
- Open
- AAA/1/2/11/1 Organization Committee Minutes 1958-1965
- Partially filled volume covering the dates October 8 1958-October 29 1965 discussing the committee's suggested changes for re-

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organization of the association. Proposals for the reorganization of the structure are detailed focussing on the relationship between the association, areas, counties and clubs and the attempt to refine the constitution, laws and rules in order to eradicate any existing loopholes. The volume also includes minutes of the Joint meeting of the Organization committee and of Finance and General Purposes committee (1963), a Review of the Championships committee and Possible Amendments to the British Amateur Athletic Board.

1 volume

Open

AAA/1/2/12 Organization and Development Committee 1967-1972

The function of the committee was 'To put forward ideas for the development of athletics and the improvement of its organization under the AAA'. The committee was formed by the amalgamation of the Organization committee and the Development committee in 1967.

1 volume

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AAA/1/2/12/1 Organization and Development Committee Minutes 1967-1972

Minute book covering the dates April 8 1967 - September 16 1972. The first issue the committee discusses is the competition structure for track and field athletics which they feel is deficient. It is agreed that it can be improved by the establishment of a national league system, and the proposal of dates for a national fixture programme for competitions is suggested. A number of recommendations are advised in a detailed report to improve the presentation of athletics, suggestions include the training of announcers in presentation and technique, coloured numbers to be provided for athletes, the need for warming up areas and the appointment of a chief marshall to ensure arena control. Also included is the 1967 Report on the Joint Conference between the Coaching, Facilities and Organization and Development committee,

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Officials research questionnaire and analysis of responses, and Notes on the National Exhibition Unit which involves promotional activities.

1 volume

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AAA/1/2/13 Coaching Committee 1947-1966

The coaching committee was formed in order to improve the standard of track and field events throughout the country. It was a concern that promising young athletes would be lost to the sport once they had left school and no longer participated in junior competitions. The Amateur Athletic Association purposely sought to secure the school leavers interest and talent at club level by encouragement and promotion of the sport and the establishment of an official coaching scheme. The association recognized the need for the qualification of more club coaches to ensure continuity of the coaching of young athletes leaving school. The coaching scheme was established in order to improve athletics at club level through competent instruction. The coaching committee was responsible for the appointment and validation of approved coaches and initially graded them at levels 1 or 2 and subsequently imposed the titles of Honorary Coach and Senior Honorary coach. The coaching committee consisted not only of AAA members but also representatives from the Schools Athletic Association; Central Council of Physical Recreation; and from the National Association of Lecturers and Organizers in Physical Education, with the committee ultimately reporting to the General Committee and the Finance Committee. Coaches were appointed by the AAA and allocated to each county area, the coach was to give practical instruction to athletes and engage in preparation of publications. The coaching scheme was an important aspect of the association's work, aimed only at producing coaches and teachers of athletics, it required a large financial investment the securing of which was of utmost priority to the committee.

2 volumes

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AAA/1/2/13/1 Coaching Committee Minutes 1947-1966

Volume containing minutes for the dates 1947 - 1966. The committee was primarily concerned with the organization of the coaching scheme and the improvement of the availability of coaching as a whole. The assistance received from the Ministry of Education in funding the services of a coach for the teaching of athletics is discussed and was clearly essential in the association's ability to fund the services. The salaries of the Chief Coach and national coaches are often discussed within the minutes with memorandum of financial arrangements for coaching. An experiment in weight training for athletes was established in 1949 in cooperation with the British Amateur Weightlifting Association (BAWLA). The volume contains a report on publications suggesting the production of 'novice pamphlets' to be written by AAA coaches on various athletic disciplines. D.C.V Watts for example was asked to prepare a pamphlet on the long jump and hop, step and jump and A.R Malcolm was requested to write a pamphlet on the Javelin. It was also recommended that a 'coaching bulletin' to be produced and published regularly. The need for more coaches to meet demand was an issue that arose throughout the course of the meetings. The coaching scheme proved to be very successful and the need for a publication bigger than the Bulletin is discussed, possibly to be replaced by an Athletics Year Book. The need for indoor winter training is noted and discussed and it transpires that the AAA coaches are most often used by the education authorities rather than the clubs, an issue which needs to be rectified. An important duty of the coaching committee was the organization of the Summer School held annually at Loughborough University, the committee arranged details such as publicity, finance and accommodation. The Summer Schools report note that it was very successful especially in attracting international participants. The committee also organized other courses and conferences for coaches. The minutes document the observations of the committee that the press emphasized only the star athletes, that the number of adults participating in

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athletics/coaching was decreasing, and that there was a severe lack of facilities and competition outside London, with indoor winter training facilities vital for development of the sport. The committee conducted a collaborative experiment with the Royal Academy of Dancing due the connections in training between athletes and dancers, particularly paying attention to the interrelationship with hurdles and high jump. Included in the volume are reports from the meeting of the AAA County Association & District Committee Equipment Representatives 10th March 1954. Issues discussed include discussion of each county's equipment, the introduction of new metal javelins, the design of hurdles and discussion of equipment. It was concluded that coaching problems were very largely linked with equipment problems and vice versa for example it was noted that there was a lack of development in hurdling due to the fact that many clubs couldn't even provide hurdles to train with. It was agreed that each county district was to have free services of the national coach for 5 sessions in order to address the resolution to decentralize coaching and bring it to county level. The volume also includes some minutes of the Equipment and Technical Committee.

1 volume

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AAA/1/2/13/2 Coaching Committee Minutes 1960-1966

Volume covering the dates 1960-1966, containing committee minutes alongside a list of coaching committee members and limited members, circulars to members and agenda and executive coaching committee minutes. The minutes document the items discussed during the meetings such as financial issues, programme planning, the analysis of reports submitted by Area Coaching Secretaries, and the discussion of letters received from overseas requesting the expertise of the AAA coaches to develop their own countries athletics, for example applications for help were received from Fiji, North Borneo, Malaysia, Nigeria and Canada. It was decided that the instructional booklets produced by the coaching committee were successful enough to warrant a reprint with revisions in 1961.

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Decisions made by the Finance and General Purposes Committee are of significance to the committee as grants and funds were allocated by them for the coaching scheme. The coaching scheme also received a grant from the Ministry of Education to fund a 7th national coach. The Coaching Scheme and conditions for coaching were clearly strengthened by the external funding, highlighted by its international reputation resulting in the international requests for assistance. In 1965 the issue of an all-weather surface running track and its implications for shoes etc were discussed at the Development and Coaching Conference and the coaching review undertaken by the General Committee with recommendations for the future of coaching is also included in the volume.

1 volume

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AAA/1/2/14 Schools Consultative Committee 1949-1986

The promotion of athletics in schools was regarded as an important strand of the Amateur Athletic Association's work. It recognized that the top athletes of the future needed to be nurtured from school age and that the Schools Athletic Association was the largest nursery for the AAA, in an effort to secure athletes beyond school the association needed to liaise between schools and clubs. As a result collaborative initiatives, such as the foundation of a scheme for training young athletes were established to ensure that there would be a pool of athletes for the future of the sport. The function of the committee therefore was to advise on the co-ordination of athletes in the various types of school with the AAA as the governing body. The school athletic activities were to cater for the full range of athletics events whilst protecting those pupils who wished to compete. These volumes provide a complete series of minutes for the dates noted.

3 volumes

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AAA/1/2/14/1 Schools Consultative Committee Minutes

1949-1966

Volume containing minutes for the dates covering 1949-1966. The volume opens with a report of a meeting of the representatives of the AAA and the Schools Athletic Association. The meeting was convened by AAA General Committee at the request of the Schools Athletic Association with '...the object being to consider the direct representation of the Schools AA on the General Committee of the AAA'. The Schools AA represented the schools of England and Wales encompassing public schools, grammar schools and technical schools. It was recommended to the General Committee of the Schools AA that a consultative schools sub-committee be established representing all schools in England and Wales for the purpose of facilitating direct representation, and that the committee should nominate a representative direct to the General Committee. The meetings initially discussed the ratio of representation noting that the Schools AA had 5 representatives, the Grammar schools 2 and the Technical, Home, Public and Preparatory schools 1 representative each on the committee. The AAA mentioned that they had no wish to interfere in school athletics, stating that merely the connection with the young athletes after leaving school was the most important factor for their involvement. The minutes in this volume primarily discuss the question of age-groups, facilities for athletes and schools and school athletic equipment. The safety and development of the young athlete was viewed as essential and so detailed discussions on the standardization of equipment and formation of regulations for each discipline according to age-group took place throughout these meetings. For this purpose a medical advisory board was consulted to report on the suitability of certain events and equipment for athletes of specific ages, for example, the distance between hurdles, the weight of the shot and hammer, the diameters of the circle for the discus and shot put etc. The minutes notes that in 1961 the Schools Athletic Association changed its name to the English Schools Athletics Association. The volume also includes Annual Report of AAA Schools Consultative Committee, circulars to members and minutes for the Schools

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Consultative Sub-committee.

1 volume

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AAA/1/2/14/2 Schools Consultative Committee Minutes 1966-1980

Volume covering the dates May 1966 to October 1980, including agendas. The minutes discuss a wide variety of issues relating to the development of youth athletics and physical education. Of utmost importance to the association was the safety of the athletes illustrated by lengthy discussions on safety precautions and the effects of equipment and standards, such as weights for throwing events, on young athletes. A report generated by the committee on the 'Athletics Events for Boys and Girls in the Lower Age Ranges' outlines the association's objectives with regard to athletics for children. Also discussed are the award scheme and inter school competitions.

1 volume

Open

AAA/1/2/14/3 Schools Consultative Committee Minutes 1980- 1986

Partially filled volume covering the dates October 1980 - October 1986, including agenda. The committee discussed several problems affecting younger athletes, these included the sensationalist allegations of drug taking amongst school children, financial difficulties involved in the participation of athletics and the lack of playing field facilities for a 400 metre track. The committee also received reports from schools' athletics associations including the English Schools Athletic Association, the Welsh Schools Athletic Association and the Public Schools P.E Association.

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AAA/1/2/15 Athletes To and From Abroad Committee 1949-1955

This committee dealt with applications from clubs and athletes to compete at meets abroad and to

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permit or decline applications from foreign clubs and athletes to compete at events in Britain. The committee had the authority to decide whether athletes and clubs could accept certain invitations, with the association's primary concern being that the competitions adhere to the association rules and that they do not clash with more important competitions on the athletic timetable.

1 volume

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AAA/1/2/15/1 Athletes To and From Abroad Committee Minutes 1949-1955

Minutes of the Athletes To and From Abroad committee from 1949-1955. The committee primarily dealt with and discussed applications from either individuals or clubs for permission to compete abroad, as well as invitations received from overseas clubs proposing visits from individual athletes or clubs for athletics meetings. Every application for competing abroad, or the arrangement of inviting a foreign club to compete in Britain needed to be sanctioned by the AAA through this committee, if this did not happen the minutes note that the contests could not be regarded as official and were therefore not representative of the British Amateur Athletic Board or the AAA. The minutes indicate that many invitations received from abroad inviting British Athletes for events were refused, the reasons primarily being due to clashes of timetable with important home events and the ability to prepare the fitness of the athletes in time for the meet. The exchange of athletes and clubs particularly occurred with Holland, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, South Africa, Eire, Finland and New Zealand. The committee implemented a system of Certification of Amateur Status which acted as a permit for athletes and teams to compete abroad. The minutes note that successful athletes received many more personal invites to tour overseas. A significant amount of invitations were received for example for Roger Bannister, the Jamaican athlete Arthur Wint and the Trinidadian Emmanuel McDonald Bailey. In addition, the committee also dealt with the applications from

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overseas athletes wishing to join athletics clubs in Great Britain, these athletes originated from places as diverse as India, Eire, the Gold Coast, Nigeria and New Zealand.

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AAA/1/2/16 Fixtures and Selection Committee 1952-1979

The role of the Fixtures and Selection committee was '...to deal with applications relating to the payment of expenses; to deal with applications for exhibitions; to arrange official matches; to select AAA Teams and touring parties; to deal with applications to travel abroad'. [source: Vol.9 General Comm. April 15 1944] The responsibilities performed by the Fixtures and Selection committee originally formed part of the duties of the Athletes To and From Abroad committee.

4 volumes

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AAA/1/2/16/1 Fixtures and Selection Committee Minutes 1952-1960

Minutes in this volume cover the dates 15 March 1952 - 14 September 1960. In accordance with the committees function the minutes discuss a variety of matters regarding the selection of teams and the organization of athletics matches. The minutes document the difficulty in selecting AAA teams for various meets in an Olympic year when training and preparation of individuals and teams are of an utmost consideration in an attempt to plan the build up to the main event. Lists of athletes chosen for competitions are contained and the selection criteria noted. The Honorary Team Manager's report reviews proceedings of the previous year.

1 volume

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AAA/1/2/16/2 Fixtures and Selection Committee Minutes 1960-1966

Minutes cover October 16 1960- January 28 1966. The volume starts with a list of the team

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and travel details for an England versus East Germany match. Lists of applications of athletics meetings requiring competing teams are contained, the minutes record the meets approved by the committee and rejected applications with reasons for those decisions provided. The refusal to send teams to certain competitions were primarily due to a busy athletics programme and clash of timetable. It was noted in 1961 that an increasing number of athletes were being individually invited to compete abroad, this posed a particular problem for the AAA who needed to ensure that the competition complied with the associations rules never violating the status of the amateur athlete. Careful consideration was taken over the approval of athletics competitions with the importance of the meet being of utmost priority alongside the potential benefits for the competitors.

1 volume

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AAA/1/2/16/3 Fixtures and Selection Committee Minutes 1966-1972

Minutes cover March 21 1966 - August 31 1972. The volume includes minutes, reports and circulars to members. The minutes note the selection criteria and the factors that are taken into consideration when selecting members for teams. Also including a report by the Honorary Team Manager of the British Empire and Commonwealth Games held in Jamaica 1966 as well as a list of placings of British athletes in the finals. The athletes who competed for the AAA in 1966 and the team managers, physiotherapists and coaches are documented, as well as a list of regional team managers, physiotherapists and medical officers. The volume also contains a provisional paper on the Commonwealth Games to be held in New Zealand, 1974.

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AAA/1/2/16/4 Fixtures and Selection Committee Minutes 1973-1979

Partially filled volume containing minutes and

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circulars to members covering the dates April 1973 - September 1979. The committee discuss the arrangements of official matches, which involves the selecting the number of competitors, and the organization of the travel expenses and accommodation. The committee decide on the acceptance and decline of invitations to provide teams fro various athletics events and produce timetables of events for athletics matches. The Commonwealth Games Trial meeting was organized by the committee as a way of selecting the team for the forthcoming Commonwealth games, selection was determined by the athletes performance at the trials alongside recent previous performances. A brief discussion ensues of the report on the commonwealth team and reports from the committee submitted to the general committee are also included within the volume. These note the difficulties of raising a team for less important athletics meets particularly the problems of attracting leading performers. The meetings also reported on athletics matches and the confirmation of fixtures and was also responsible for the selection of officials for athletics events.

1 volume

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AAA/1/2/17 Athletic Advisory Committee 1957-1961

This committee was established as a result of the British athletes dissatisfaction at the flaws in the management of the British team at the Melbourne Olympics in 1956. The committee had a purely advisory role with the aim of improving the relationship between athletes and British Amateur Athletic Board. Recommendations generated by the committee were to be made by the AAA and given final approval by the British Amateur Athletic Board.

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AAA/1/2/17/1 Athletic Advisory Committee Minutes 1957-1961

Volume containing minutes of the Athletic Advisory Committee from April 18 1957 -

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February 10 1961. The purpose of the committee was to collate views of relevant people regarding the matters which arose so that decisions and proposals could be made that were representative of the athletes opinions. For example the minutes note that the committee received suggestions from athletes for dates of International meetings, a request for physiotherapists and an improvement on the facilities available to the at the stadium. These proposals were noted, informing the committees report which was then submitted to the General committee. The committee addressed the strengthening of weak events and a discussion ensued on the establishment of an International Athletics club for athletes 'for discussion of questions of mutual interest, and to form a collecting centre for ideas which they would like their representatives to put forward at the Athletics Advisory Committee'. A synopsis of the questionnaire results for the proposal of the International Athletics Club is included within the volume. Loose leaves inserted at the rear of the volume consist of drafts of athletic advisory committee reports and manuscript letters recording reasons for the establishment of the committee.

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AAA/1/2/18 Records and Rules Revision

1959-1986

The establishment and adherence to the rules of the Amateur Athletic Association were a major part of the organizations function. The AAA, as the largest governing body of the sport, had to respond to the needs and developments in athletics, and their most important objective was to advance the sport through their own initiatives. The AAA had to acknowledge new advances in sport technology and equipment and had to react to new considerations affecting sport as a whole, always underpinned by the principle of the amateur sportsperson. Rules therefore needed to adapt or to be established according to the contemporary climate and new athletics records needed to be ratified by the governing body of the sport which determined that any new record

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set complied with the rules laid down by the association.

3 volumes

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AAA/1/2/18/1 Records and Rules Revision Minutes 1959-1972

Rules Revision and Records Committee meeting minutes consists of a list of performances approved as English Native Records and the reporting of other record breaking performances which need to be ratified by the committee in order to be officially documented as such. Issues discussed during the committee meetings include equipment specifications, for example hurdle weights, javelin specifications, pole vault landing area etc. The need for wind gauges to be available in each area and the re-naming of the hop, step and jump to the triple jump (27th Oct 1961) is also dealt with by this committee. However, the vast majority of the meetings are occupied by rules revision with the re-wording, amending, deletion and insertion of new AAA rules, including propositions for changes in IAAF rules.

1 volume

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AAA/1/2/18/2 Records Ratification and Rules Revision 1960-1964

This volume consists primarily of reports of record breaking performances which were required to be ratified by the Records and Rule Revision Committee before they were declared official. Also included are announcements issued approving record breaking performances. Loose leaves include duplicates of contents.

1 volume

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AAA/1/2/18/3 Rules Revision and Records Committee 1973-1986

Volume covering the dates November 1973 - October 1986. The committee meetings appear to have been dominated by the discussion of

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suggested amendments to, various organizational rules including those affecting investigations and appeals, timekeeping and technical issues etc. Other business primarily consists of the ratification of record breaking performances.

1 volume

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AAA/1/2/19 Exhibitions 1960

This volume documents the preparations and organization for the Camping and Outdoor Life Exhibition which the Amateur Athletic Association contributed to as a result of its affiliation with the British Olympic Association.

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AAA/1/2/19/1 Papers on Exhibitions 1960

The volume opens with a report on the Camping and Outdoor Life Exhibition which the Amateur Athletic Association contributed to as a result of its affiliation with the British Olympic Association. The report assesses the outcome of the exhibition and notes plans and possible improvements for future exhibits. It also lists what was exhibited, such as publications, trophies, photographs and equipment as well as noting which members of the AAA's attended and who assisted with the display. Minutes of a meeting regarding the arrangements and organization of the Boys and Girls Exhibition note that the organizers of the exhibition, Odhams Press Limited, believed that the event could act as recruitment drive for AAA. The Exhibitions sub-committee minutes discuss the practical demonstration of events and equipment at the Exhibition and the participation of the children, it also includes a floor plan of the area designated for the AAA displays. A report of the exhibition then follows including income and expenditure incurred. The rest of the volume contains a list of names and addresses in alphabetical order, possibly of members of the AAA in 1960.

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AAA/1/2/20 National League Management 1969-1973

The National Athletics League was founded in 1969 in response to the recognition by the association that a '....healthy competitive structure [is] needed to increase standards, to encourage participation and excite public interest'. The National Athletics League was composed of the division of athletics clubs consisting of standards ranging from 1-3 with points being awarded for placings within competition.

1 volume

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AAA/1/2/20/1 National League Management Minutes 1969-1973

Volume containing minutes of the National League Management committee covering the dates . The committee was responsible for the organization of the National Athletics League arranging dates for competition and venues and formulating the rules of competition including the promotion and relegations of clubs within the league. The meeting minutes discuss a variety of issues relating to the organization of the league including topics as broad as allocating officials for meetings, arranging the dates and venues for fixtures, allocating grants to cover travel expenses, and the discussion of sponsorship and television coverage. The National Athletic League Report of 1970 briefly outlines the news of each division assessing statistics and scores to determine the level of improvement or deterioration of standards of each event in each division in comparison to the previous year, particularly noting that the quality of field events were poor. The minutes also document the protests received by the committee from clubs objecting to the expulsion from the league of ineligible athletes. The volume also includes copies of National Athletics League rules, circulars and agendas to committee members and constitution of the management committee in addition to copies of reports from the league

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secretary, sub-committee and reports from the league divisions. Loose leaves inserted at the rear of the volume consist of circulars to members with agenda, rules revised; circulars from the management committee of the British Athletic League regarding a sponsor found for 1973; notice that the British Athletic League would in future operate independently of the AAA ; minutes of the British Athletics League special meeting of 14 October 1973 regarding the separation from AAA to British Amateur Athletics Board etc.

1 volume

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AAA/1/2/21 Official's Committee 1975-1986

The AAA provided athletic events with officials to preside over competitions throughout the country and worldwide, this committee dealt with the organization and appointment of officials.

1 volume

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AAA/1/2/21/1 Official's Committee 1975-1986

Partially filled volume of minutes covering the dates January 1975 - October 1986. Listing the approved up-gradings of officials to various roles such as field judge, track judge, timekeeper and starter. Photo finishes and electronic timing were discussed with the committee report for 1974 noting the enthusiasm shown for this new form of officiating. Also discussed were the recommendations made by a report undertaken in 1974 on the system of testing and grading officials. The report recommended oral, written and practical examinations to measure the levels of the officials competence. The volume also includes annual reports of the officials committee reviewing the progress of the previous year, as well as minutes of meetings of the Combined Officials Committee which included officials from the Amateur Athletic Association and the Women's Amateur Athletic Association.

1 volume

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AAA/1/2/22 Facilities Committee 1978-1986

Although there is only one volume for this committee, it is apparent that the committee was in existence prior to 1978. Minutes for the Facilities committee for 1968 are included in the Development Committee minute book ref.AAA/1/2/10/2, but none are available for the intervening years.

1 volume

Open

AAA/1/2/22/1 Facilities Committee 1978-1986

Minutes covering the dates September 1979 - February 1986 volume also contains agendas. The facilities committee was responsible for the apparatus and the provisions available to the members of the amateur athlete association. The meetings consist primarily of the reporting of facilities and equipment available for athletes at various locations throughout the country. Issues of equipment discussed include the pole vault facility at Crystal Palace, hammer cages, the progress of a report on 'Facilities for Athletics' track and field. Also dealt with by the committee meetings were correspondence and letters received from various athletics clubs and bodies requesting advice on equipment. Discussion of developments in indoor athletics provisions. Also discuss IAAF rules with regard to technical issues and suggested amendments. The committee members undertook surveys of facilities throughout the country proceeding to report their findings at the committee meetings.

1 volume

Open

AAA/1/2/23 Road Race Advisory Committee 1985-1986

The Road Race Advisory committee was established in 1985 at the recommendation of the Promotions/Championships committee. The committee was 'tasked with advising the AAA's, through the Promotions Committee, on all aspects of Road Racing...with the increase in the

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size of the AAA Road Race programme...the need for an advisory committee had been recognized'. [Source: AAA/1/4/23/1]

1 volume

Open

AAA/1/2/23/1 Road Race Advisory Committee Minutes 1985-1986

Partially filled volume containing minutes covering the dates April 1985 - September 1986. The committee was responsible for the organization of road races from the courses to the officials, for relays and marathons and other long distance runs. The committee occupies itself with the objective to improve the organization of the events through the adherence to the code of conduct imposed by the British Association of Road Races. The last committee minutes entry in September 1986 end with the arrangement of the next meeting which was scheduled for November that year, however the whereabouts of the remaining minutes of this committee are unknown.

1 volume

Open

AAA/1/2/24 Various Committees and Sub-committees 1958-1990

Four volumes containing minutes of various committees and sub-committees for the years 1958; 1965-1973; and 1990.

3 volumes, 2 files

Open

AAA/1/2/24/1 Various Committees 1958

Containing the minutes and papers of various committees in the year 1958, these include:

Development Committee; Report of the Briefing Committee; Copy of a letter from the Honorary Secretary of the International Amateur Athletic Federation regarding shoes for use in jumping events; Championships Committee; Fixtures and Selection Committee; Athletes To and From Abroad Committee; Athletes Advisory

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Committee; Equipment Committee; Officials Committee; General Committee; Report of British Empire and Commonwealth Games; Approval of English Native Records; Finance and General Purposes Committee; Wolfenden Committee on Sports; List of Athletes who have represented the association during season 1958; Coaching Committee; Report of the AAA Summer School Loughborough; The National Coaches Tour of Public Schools; Development Committee Report and National Standard Scheme; Milocarian Trophy Committee; Publications Committee; List of times for the Approval of English Native Records; Annual Report of the Fixtures and Selection Committee and Honorary Team Manager's Report; Report of the Athletes To and From Abroad Committee; Extract of Report of Honorary Secretary of British Amateur Athletic Board to the British Board regarding selection of a venue for 1962 European Championships.

1 volume

Open

AAA/1/2/24/2 Various Sub-committees 1965-1969

Containing the minutes and papers of various sub-committees for the years 1965-1969, these include:

British Amateur Athletic Board; General Committee; Championships Committee; Officials Committee; Appeals Committee; Coaching Committee; Development Committee; Schools Consultative Committee; Finance and General Purposes Committee; Fixtures and Selections Committee; Rules Revision and Records Committee; Organisation and Development Committee; Milocarian Competitions Committee; Five Star Award Scheme Committee; Special Steering Committee; Standards Sub-Committee.

Also includes balance sheet for fifteen months ended 31 March 1966; annual report for 1965-1966.

1 volume

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AAA/1/2/24/3 Various Sub-committees 1970-1973

Containing the minutes and papers of various sub-committees for the years 1970-1973, these include:

Coaching Committee; Facilities Committee; National Athletics League Management Committee; Officials Committee; Five Star Award Scheme Committee; Interim United Kingdom Coaching Committee; Championships Committee; Finance and General Purposes Committee; Fixtures and Selection Committee; Organisation and Development Committee; Rules Revision and Records Committee; Milocarian Competition Committee; General Committee; Schools' Consultative Committee; Standards Sub-Committee; joint minutes of the Finance Committee and the General Purposes and Emergencies Committee; Publicity Committee.

1 volume

Open

AAA/1/2/24/4 Various Sub-committees 1990

Containing the minutes and papers of various sub-committees for the year 1990, these include:

Amateur Athletic Association and Women's Amateur Athletic Association Joint Championships Committee; Amateur Athletic Association and Women's Amateur Athletic Association Amalgamation Joint Steering Committee; Joint Standing Committee; JSC/ITV/APA Committee; Senior Staff Meeting; Reports on sites for Commonwealth Games 1994; Report of the Junior Athletics League; Meeting of the Council of the BAAB; General Committee; Finance and General Purposes Committee; Medical Committee; IAAF rules on advertising on vests; Notes on Development Officers Meeting; Road Running committee; Professional Officers Meeting; Area Organizers meeting; Drug Abuse Advisory Committee; Report on the 21st European Indoor Athletics Championships; Development Fund; Amateur

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Athletic Association and Women's Amateur Athletic Association Joint Development Committee; Management Group Meeting; Finance Committee; Publications Committee.

2 files

Open

AAA/1/3 Annual Reports 1954-1995

The Annual Reports serve as a review of the work of the association throughout the previous year. They primarily provide information on the results of the association's various efforts and record developments in athletic disciplines. The associations officers are listed, the financial situation outlined and the recipients of the AAA awards detailed. The series is incomplete.

25 items

Open

AAA/1/3/1 Annual Reports 1954-1978

Volume containing pasted in Annual Report booklets and Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure reports.

1 volume

Open

AAA/1/3/2 Annual Reports 1955-1995

Incomplete sequence: 1955-1961, 1963-1967/68; 1970/71-1972/73; 1977/78-1982/83; 1986/87; 1988/89; 1991-1995

24 items

Open

AAA/1/4 Miscellaneous 1909-1910

One volume containing details of incorrect entry forms.

1 volume

Open

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AAA/1/4/1	Incorrect Entry Forms	1909-1910
	<p>Indexed volume containing cases of incorrect entry forms. Athletes providing incorrect information on entry forms for races and sports events was seen as a very serious offence. Although often the cases were unintentional mistakes it was the responsibility of the AAA to safeguard the sport from any underhand tactics such as omitting information concerning previous prizes received or competitions. Dates covering January 8 1909 - November 26 1910. Loose leaves</p> <p>1 volume</p> <p>Open</p>	
AAA/1/4/2	Rulings book	1932-1949
	<p>Extracts of rulings made by the General Committee and the Southern Committee, together with some copy correspondence</p> <p>1 volume</p> <p>Open</p>	
AAA/2	Financial Records	1888-1989
	<p>Financial Records pertaining to the administration of the Amateur Athletic Association these include, Balance sheets, income and expenditure accounts, reports and financial statements.</p> <p>4 items</p> <p>Open</p>	
AAA/2/1	Balance Sheets and Accounts	1888-1989
	<p>1 volume and 9 items</p> <p>Open</p>	
AAA/2/1/1	Balance Sheets and Accounts	1888-1954
	<p>Printed balance sheets and accounts pasted into volume. The early years include General Statement of Accounts; Balance Sheet; accounts of the Ten Mile Championship Race and the Championships, then the law expense account.</p>	

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1902 also contains the accounts for the spring championships as well as championships, trial races, any specific special events such as tug of war, international relay match. Reports of accounts are included from 1949 alongside income and expenditure.

1 volume

Open

AAA/2/1/2-8 Balance Sheets and Accounts 1953-1968

Incomplete. Individual booklets of Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Accounts, including coaching and equipment fund for the years: 1953, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1960, 1968.

6 items

Open

AAA/2/2 Financial Report and Accounts 1983-1989

3 items

Open

AAA/2/2/1-3 Financial Report and Accounts 1983-1989

Incomplete. Items for the years: 1983, 1987, 1989.

3 items

Open

AAA/3 Publications and Printed Material 1891-1992

Publications and printed material published by, or for, the Amateur Athletic Association.

7 boxes

Open

AAA/3/1 Rules and Regulations 1889-1996

Booklets of the Rules and Regulations of the Amateur Athletic Association encompassing the constitution rules, objects, and lists of officers and clubs and laws for athletic meetings and competitions. Including the rules and regulations

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for the British Athletic Federation which was formed at the beginning of the 1990s as an 'amalgamation of men's and women's governing bodies in the various regions, and the formation of the Commissions with responsibility for the running of the various disciplines of athletics'. The federation which comprised of the governing athletics bodies of England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland was administered from the AAA headquarters in Birmingham.

Incomplete set.

1 box

Open

AAA/3/1/1-31 Rules and Regulations booklets 1889-1996

1 box

Open

AAA/3/2 Handbooks 1934-1991

Official Annual handbooks published by the Amateur Athletic Association

3 boxes

Open

AAA/3/2/1 Annual Handbooks 1934-1997

These volumes contain information such as rules of competition, specifications of equipment, details of officers of the association and information on the structure of the organisation and often championship results of the previous year.

There are no handbooks for the war years, 1940-45. For 1969/70-1971-72, the handbook and rules are printed as separate publications

57 items

Open

AAA/3/2/2 Road Race Handbook 1987

Volume containing information on Road Racing in

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the UK, providing advice on how to organise a road race and the rules of road racing.

This item was formerly held at NCAL II.A6

1 item

Open

AAA/3/3 Programmes 1891-1996

Programmes of athletic events organised by the Amateur Athletic Association.

353 items

Open

AAA/3/3/1 Programmes of the Annual Championships 1891-1992

Programmes of the annual athletics Championships organised by the Amateur Athletic Association.

125 items

Open

AAA/3/3/1/1 Set of Championship Programmes 1891-1996

Consisting of the following bound volumes ;  
1891-1903; 1904-1914; 1919-1931; 1932-1939;  
1946-1951; 1952-1957; 1958-1962; 1963-1967;  
the rest are loose items.

94 items

Open

AAA/3/3/1/2 Annotated Championship Programmes 1920-1986

Programmes annotated with results, some of which appear to be the official recorder's copy, others are the copies of E. R. L. Powell. These comprise programmes for the following years:

1920, 1934-1935, 1939. 1946-1951, 1953-1957, 1958 (2 copies both with manuscript annotations), 1959-1967, 1973, 1979, 1980-1981, 1983-1986

34 items

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AAA/3/3/2 Programmes of the Marathon Championships 1949-1982

Programmes from the marathon championships organized by the AAA. Incomplete. Includes:

1949 Annual Marathon, Senior Relays and Junior Championships, Saturday 30 July, Alexander Sports Stadium, Perry Barr, Birmingham

1951 Annual Marathon, Senior Relays and Junior Championships, Saturday 28 July, Alexander Sports Stadium, Perry Barr, Birmingham

1953 Annual Marathon, Senior Relays and Junior Championships, Saturday 25 July, Maindy Stadium, Cardiff

1955 Annual Marathon, Senior Relays and Junior Championships and Reading Athletics Club Ladies Contest for 'Tom Waldron' Trophy, Saturday 23 July, Palmer Park Tracks, Reading

1976 AAA and Roma, National Marathon Championships, Saturday 8 May, Herringthorpe Stadium, Yorkshire

1978 Marathon Championship, Sunday 7 May

1982 Marathan Championship, Sunday 13 June, Gateshead

9 items

Open

AAA/3/3/3 Programmes of the Indoor Athletics Championships 1939-1992

Indoor athletics championships. Incomplete. Containing programmes for the following years:

1939; 1959; 1964; 1965; 1966; 1967; 1968; 1969; 1971; 1972; 1975; 1978; 1992

15 items

Open

AAA/3/3/4 Programmes of the Junior Championships 1939-1988

Junior, Youth and Under-20 championships

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programmes. Incomplete set.

21 items

Open

AAA/3/3/5 Programmes of International Championships 1953-1990

Programmes of international championships organized by the AAA. Incomplete. Consisting of:

1953 England versus Netherlands, 30 September, White City Stadium, London (3 annotated copies, 1 copy without cover)

1954 International Athletic Meeting, Monday 2 August, White City Stadium, London (4 copies, 3 annotated)

1954 Floodlight Athletics, England v Belgium (Men) and England v France (Ladies), Wednesday 29 September, White City Stadium, London (3 copies, 2 annotated)

1956 Floodlight International Athletics Meeting, 12 September, White City Stadium, London

1958 England versus Finland, 26-27 September, White City Stadium, London

1960 England versus Italy, Wednesday 15 June, White City Stadium, London (2 annotated copies)

1961 England versus Russian Federal Republic, 19-20 September, White City Stadium, London

1963 England versus Italy, 14 August, White City Stadium, London (2 copies, 1 annotated)

1964 England & Wales versus All Ireland, Saturday 1 August, Crystal Palace, Norwood, London

1965 Young England versus Benelux Countries, Saturday 21 August 1965, Crystal Palace

1965 AAA International Match, England & Wales versus Czechoslovakia, Monday 30 August, White City Stadium, London (3 annotated copies)

1966 England & Wales versus All Ireland, Wednesday 29 June, Kirkby Athletics Stadium,

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Whitefield Drive, Kirkby, near Liverpool

1967 AAA International Invitation Meeting,  
Monday 28 August, White City Stadium, London  
(2 annotated copies)

1979 England versus Poland versus Switzerland,  
Monday 27 August, Crystal Palace National  
Sports Centre

1980 International Programme, England versus  
Scotland versus Belgium versus Sweeden, 21  
May, Crystal Palace (programme includes  
newspaper cutting of Sebastian Coe and Steve  
Ovett)

1980 International Programme, England versus  
Yugoslavia versus Scotland versus Norway,  
Saturday 31 August, Gateshead International  
Stadium (with loose amendment sheet inserted)

1981 England versus Belgium versus U.S.A.  
versus Ethiopia, Wednesday 3 June, Crystal  
Palace

1981 England versus Cuba versus Switzerland  
versus Poland, Monday 31 August, Crystal  
Palace National Sports Centre

1982 England versus U.S.A. versus Sweden  
versus Australia, 9 June, Crystal Palace National  
Sports Centre

1982 England versus Australia versus Yugoslavia  
versus Czechoslovakia, Sunday 13 June,  
Gateshead International Stadium

1982 England versus Kenya versus Japan versus  
Spain, Saturday 17 July, Crystal Palace National  
Sports Centre

1983 International Athletics, Classic 83, 29  
August, Crystal Palace

1984 10 Series Games, England versus Sweden  
versus Spain plus invited world class athletes,  
Friday 6 July, Gateshead International Stadium

1984 International Athletics, England versus  
Poland versus Hungary, Sunday 15 July,  
Alexander Stadium, Birmingham

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1984 International Athletics, Classic 84, 18 August, Crystal Palace

1985 England versus Czechoslovakia versus Hungary versus Poland, Monday 26 August 1985, Crystal Palace

1985 International Cross Country, Saturday 23 November, Riverside Park, Gateshead

1986 England versus U.S.A., Saturday 8 March, R.A.F. Cosford

1988 England versus U.S.A., Friday 24 June, Alexander Stadium, Birmingham

1988 McVitie's Challenge Invitation, Sunday 28 August, Crystal Palace

1990 Great Britain versus U.S.A. versus Kenya, Friday 22 June, Mountbatten Centre, Portsmouth

42 items

Open

AAA/3/3/6 Programmes of National Road Relay Championships 1969-1988

Programmes of national road relay championships organized by the AAA. Incomplete. Consisting of:

1969 National Road Relay Championship, Saturday 3 May, Leicester

1979 11th Annual Six Stage National Road Relay Championship, Saturday 20 October, Southport

1981 15th 12 Stage Road Relay Championship, Saturday 25 April, Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham

1988 22nd 12 Stage Road Relay Championship, 23 April, Sutton Park, Birmingham

4 items

Open

AAA/3/3/7 Miscellaneous programmes 1933-1995

Miscellaneous programmes of various other championships organized by the AAA.

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- Incomplete. Consisting cycling races 1933; senior relays and junior championships, 1954; and cross country, 1996.
- 9 items
- Open
- AAA/3/4 Fixtures and Listings 1986-1988
- Fixtures lists of events for Road Races in the UK.
- 3 items
- Open
- AAA/3/4/1 Road Race Fixtures List 1986
- Road Race Fixtures Lists for 1986
- 1 item
- Open
- AAA/3/4/2 Road Race Fixtures List 1987
- Road Race Fixtures Lists for 1987
- 1 item
- Open
- AAA/3/4/3 Road Race Fixtures List 1988
- Road Race Fixtures Lists for 1988
- 1 item
- Open
- AAA/3/5 Periodicals and Magazines 1935-1988
- Periodicals and magazines produced by the Amateur Athletic Association for its members
- 46 items
- Open
- AAA/3/5/1 Quarterly Notes 1935
- AAA publication issue number 3

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- 1 item  
Open
- AAA/3/5/2 Club Newsletter 1961-1970
- The club newsletter was a publication produced by the Amateur Athletic Association for their local club membership. Consists of issues no. 8 - 25.
- 17 items  
Open
- AAA/3/5/3 Club Bulletin 1972-1973
- The Club Bulletin appears to be a continuation of the Club Newsletter series under a new name.
- 1 item  
Open
- AAA/3/5/4 Amateur Athletic Association Newsletter 1987-1988
- The Amateur Athletic Association Newsletter was published twice a year, containing issue numbers 11-14.
- 4 items  
Open
- AAA/3/5/5 News 1989
- This publication is apparently a continuation of the series of informal reports that the AAA issued to its member clubs from the 1930s and which evolved through the years under various names. Containing issues 1-3, vol.1.
- 3 items  
Open
- AAA/3/5/6 Coaching Newsletter 1956-1964
- Newsletter produced by the AAA for coaches and those interested in coaching, published 3 times a year. Containing 1 vol. 1956-1959, 19 Individual items 1959-1964.

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21 items

Open

AAA/3/6 Other publications and printed material 1950-1988

Consisting of instructional booklets, runners guide, guide to empire games athletics, road race handbook and The AAA Runner's Guide (1983).

3 volumes

Open

AAA/3/6/1 AAA Instructional Booklets 1950-1987

Instructional booklets on various aspects of athletics produced by the Amateur Athletic Association.

These items formerly held the reference NCAL II.

25 volumes

Open

AAA/3/6/1/1-25 Instructional Booklets 1950-1987

The volumes consist of the following:

/1 Shot Putting by G.H.G Dyson, 1950

/2 High Jumping by G.H.G Dyson (second edition) c.1950

/3 High Jumping by G.H.G Dyson (third edition) c.1952

/4 Middle Distance Running and Steeplechasing by J.W.LI. Alford c. 1950

/5 Hurdling by J.Le Masurier c.1952

/6 The Technique of Judging Field Events by S.E.J. Best

/7 The Discus Throw by H.A.L Chapman

/8The Discus Throw by H.A.L Chapman (second edition)

/9 Sprinting and Relay Racing by J.W.LI. Alford

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and A.R. Malcolm

/10 Hammer Throwing by J. Le Masurier c. 1955

/11 Hammer Throwing by J. Le Masurier c.1960

/12 Middle Distance Running and Steeplechasing  
by J.W.LI. Alford c.1960

/13 The Technique of Judging Track Events by  
Walter C. Jewell (third edition) 1958

/14 Hurdling by J.Le Masurier (second edition)  
1959

/15 Hurdling by John Le Masurier (third edition)  
1966

/16 Shot Putting by J.Le Masurier, 1960

/17 Discus Throwing by J.Le Masurier 1957

/18 How to Judge Events by Victor C. Sealy 1969

/19 Starting and Time Keeping by J.W.Aspland  
and H.A. Hathway, 1969

/20 Starting and Time Keeping by J.W.Aspland  
and H.A. Hathway, 1977

/21 How to Organise and Conduct an Athletics  
Meeting produced by the AAA Facilities  
committee and Organisation and Development  
committee c.1960s

/22 How to Organise and Conduct an Athletics  
Meeting c.1970s

/23 How to Judge Track Events by Dan Davies,  
1976

/24 Timekeeping by Alan Tomkins, 1987

/25 Starting and Marksmanship by Richard Float,  
1987

25 volumes

Open

AAA/3/6/2 AAA Diary of Events 1953-1970

Incomplete sequence of listings of athletics

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events and race meetings produced by the Amateur Athletic Association.

These items formerly held the reference NCAL XXIII.

11 volumes

Open

AAA/3/6/2/1-11 Diary of Events in Athletics 1953-1970

Editions for the following years are contained within this sequence:

1953; 1954; 1956; 1958; 1959; 1961; 1962; 1967; 1968; 1969; 1970

11 volumes

Open

AAA/3/6/3 Fifty Years of Progress 1880-1930 - A.A.A Jubilee Souvenir 1930

Book published by the Amateur Athletic Association commemorating the first fifty years of the organisation. This volume is inscribed to Squire Yarrow of Polytechnic Harriers by the honorary editor H.F. Pash.

This volume formerly held the reference NCAL VI.A6

1 volume

Open

AAA/3/6/4 The AAA Runner's Guide 1983

Guide book on how to become a road runner edited by Heather Thomas, published by Collins.

1 volume

Open

AAA/3/6/5 Athletic Stadia 1961

Booklet titled 'Athletic Stadia - Layout, Construction and Maintenance' produced jointly by the AAA and the National Playing Field Association 'on the recommendations for the

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planning, construction and maintenance of a first class running track and field events facilities to a 'standard' specification'.

This item was formerly at reference NCAL II.A7

1 item

Open

AAA/3/6/6 Report on the Development of Athletics 1968

Booklet titled 'Report of the Committee of Enquiry into the Development of Athletics Under the Direction of the Amateur Athletic Association and the British Amateur Athletic Board'.

This item was formerly held at reference NCAL II.C66

1 item

Open

AAA/3/6/7 Report of a Working Party 1983

'Report of a Working Party to find ways and means of implementing the resolution that athletics in the United Kingdom be administered by a single governing body'.

This item was formerly held at reference NCAL XVIII.G7

1 item

Open

AAA/4 Miscellaneous 1889-1956

Miscellaneous items relating to the Amateur Athletic Association.

15 items

Open

AAA/4/1 News cuttings relating to the National Cyclists Union and the AAA 1889-1895

In 1883 the amalgamation of the Bicycle Union and the Tricycle Association created the National Cyclists' Union. The NCU was a large governing

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body for the popular sport of cycling, performing similar organizational duties for the sport to which the Amateur Athletic Association provided for track and field athletics. The status and respect of the amateur in sport was a primary importance to both the NCU and the AAA, both striving to eradicate any threat to the amateur sportsman. Therefore in terms of organization and principles the two authorities had much in common and collaborated on the development of their respected sports. Much of the time they had a friendly working agreement, however, this was challenged when a dispute arose regarding the issuing of handicapping licenses to officials who were not exclusively affiliated to either body.

This item is a partially filled album of news cuttings primarily relating to the dispute between the Amateur Athletic Association and the National Cyclists Union. The dispute arose when the southern branch of the Amateur Athletic Association refused handicapper licenses to officials who were also National Cyclists Union weight adjusters. The National Cyclists Union protested against this action, threatening the suspension of any agreement the two organizations previously held. The Amateur Athletic Association however believed that '...a man cannot properly keep records of the performances of every person competing in two great branches of sport, and that it is advisable that each body should have its own officials'. Previously the two organizations had a friendly working agreement both having the same principles towards amateurism in sport. Generally the cuttings originate from the Pall Mall Gazette and the Sporting Life and also includes cuttings from these publications relating to cross-country athletics, the re-establishment of the Olympic Games, and the topic of professionalism and amateurism in sport.

1 volume

Open

AAA/4/2 Compilation of conference reports

1891-1906

Album primarily containing reports from conferences held between the Amateur Athletic Association and the National Cyclists Union from

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June 6 1891 to November 4 1905. The conferences considered matters relating to the joint interests of both bodies. Issues discussed include collaborating on organizational rules with the intention of respecting the others remit of authority, noting that any club wishing to join either body will have to be exclusively affiliated. The volume also contains a selection of minutes from various AAA committees, these include: Report of Conference between Representatives of the AAA, Irish AAA and Scottish AAA (1896); Law Expenses sub-committee (1896-1897, 1900-1904); New Expenses rule (1904); AAA entry form; Report of the Handicapping Board of Control (1901); Report of the Sub-Committee on the Duties of Local Officers (1904); Championships sub-committee (1906). Also contains loose leaves consisting of duplicate copies of conference reports, list of records passed by AAA sub-committee (1880s), letters concerning notification of meetings. The compiler of this collection is unknown.

1 volume

Open

AAA/4/3 London Olympic Games 1908

This partially filled scrapbook was compiled by W. M. Barnard who was the Honorary Secretary for the Polytechnic Harriers and who subsequently served as the AAA Honorary Treasurer from 1910 until 1932. The items pertain primarily to the Olympic Marathon which was run from Windsor Castle to the Great Stadium, Shepherd's Bush. The British Olympic Association asked the AAA to organize the Olympic Marathon and they in turn delegated responsibility to the athletic club, Polytechnic Harriers. The volume contains photographs of the competitors Pietri Dorando of Italy and J.J Hayes for the USA illustrating the controversial climax to the event. Although having led the marathon for most of the way Pietri Dorando was exhausted when he reached the end and needed help from spectators to cross the finishing line. This was deemed illegal and he was disqualified, leading to J. J. Hayes being awarded the gold medal. However, due to public sympathy Dorando was also awarded a prize for his intrepid spirit. Also

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included in the album are arena tickets for various days of the 4th International Olympiad (July 13, 20-23, 24), a list of the price of tickets, a letter of appointment as timekeeper to W. M. Barnard and his timekeepers sash. A programme, for the 'Reception of the International Olympic Committee, the British Olympic Council, and the Athletes and Officials taking part in the Olympic Games' held on July 13th, lists the music played at the welcoming ceremony. The official programme of the Olympic Games list all the events including Athletics , Archery, Golf, Racquets, Polo and Flying Machines. A letter written by Lord Desborough in 1907, on behalf of the British Olympic Council, of which he was President, appealing for donations to help fund the London Olympic Games, is followed by a letter of thanks for financial aid which was donated. A small 'Guide and Sports Diary' for 'The Great Stadium' which accommodated the Olympic events includes a plan of the stadium. Invitations to various official Olympic dinners are also included in the scrapbook. Two programmes for the marathon race which was held on July 24th are followed by a map of the final race route. Items in scrapbook coming loose.

1 volume

Open

AAA/4/4 News cuttings relating to the National Cyclists Union and the AAA 1910-1911

Album of news cuttings relating to the long term dispute between the Amateur Athletic Association and the National Cyclists Union. The conflict regarding the granting of handicapping licenses by the AAA to officials belonging to the NCU began in 1894. This argument escalated destroying the amicable agreement the two governing bodies had in place. This affected promotion of mixed-meetings which involved races between clubs affiliated to either organization. The album of news cuttings recounts the dispute as reported by the sporting press and documents attempts to reconcile the two bodies.

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1 volume

Open

AAA/4/5 British Amateur Athletic Board Reports 1933-1958

The International Board of the Amateur Athletic Association, Scottish Amateur Athletic Association and Northern Ireland Amateur Athletic Association was founded in 1932 and changed its name to the British Amateur Athletic Board in 1937. The BAAB was the governing athletic association for the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and was a member of the International Amateur Athletic Federation. The first annual report explains the basis of its foundation stating 'The formation of the International Board was proposed by the A.A.A. (at the instigation of the I.A.A.F.) in an endeavour to obtain closer co-operation with the Scottish A.A.A and preserve the unity of the United Kingdom in the realm of International Athletics. The proposal which embraced the inclusion of the newly-constituted Northern Ireland A.A.A. as the third member of the board....' Annual reports are contained from 1933-1938 which detail International matches and their results however, the volume largely consists of statement of accounts and balance sheets.

1 volume

Open

AAA/4/6 Agreements and Authorities 1938-1939

Indexed volume containing pasted in cuttings of agreements made between the AAA and other bodies on issues such as the publishing of athletics programmes with Welbecson Press and the agreement that the British Amateur Athletic Board would only receive one button hole badge during one season. Only two pages have been used in this book.

1 volume

Open

AAA/4/7 Maindy Stadium Championships 1953

This volume contains pasted in papers relating to

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the AAA Marathon Senior Relays & Junior Championships held at the Maindy Stadium Cardiff Saturday 25 July 1953. The items include the championship programme, list of competitors and events, completed results form and list of times of events from the heats through to final . The events contested at the championships were the 100 yds, 220 yds, 440 yds, 880 yds, mile, walk, 120 hurdles, 200 hurdles, high jump, long jump, hop-step-jump, pole vault, hammer, discus, weight, 440 yds senior relay and senior 1 mile relay.

The papers specifically for the Maindy Marathon comprise of a list of competitors, plan of the course, and manuscript notes of information of the marathon course such as the time and position of first 6 runners at different stages e.g. 10 miles, 13, 16, 19, 22. The rear of the volume contains seeding officers forms, a list of officials in charge of each lane and their position for the heats and finals. The volume also includes a notice to clubs advertising the 1953 championships which was the first visit of the AAA Championships to Wales, an official's ticket, voucher for tea for officials, guest ticket for championships, typed list of hotels in Cardiff, programme of events and list of officials, letter to officials, invitation to 1953 Welsh AAA and AAA Championships, entry form for the AAA Junior Championships and the AAA Junior Championships timetable. The identity of the author of the handwritten additional notes or the compiler of this volume are unknown, however the type of material implies that it was created by someone who worked for the association as an official.

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AAA/4/8 Championships Results 1955-1956

Scrapbook titled Championships Results. The identity of the compiler of and author of the additional manuscript notes of this volume is unknown. The volume opens with a picture of the patron of the AAA, the Duke of Edinburgh and a news cutting dated July 15 1955 of the 'court circular' listing Royal engagements. The rest of

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the volume comprises of papers and cuttings relating to the AAA championships for the 1950's. This includes a list of previous championship winners from 1950-1954, list of championships officials, manuscript lists of Championships heats, semis and finals placings and times according to discipline, timetable of events and in some cases also a list of team and coach. A list of the AAA Decathlon Championships competitors and results in each event is also included and loose leaves at the rear of the volume consist of a record of the 1955 Decathlon Championships competitors and results in each event.

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AAA/4/9 Southern Championship Results 1960

Partially filled scrapbook containing fixtures and results for the Southern Senior Championships and Southern Youth and Junior Championships. The anonymous compiler of this volume has added manuscript annotations of the results for the majority of the events.

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AAA/4/10 Photograph Album 1960

Album of black and white photographs of competitors and events at the England versus East Germany competition held 16 October at the Walter Ulbricht Stadium in East Berlin, Germany, 1960.

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AAA/4/11 Prominent Athletes 1872-1873

Partially filled indexed notebook containing articles from 'Bell's Life' featuring prominent athletes of the day. The volume was compiled by J.H.A. Reay but has been stamped as property of

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the AAA.

This item was formerly held at ref. XXV.P592

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AAA/4/12 Printing block c. 1890

Printing block detailing the 'AAA Scale of Penalties'.

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AAA/4/13 Plate glass negatives c. 1900-1940

45 unidentified plate glass negatives of black and white photographs of athletic events. The slides are numbered Y1-Y51, with the following missing from the sequence: Y11, Y12, Y27, Y37, Y38, Y43, and Y46. There are two slides labelled Y44.

2 boxes

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AAA/4/14 Ephemera 1930-1980

File containing miscellaneous items such as AAA dinner menus, newspaper cuttings, booklet on Lilleshall Hall,

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AAA/4/15 Film Reel 1988

Unidentified reel of film. A note enclosed implies that the reel was compiled in 1988 and features selected athletics events from 1934-1958.

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AAA/4/16      Scrap album relating to sports events for the      1917-1918  
army and aircraft workers

This album contains a range of material including minutes of meetings, presscuttings, programmes, photographs and other papers relating to a range of athletic events organised by or under the auspices of the YMCA for the Army Service Corp and aircraft and munition workers. It is not apparent as to the AAA's involvement in these sports meetings or the provenance of this album.

The volume includes the following:

minutes of the Army Service Corps Sports Committee and cuttings and programme relating to the meeting held at the YMCA recreation ground, Mottingham, April 1917;

cuttings and other papers relating to a sports meeting at Roffey Camp, Horsham for the Royal Garrison Artillery, May 1917;

cutting and other papers relating to a sports meeting at Harefield with the No 1 Australian Auxiliary Hospital, June 1917;

minutes, cuttings, list of events and other papers relating to the organisation of a sports meeting at Crayford for Vickers munition workers, June 1917;

minutes of meetings of committees, cuttings, admission tickets, programme and other papers relating to the organisation of the second annual sports meeting for aircraft workers at Stamford Bridge, July 1917

photograph of a sports event for the 110th Division held at J. Innes Ground, Merton Park, Wimbledon [1917];

minutes of a number of meetings relating to the organisation of the third annual sports meeting for aircraft workers, June 1918, with manuscript list of prize winner, accounts and programme

minutes of relating to the organisation of a sports meeting

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Some of the minutes, particularly for the organisation of the sports meeting for aircraft worker in 1917, are loose items