

## Part I - World Athletics Championships Regulations

### 1. General

- 1.1. Subject to exceptional circumstances, World Athletics shall organise the World Athletics Championships every two years, in odd numbered years.
- 1.2. The full event title shall be World Athletics Championships followed by the host city and year of the competition. A shorter version of the event title can be considered subject to World Athletics' approval.

### 2. Events Programme

- 2.1. The World Athletics Championships shall normally be held on nine consecutive days or such other period as World Athletics shall approve.
- 2.2. The programme shall comprise the following 49 events, 24 for Men, 24 for Women and 1 Mixed (Universal) or such other number of events as World Athletics shall approve:

#### Men

100 metres	3000m Steeplechase	Discus Throw
200 metres	110m Hurdles	Hammer Throw
400 metres	400m Hurdles	Javelin Throw
800 metres	High Jump	Decathlon
1500 metres	Pole Vault	20km Race Walk
5000 metres	Long Jump	35km Race Walk
10,000 metres	Triple Jump	4 x 100m Relay
Marathon	Shot Put	4 x 400m Relay

#### Women

100 metres	3000m Steeplechase	Discus Throw
200 metres	100m Hurdles	Hammer Throw
400 metres	400m Hurdles	Javelin Throw
800 metres	High Jump	Heptathlon
1500 metres	Pole Vault	20km Race Walk
5000 metres	Long Jump	35km Race Walk
10,000 metres	Triple Jump	4 x 100m Relay
Marathon	Shot Put	4 x 400m Relay

- 4 x 400m Relay Mixed (Universal) - Each team will be composed of two men and two women. In all rounds the running order is Man, Woman, Man, Woman.

#### Additional Events

Additional events may be organised by the LOC provided the prior written approval of the Council of World Athletics has been obtained following consultation with the Technical Delegates and the LOC. For example for athletes with disabilities (subject to compliance with, if applicable, Mechanical Aids Regulations), Masters' events, in accordance with the Technical Rules, mass participation road races (whether a marathon or shorter distances) If and where applicable and required by World Athletics all travel and accommodation costs for athletes in these events will be paid by the LOC.

### 3. Participation

#### 3.1. Age Categories

##### U20 Athletes

Athletes aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December in the year of the competition may compete in any event except the Marathon and 35km Race Walk.

##### U18 Athletes

Athletes aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December in the year of the competition only may compete in any event except the throwing events, the Combined Events, 10,000m, Marathon and the Race Walks. An U18 athlete will only be allowed to compete in a maximum of 3 track events (including relays) of which only 2 can be over 200m (whether an individual event or relay leg).

##### Athletes Younger than 16

No athlete younger than 16 years of age on 31 December in the year of the competition may be entered or compete.

#### 3.2. Participation Principles

##### General

There shall be an overall total number of 2,000 athletes participating in the World Athletics Championships.

Starting from this number, the ideal target number of athletes (and relay teams) to start in each event of the World Athletics Championships shall be established by World Athletics in consultation with the Technical Delegates and the LOC. These target numbers may or may not include the unqualified athletes (and relay teams) with this being established for each edition as part of the specific Qualification System to be approved by the World Athletics Council in March the year prior to the World Athletics Championships.

##### Qualification System

The Qualification System shall be based on the following basic principles:

It shall provide for the participation of qualified athletes (and relay teams) as well as for the participation of unqualified athletes (and relay teams), including from the host country

It shall provide the respective start and finish of the qualification / ranking period (which shall coincide) for each event (individual or relay). The Entry Standards (and relevant criteria for the validity of the performances) shall be approved and published accordingly, depending on the start of the event specific qualification periods (normally in March and December the year prior to the Championships).

Individual athletes shall qualify based on the achievement of Entry Standards or placing in the World Rankings with the target ratio, and consequently the entry standards, to be established by the World Athletics Council for each specific edition. There shall also be a provision for alternative qualification pathways such as wild cards or direct qualification based on finishing position at designated events, the details of which shall also be confirmed by the Council for each specific edition.

Relay teams shall qualify based on a combination of finishing position at designated events (to be established by the Council) and placing in the top performance lists.

Unqualified athletes (or relay teams) shall be allowed to participate based on the following basic criteria:

One unqualified athlete by Member Federation on condition that there is not already a qualified athlete or relay team of the same gender.

Entry shall be limited to selected events (and to a maximum number in each event) and subject to certain conditions, to be confirmed by the Council for each edition.

Specific conditions shall apply for the entry of unqualified athletes and relay teams by the host country, to be confirmed by the Council for each edition.

#### Participation of Neutral Athletes

Athletes who have been granted Neutral Athlete status in accordance with Rule 3 of the Eligibility Rules may apply to World Athletics to participate in the World Athletics Championships via the Neutral Athlete Liaison person (as described in 3.6 below), by the deadline for Preliminary Entries. Neutral Athletes may only apply to compete in individual events and provided they have qualified through the Entry Standard, or World Rankings a Wild Card Entry or finishing position at designated events for the event within the Qualification Period. Neutral Athletes may achieve the Entry Standard in national competitions held in the country of the suspended Member Federation provided the competition in question meets all relevant requirements under World Athletics Rules and Regulations.

### 3.3. Entry Standards

Approximately twelve months before the World Athletics Championships, World Athletics shall publish the Entry Standards and relevant criteria.

Neutral Athletes may achieve the Entry Standard in national competitions held in the country of the suspended Member Federation provided the competition in question meets all relevant requirements under World Athletics Rules and Regulations.

### 3.4. Entry Rules

Member Federations may compete with up to three qualified athletes in each event (with the exception of the Relays) on condition that they are all qualified. Subject to selection by the Member, a fourth athlete may be offered a Wild Card entry if they are the defending World Champion or a winner of the Diamond League, Combined Events Tour or Race Walking Tour or are a leading hammer performances on the Continental Tour .

Member Federations may enter a **reserve athlete** in each event on condition that they are also qualified.

**Relay Teams** – A maximum of six athletes may be entered for each Relay Team. Except for the 4 x 400m (Universal), all athletes already entered in the corresponding individual events (100m or 400m), including the eventual reserve (and up to a maximum total of four), shall automatically count towards the six entries of the team. Any four athletes among those entered for the competition, whether for the relay or for any other event, may then be used in the composition of the team for any round.

- 3.5. **Entries of Neutral Athletes** – World Athletics may accept up to three Neutral Athletes from the same sanctioned Member in each event on condition that they are qualified. If more than three Neutral Athletes are qualified, the sanctioned Member will decide which three Neutral Athletes they propose to be entered. A fourth Neutral Athlete may compete when entitled to a wild card or direct qualification based on finishing position at designated events

After submission on the On-line Event Entry System World Athletics will confirm the participation of all Neutral Athletes having first verified their qualification status and their Team Official. World Athletics, acting through the Chief Executive Officer or their nominee, may require further information to be provided about the Team Official before it gives its approval. In confirming the participation of any Neutral Athlete and Team Official, World Athletics, acting through the Chief Executive Officer or their nominee, may impose such conditions on their participation as it sees fit, including but not limited to the signature of a Neutral Athlete Agreement and, in respect of Team Officials, the Neutral Athlete Support Personnel Agreement.

- 3.6. Neutral Athlete Liaison Person - To assist in the registration of Neutral Athletes, World Athletics may designate a single person to act on behalf of all Neutral Athletes seeking to participate and Team Officials seeking to attend from the same sanctioned Member. If designated, the Neutral Athlete Liaison will be responsible for:

3.6.1. co-ordinating all aspects of the Neutral Athletes' participation at the World Athletics Championships (including the participation of any Team Officials – see below);

3.6.2. submitting the Neutral Athletes' visa requests and entry information for the Neutral Athletes and any Team Officials (including their travel information and accommodation needs) using the On-line Event Entry System: <https://evententry.worldathletics.org>;

3.6.3. co-ordinating all administrative procedures on site at the World Athletics Championships, including the payment of any due amount and the processing of final confirmations

- 3.7. Team Uniform

All athletes of the same team and Neutral Athletes shall wear approved uniform during the competition and in all ceremonies. The uniform must conform to Rules and Regulations concerning Marketing & Advertising & Accessories and any applicable Technical Rules.

All Members and Neutral Athletes must submit in advance all items included within their uniform (including accessories) for approval as specified in the Team Manual and bring their team uniform to the accreditation centre for inspection. During the accreditation procedures Members and Neutral Athletes must abide by any direction or ruling by the Advertising Commissioner concerning their uniform to be worn and any sanction imposed for failure to deliver team uniform for approval by the notified deadline.

Neutral Athletes may participate in neutral uniform of their choice provided it does not contain any colour(s) of, or otherwise bear any resemblance to, the team uniform and/or flag of the Neutral Athlete's suspended Member /Country or Territory.

## **4. Financial Conditions**

### **4.1. Athlete Travel & Accommodation Quota**

Appendix 2 sets out if an athlete quota applies and for whom the LOC, Member and/or World Athletics will pay travel and/or accommodation. The host country has no athlete quota.

### **4.2. Travel Arrangements**

Travel tickets of quota athletes will be issued preferably by World Athletics, provided Members send their Preliminary Entries and Final Entries by the respective deadlines. If a Member purchases airline tickets for their quota athletes, the price of such tickets must be submitted together with the Preliminary Entries for the prior written approval of World Athletics. Members acknowledge that the cheapest available price will be taken as a reference. Only approved travel costs will be reimbursed upon the submission to World Athletics of the corresponding invoice(s). The original invoice from the travel agency must be given to World Athletics Travels on site, during the team administration procedure.

### **4.3. Accommodation Invoicing**

The accommodation invoice will be based on the accommodation reservation submitted by the Final Entries deadline on the Online Entry system, with a tolerance of any (i.e. quota, non-quota athletes and Team Officials) two persons.

## **5. Technical Matters and Requirements**

### **5.1. Facilities**

#### **Main Stadium**

The World Athletics Championships shall be held in a stadium conforming in all respects with the requirements of the Rules and must hold a Class 1 Athletics Facility Certificate.

The track facility must be of a single radius bend construction, or if of a double radius bend design, the smaller radius may not be less than 30.00m.

The infield shall be natural grass or covered in a synthetic surface approved by World Athletics.

It should have a roof covering all the seating and must have a minimum capacity of 30,000 spectators.

#### Warm-up Facility

It is mandatory that there be a warm-up facility, approved by World Athletics with such facilities and equipment as World Athletics require, including a separate area for Long Throws, ideally within easy walking distance of the stadium. The track in the warm-up facility must be a 400m track with at least six oval lanes and the surface product should be the same as that in the main stadium.

#### Road Race Courses

The Road Race courses must comply with the requirements of Rules 54 (Race Walking) and Rule 55 (Road Races) of the Technical Rules. They shall be measured by World Athletics/AIMS approved Grade “A” International Road Course Measurer appointed by World Athletics who shall attend the World Athletics Championships to validate that the courses used are as measured.

Unless approved by Council following recommendation by the Technical Delegates, the courses must comply with the criteria for a Road World Record (Rule 31.20 and 31.21 of the Competition Rules).

In the case of the Marathons, the course shall be designed in accordance with the recommendations contained in World Athletics publication “Distance Running Manual” and a distinctive, coloured line denoting the course measured must be marked on the road. It is also mandatory that low emission vehicles be used for the lead car as well as for the media lead car.

#### Training Areas

Adequate training areas and facilities at within a reasonable distance from proximity of Team Hotels must be provided to ensure training possibilities for all events at appropriate times. The Technical Delegates shall inspect and decide upon the most suitable facilities during the Site Visit(s) and only those areas and facilities which been approved by the Technical Delegates may be used.

#### Functional areas

A number of technical and functional areas and rooms must be provided by the LOC.

A basic list is as follows:

- a. **Gathering Point** before proceeding to the Call Room
- b. **Call Room**
- c. **A Mixed Zone for Media interviews**
- d. **A Post Event Area** where athletes are able to recover and collect their clothing

- e. **Photo Finish** control room
- f. **Results Management** room
- g. Gathering area and a podium area for the **Medal Ceremonies**
- h. **Doping Control station**, the location and layout of which needs to be agreed with the Anti-Doping Delegate;
- i. **Technical Information Centre (TIC)** located at the Stadium;
- j. **Competition Information Desks (CIDs)** located at the athletes' accommodation venue(s);
- k. **Rest/recovery area** for the Combined Events athletes at the main stadium;
- l. Adequate **seats** close to the Field Event sites need to be reserved by the LOC for the **Field Events coaches**. Such seats cannot therefore be sold and access can be granted by form of a pass or tickets.
- m. **Seating** for the Teams

The Technical Delegates shall inspect and decide upon the most suitable solutions during the Site Visit(s).

## 5.2. Technical Services

### General

Technical Services must be provided as detailed below according to standards determined by World Athletics. To ensure such standards are met, World Athletics may identify preferred partner companies for certain services, the involvement of which will be discussed with the LOC as required and which the LOC be obliged to use unless otherwise agreed in writing by World Athletics. In all cases, the appointment of the technical service providers is subject to final World Athletics' approval.

### Time and Distance Measurement, False Start Control

For capturing the results of the competition:

- a. Fully Automatic Timing and Photo Finish System must be used. Transponder timing will be used additionally in the out-of-stadium events and may also be used for intermediate timing and lap counting purposes in the stadium events.
- b. Scientific distance measuring equipment (including horizontal jumps fouls detection system) must be provided and shall be used as appropriate.
- c. In addition, starting blocks must be fitted with approved false start control apparatus which must have an automatic recall system.

### Competition Data Processing

A highly specialised results service company must be appointed for the competition data processing and disseminating the results, able to guarantee full compatibility with the

timing and measurement services but also with the very specific technical requirements of Television, Media and Event Presentation including the provision of a Commentary Information System (CIS). In all cases, the appointment of the results service company is subject to final World Athletics' approval.

#### Race Walking Events Communication System

The use of an electronic communication system for all Race Walking events is obligatory. This must be composed of posting boards and hand-held devices with transmission capability for communicating the Red Cards to the Recorder.

#### Video Officiating Replay System

It is mandatory that a Video Officiating Replay System be provided to record all events according to Rule 12 of the Technical Rules. Such recordings shall be made in accordance with the Video Recording and Video Referee Guidelines and the System will be appointed by World Athletics.

#### Event Presentation

Event Presentation Team, in collaboration with the LOC, is responsible for the planning and delivery of the Event Presentation elements, in accordance with the any Event Presentation guidelines issued by World Athletics from time to time. Expenses associated with ensuring a world class event presentation are the responsibility of the LOC. These elements include:

- a. A complete Event Presentation Team
- b. At least two adequately sized video boards (three is preferable) in the stadium for the public showing of the television signal. The size of such boards shall be agreed with World Athletics in advance.
- c. At least one electronic scoreboard to display results.
- d. A suitable sound system for public address and Event Presentation purposes at the main stadium and any road event venue.
- e. A suitable number of video boards of public showing as well as electronic scoreboards to display results for the road event venue(s).

### 5.3. Implements

#### Official Implements List

The Technical Delegates, in conjunction with the LOC and based on the implements most commonly used by major international athletes, shall determine a list of Official Implements which the LOC shall provide to the athletes. In principle, a minimum of six items shall be required for each implement, to cover the needs of the competition, warm-up and training venues.

#### Additional Implements



Further Implements may be added to the approved list if requested by Members or by Manufacturers with the endorsement of a Member Federation (by a deadline set by the Technical Delegates) and if supplied to the LOC free of charge (by a deadline set by the Technical Delegates). However, all such implements must have World Athletics certification and be approved by the Technical Delegates. Six items of each additional implement shall be required.

#### Personal Implements

Personal implements may be allowed, providing they are readily identifiable, they have a current World Athletics certification and have been checked for compliance with the Rules in accordance with the Technical Delegates' instructions. These implements must be available for use by the other participants until the end of the event.

#### Usage Statistics

The LOC must keep an accurate record of the implements (official or personal) used during the competition and produce usage statistics to be used for the purpose of compiling suitable Official Implements Lists for future competitions.

### 5.4. Equipment

#### Competition Equipment

All competition equipment must conform to the Rules and Regulations as amended from time to time.

#### Equipment for Warm-up and Training Areas

The LOC must provide adequate and sufficient equipment for all warm-up and training venues.

### 5.5. Inspection of the Competition Stadium

Athletes shall be given an opportunity to inspect and, if possible, train in the main competition stadium on at least one occasion prior to the start of the World Athletics Championships. Such training to be no more than two hours in duration and should normally be arranged one or two days before the competition at a time when most of the athletes are on site and which would not conflict with other activities in the stadium or the general organisation of the event.

### 5.6. Technical Meeting

Before the first day of the World Athletics Championships, a Technical Meeting ~~shall~~ may be held which not more than two representatives (and, if necessary, an interpreter) from each delegation may attend except for Neutral Athletes. The LOC shall provide simultaneous translation in five languages (English, French, Spanish, Russian and Arabic) if the meeting takes place immediately after the Congress and in the same venue. If the meeting is at another venue, simultaneous translation must be provided in English and French.

For Neutral Athletes only one representative and, if necessary, an interpreter from the same sanctioned Member may attend the Technical Meeting.

#### 5.7. Bib and Hip Numbers

The athletes' bibs (including those for the Medal Ceremonies), as well as the hip numbers, will be provided by World Athletics.

#### 5.8. Special Technical Rules for the World Athletics Championships

##### Preliminary Round for the 100m

In the Men's and Women's 100m, where the majority of unqualified athletes are entered, unqualified athletes may be required to compete in a Preliminary Round the results of which shall determine which athletes shall proceed to the Round 1 of the event. Qualified athletes shall start competing directly in Round 1.

##### Penalty Zone

In the Race Walks, the Penalty Zone rule will be used.

##### Seedings, Draws and Qualification in Track Events

To accommodate the large number of entries in some events, alternate tables to those provided for in Rule 20.2 of the Technical Rules may be used by the Technical Delegates for seeding, draws and qualifications in Track Events. See Alternate Tables in Appendix 5.

The relays are seeded based on a combination of two factors (each contributing 50% weight):

- Each team's Qualification Best performance
- Each team's Qualification Best performances set by the individual athletes entered for the relay team (or for the 100m/400m). An adjusted Qualification Best will be considered in other events (e.g. 110mH, 200m, 400mH) if the athlete does not have one for the 100m/400m.

For the purposes of lane draws in Combined Events races, Rules 20.4.3 – 5 of the Technical Rules apply. The Qualification Best achieved in Heptathlon or a Decathlon is to be used for seeding.

##### Substitution

For the purposes of vacant positions in semi-finals or finals, as appropriate, see Appendix 6.