



WORLD ATHLETICS SERIES REGULATIONS

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Specific Definitions

The words and phrases used in these Regulations that are defined terms (denoted by initial capital letters) shall have the meanings specified in the Constitution and the General Definitions, and (in respect of the following words and phrases) the following meanings:

“Competition Manipulation Watch List” means the watch list created by Council in accordance with Article 13.5 of the Constitution listing Members at risk of competition results manipulation.

“Entry Standards” means performance standard by which an athlete or a team qualifies to be entered into a WAS Event.

“Final Confirmation of Entries” means the dates or day of the competition when an athlete’s entry is confirmed for their specific event.

“Final Entries” means the date by which Members must submit the names of their athletes with their events, names of Team Officials and their category and their travel dates.

“Host” has the same meaning as defined in the Bidding Rules.

“Invitation to Participate” means the invitation issued to Members pursuant to Regulation 7 containing information including but not limited to qualification, entries and deadlines, timetable, visas and other country entry requirements, financial support, travel, accommodation, insurance, Official Implements, application forms, prize money, world record bonuses, doping control, athlete agreement, team uniform, ticketing and maps of the venue, stadium and courses and such other information relevant to Members wishing to participate in the WAS Event.

“LOC” means the local organising committee appointed by a Host to be responsible for the practical organisation and staging of the WAS Event.

“Neutral Athletes” means an Athlete granted such status in accordance with Rule 3 of the Eligibility Rules.

“Official Implements” means implements as referenced in Technical Rule 32.1 that comply with current World Athletics specifications and are World Athletics Certified.

“Preliminary Entries” means the date by which Members are to submit to World Athletics the number of athletes with their expected events, Team Officials, anticipated travel dates and accommodation requirements and, where applicable, the travel quote for approval.

“Qualification System” means the period within which valid Entry Standards and World Rankings can be achieved in order to qualify for the relevant World Athletics Series Event.

“Team Officials” means officials from the Member Federation who are part of the team participating in the relevant edition of the WAS Event and who are, for the avoidance of doubt, Athlete Support Personnel.

“Team Manual” means the manual issued to Members pursuant to Regulation 7 containing updates to the information contained in the Invitation to Participate and such other information relevant to Members wishing to participate in the WAS Event.

“World Athletics Certified” means the certification of Official Implements in accordance with the ‘World Athletics’ Certification System’: <https://www.worldathletics.org/about-iaaf/documents/technical-information>

“World Athletics Series Event” or **“WAS Event”** means the World Athletics Championships, the World Athletics Indoor Championships, the World Athletics Relays, the World Athletics U20 Championships, the World Athletics Road Running Championships, the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships and the World Athletics Cross Country Championships.

1. Overview

1.1. The purposes of World Athletics include to:

1.1.1. encourage participation in Athletics at all levels throughout the world through competitions, events, programmes and activities (Article 4.1(b));

1.1.2. establish, manage, control and supervise International Competitions and recognise records in Athletics from International Competitions (Article 4.1(c));

1.1.3. regulate the sport of Athletics through the development of rules and regulations and a judicial system by which they are enforced (Article 4.1(d)).

1.2. These World Athletics Series Regulations ('these Regulations') explain the programme, participation, structure, entry procedures, financial considerations and technical matters and requirements concerning a World Athletics Series Event.

2. Purpose of the Regulations

2.1. The purpose of these Regulations is to set out key competition and event related programme, structure and requirements involved in participating, entering, organising and staging a World Athletics Series Event.

3. Application of these Regulations

3.1. These Regulations apply to:

3.1.1. hosts of a World Athletics Series Event and the relevant LOC;

3.1.2. Member Federations, Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel;

3.1.3. Member Federation Officials; and

3.1.4. World Athletics Officials and Staff.

4. Powers and Duties of Council

4.1. For each edition of the World Athletics Series Event Council is responsible for:

4.1.1. approving the host in accordance with the Bidding Rules;

4.1.2. deciding the competition dates and timetable;

4.1.3. approving the Qualification System;

4.1.4. approving the formula for any athlete quotas and benefits regarding travel and accommodation;

4.1.5. approving the staging of additional events;

4.1.6. appointing the relevant International Delegates and Officials referred to in Appendix 1;

- 4.1.7. approving matters referred to Council by the Technical Delegates to a specific edition of a World Athletics Events from time to time;
- 4.1.8. approving or delegating to the Chief Executive Officer (or their nominee) approval of the procedure for payment of Competition Awards whether by bank transfer of value in kind for each edition of the World Athletics Series Event except for the World Athletics U20 Championships for which there are no Competition Awards;
- 4.1.9. permitting Neutral Athletes to participate in World Athletics Series Events.

5. Delegates & Officials (Part II Competition Rules)

- 5.1. The number of Delegates and Officials appointed by Council and hosted by the LOC are set out at Appendix 1.
- 5.2. The LOC shall pay the travel and / or accommodation costs of all Delegates and Officials as set out at Appendix 2 when attending the Competition and, where indicated, site visits.
- 5.3. No World Athletics appointed Delegate or Official may be part of their Member's delegation.
- 5.4. All Delegates and Officials shall act in conformity with current Rules, Regulations and Guidelines and shall have the ultimate authority in their respective fields of responsibility.

6. Responsibilities of Technical Delegates

- 6.1. For each edition of the World Athletics Series Event the appointed Technical Delegates are responsible for:
 - 6.1.1. submitting to the Council proposals for:
 - 6.1.1.1. the Qualification System;
 - 6.1.1.2. the timetable of the specific edition of the World Athletics Series Event, which shall have been drawn up together with the LOC and in consultation with relevant television authorities;
 - 6.1.1.3. the additional events to be staged;
 - 6.1.2. approving the courses for the Road Running and Race Walking events and advising the LOC on race procedures;
 - 6.1.3. approving the accommodation for the Athletes and Team Officials;
 - 6.1.4. ensuring all technical equipment is checked and conforms to World Athletics requirements;
 - 6.1.5. where applicable, determining and approving the make and type of implements to be used at least one year before the Competition. The implements must be World Athletics Certified;
 - 6.1.6. chairing the Technical Meeting, if one is held (one of the Technical Delegates);

- 6.1.7. approving National Competition Officials (i.e. National Referees, Judges and other Technical Officials) who must be of the required level of competence to officiate at a World Athletics Series Event; and
 - 6.1.8. consulting with the Chief Race Walking Judge, with regard to the appointment of the Chief Judge's Assistants and Recorders for Race Walking events or, if such assistants cannot be found in the host country, recommend to the World Athletics Council one or two Chief Judge's Assistants and Recorders.
- 6.2. The agreement of the Technical Delegates must be sought in advance on all matters (including any urgent, unprecedented and exceptional matters or circumstances) relating to the technical conduct of the WAS Event and the LOC and all Members and athletes participating in the WAS Event must comply with any directions or instructions of the Technical Delegates.

7. Invitation to Participate

- 7.1. All Member Federations and the Organising Member ('OM'), hereafter called "Members", shall be invited by World Athletics to participate in the relevant edition World Athletics Series Event. The Invitation to Participate, in the official languages of World Athletics, shall be sent at least 6 months before the relevant edition of World Athletics Series Event other than for the World Athletics Championships which is at least 9 months before the relevant edition.
- 7.2. World Athletics shall only accept Preliminary Entries and Final Entries received from the Members and, if applicable, sanctioned Members. Preliminary Entries and Final Entries must be submitted using the On-line Event Entry System: <https://evententry.worldathletics.org> by the dates stated either in the Invitation to Participate or the Team Manual as applicable. In the case of Preliminary Entries the entries shall indicate the number of athletes with their expected events and Team Officials as well as the anticipated travel dates and accommodation requirements and, where applicable, the travel quote for approval.
- 7.3. In order to ensure the timely production of start lists and onward notification to all relevant persons in the organisation of the event, Members must submit Final Confirmation of Entries which must be made by the date and time set out in the Invitation to Participate and in the Team Manual.
- 7.4. The dates by which Preliminary Entries, Final Entries and Final Confirmations must be submitted for each edition of a World Athletics Series Event are set out in the Invitation to Participate and Team Manual and are determined by the periods in Appendix 3.
- 7.5. The number of Team Officials who may be entered and/or accommodated with the Team will be limited overall to 80% of the number of participating athletes (e.g. if the team has 100 athletes the maximum number of officials is 80, see Appendix 4 for the maximum total number of officials and from this the number of subsidised and non-subsidised officials). The number of Team Officials for Neutral Athletes from the same sanctioned Member Federation are subject to the same criteria. In the case of the World Athletics Championships or World Athletics Indoor Championships, any additional Team Officials, including for Neutral Athletes, (above 80%) will be subject to application for an 'extra coach package' as detailed in the specific edition of the World Athletics Championships Event circular.
- 7.6. Where permission is given to athletes who have been granted Neutral Athlete to participate in a World Athletics Series Event their status is subject to the general provisions of these Regulations, the specific World Athletics Series Event Regulations

in question and, due to the specificities of their status, the specific provisions concerning Neutral Athletes in these Regulations.

- 7.7. For the purposes of qualification to any World Athletics Series Event whether by Entry Standards or World Rankings, where a Member is on the Competition Manipulation Watch List, World Athletics only recognises results achieved at competitions hosted by such Members as decided by the Council from time to time. Accordingly, Members are referred to the Competition Manipulation Watch List: <https://www.worldathletics.org/about-iaaf/documents/technical-information> to check on any impact on the Entry Standards referred to in these Regulations.

8. Team Manual

- 8.1. The Team Manual is a World Athletics Series Event edition specific manual setting out practical arrangements for the World Athletics Series Event for Members.
- 8.2. World Athletics, in close cooperation with the LOC, is responsible for the production of a Team Manual. The Team Manual must be posted on the LOC and World Athletics websites (and be available for download) no less than two months before the relevant edition of the World Athletics Championships and no less than one month before the relevant edition of all other World Athletics Series Events and circulated to all Members.

9. Protocols

- 9.1. For the general delivery of the competition and at any applicable ceremony (e.g. opening, closing, medal etc.) at a World Athletics Series Event the OM/LOC shall, in accordance with such protocols as notified by World Athletics, include as a minimum for each participating Member's Country or Territory:

- 9.1.1. placards / signs bearing their name in the language of the host country and/or English;
- 9.1.2. official national flag;
- 9.1.3. national anthem;

and that for the purposes of a medal ceremony, the official national flags of the respective podium athletes or team's Country or Territory are raised/displayed and national anthem of the first placed athlete or team is played. Medals are presented by one person appointed by World Athletics.

- 9.2. In the case of Neutral Athletes the OM/LOC shall, in accordance with such protocols as notified by World Athletics, display for the general delivery of the competition and at any applicable ceremony:

- 9.2.1. placards bearing the name 'Neutral Athletes' and/or ANA;
- 9.2.2. World Athletics flag or such other neutral flags as World Athletics may direct;
- 9.2.3. World Athletics anthem;

and that for the purposes of the medal ceremony, the World Athletics flag of the podium Neutral Athletes is raised/displayed and, if first placed Athlete is a Neutral Athlete, the World Athletics anthem is played. The national anthem, national colours, flag, name of the Country or Territory of the Neutral Athlete must not be played, raised or displayed at any time within the vicinity of any venue associated or connected with the World Athletics Series Event.

10. Competition Awards

10.1. Competition Awards will only be paid after an athlete has undergone, and following confirmation of, doping control tests and submission of complete Competition Award Forms with full bank details to World Athletics. There are neither Competition Awards in the World Athletics U20 Championships nor in the U20 events at the World Cross Country or Race Walking Team Championships. The responsibility for payment of Competition Awards is set out in Appendix 2.

11. Safeguarding

11.1. Members will carry out a safeguarding risk assessment, develop safeguarding policy (covering topics such as travel, supervision, communication, training etc.) a code of conduct with a reporting procedure to cover all athletes and Team Officials attending a WAS Event. Members will ensure such safeguarding risk assessment is kept under review and that specific measures are taken where U18 athletes are attending a WAS Event. For example, consideration of rooming arrangements where the athletes' parents / legal guardians are not in attendance and are under the custody and care of Team Officials. Members will identify a Team Official to act as a Safeguarding Officer who will be responsible for safeguarding risk assessment and safeguarding matters generally. Information on how to conduct risk assessment, develop a code of conduct and templates can be found here: <https://www.worldathletics.org/about-iaaf/documents/member-federation-resource-centre> Members will comply with any Safeguarding Event Guidance issued by World Athletics from time to time.

12. Penalties

12.1. Members must comply with the deadlines provided in the Invitation to Participate and Team Manual and provide accurate information in their entries in order to avoid causing financial loss to the LOC of the relevant edition of the World Athletics Series Event. Failure to do so may result in a range of potential sanctions including the application of financial penalties as detailed below. The penalties will be debited to the account of the Member with World Athletics if Applicable.

12.2. Non-compliance with Deadlines

12.2.1. A penalty of \$1,000 USD may be imposed on any Member which does not comply with the Preliminary and/or Final Entry deadlines.

12.2.2. A penalty of \$500.00 may be imposed on any Member for failure to submit their Team Kit for approval by notified deadline in a Circular Letter.

12.2.3. A penalty of \$25.00 per athlete may be imposed on any Member for failure to submit completed signed Athlete Agreements for each athlete by the notified deadline in the Team Manual or Circular Letter.

12.3. Realistic Entries

12.3.1. A penalty of \$1,000 USD per athlete, after the first two, may be imposed on Members which:

12.3.1.1. after having announced through the Preliminary Entries their participation in a World Athletics competition do not then take part;

- 12.3.1.2. after having entered in the Preliminary Entries more than two athletes, attend the competition with a number of athletes 25% or more higher or lower than the entered number.

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.

Part II - World Athletics Indoor Championships Regulations

6. General

- 6.1. Subject to exceptional circumstances, World Athletics shall organise the World Athletics Indoor Championships every two years, in even numbered years.
- 6.2. The full event title shall be World Athletics Indoor Championships followed by the host city and year of the competition.

7. Events Programme

- 7.1. The World Athletics Indoor Championships shall be held on three consecutive days or such other period as World Athletics shall approve.
- 7.2. The programme shall comprise the following 26 events, 13 for Men and 13 for Women or such other events as World Athletics shall approve:

Men

60 metres	High Jump
400 metres	Pole Vault
800 metres	Long Jump
1500 metres	Triple Jump
3000 metres	Shot Put
60m Hurdles	Heptathlon
4 x 400m Relay	

Women

60 metres	High Jump
400 metres	Pole Vault
800 metres	Long Jump
1500 metres	Triple Jump
3000 metres	Shot Put
60m Hurdles	Pentathlon
4 x 400m Relay	

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 athletes with disabilities (subject to compliance with, if applicable, the Mechanical Aids Regulations), Masters' events in accordance with the Technical Rules. If and where applicable and required by World Athletics, travel and accommodation costs for athletes in these events will be paid by the LOC.

8. Participation

8.1. Age Categories

U20 Athletes

Athletes aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December in the year of the competition may compete in any event.

U18 Athletes

Athletes aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December in the year of the competition may compete in any event except the Shot Put. 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 be permitted to compete.

8.2. Participation Principles

General

There shall be an overall total number of 650 athletes participating in the World Athletics Indoor Championships.

Starting from this number, the ideal target number of athletes (and relay teams) to start in each event of the 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 Indoor 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 start and finish of the qualification / ranking period for each event. The Entry Standards (and relevant criteria for the validity of the performances) shall be

approved and published accordingly (normally in March the year prior to the Championships).

Individual athletes shall qualify based on the achievement of Entry Standards or placing in the World Rankings (or similar specific ranking based on performance or other criteria to be decided by the Council) 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.

The need for, and the determination of, a qualification system for the Relay teams shall be established by the Council for each specific edition.

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 Indoor Championships via the Neutral Athlete Liaison person (as described in 8.6 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 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 or Regulations.

8.3. Entry Standards

Approximately twelve months before the World Athletics Indoor 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.

8.4. Entry Rules

Members can compete with a up to two athletes in each event with the exception of the Relays on condition that they are all qualified.

One, two or three athletes can initially be entered per event, provided each has qualified.

Unqualified Athletes – Members who have no male and/or no female qualified athletes whom they wish to enter in any Championships event may enter one unqualified male athlete or one unqualified female athlete in one event of the Championships (except the 800m, Field Events and Combined Events).

800m and Field Events – Members who have no male and/or no female qualified athlete but whose best athlete excels in the 800m or in a Field Event, may submit to World Athletics, by the stipulated deadline, the name of their athlete plus performance they would like to enter in the 800m or the Field Event. The Technical Delegates will decide whether or not to accept such entry and, to do so, may seek the opinion of the relevant Area Association.

If the **host country** of the World Athletics Indoor Championships does not have a qualified athlete in an event, it may enter one athlete in this event regardless of any Entry Standard (except the Combined Events). For the 800m and Field Events see above.

Combined Events – Twelve athletes will be invited by World Athletics in the Heptathlon and in the Pentathlon as follows:

- a. the winner of the previous year's Combined Events Tour
- b. the five top ranked athletes from the previous year's Outdoor Lists (as at 31st December), limited to a maximum of one per country and
- c. the five top ranked athletes from the Indoor Lists during the year of the Competition
- d. one athlete which may be invited at the discretion of World Athletics

In total no more than two male and two female athletes from any one Member will be invited. Upon refusals or cancellations, the invitations shall, until reasonably practical, be extended to the next ranked athletes in the same lists respecting the above conditions.

Members whose athletes are invited as above will receive additional quota places accordingly.

Relay teams – Every Member may enter one team for each relay race, composed by a maximum of eight athletes. 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 the first round.

- 8.5. **Entries of Neutral Athletes** – World Athletics may accept up to two Neutral Athletes from the same sanctioned Member in each event on condition that they are qualified. If more than two Neutral Athletes are qualified, the sanctioned Member will decide which two Neutral Athletes they propose to be entered.

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. In confirming the participation of any Neutral Athlete, World Athletics may impose such conditions on their participation as it sees fit, including but not limited to the signature of a Neutral Athlete Agreement.

8.6. 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 from the same suspended Member. If designated, the Neutral Athlete Liaison will be responsible for:

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

8.6.2.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>;

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

8.7. 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.

9. Financial Conditions

9.1. 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.

Quota is essentially based on number of athletes (maximum 2 per country) in the top 30 of the World Athletics Rankings Lists published after the last Diamond League meeting of the previous year.

Members without a set quota will have a quota of one athlete ONLY.

The host country has no athlete quota.

9.2. 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 and 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.

9.3. 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.

10. Technical Matters and Requirements

10.1. Facilities

Main Stadium

The World Athletics Indoor Championships shall be held in a stadium conforming in all respects with the requirements of the Rules and must hold an Indoor Athletic Facility Certificate. Whenever possible, the High Jump shall be conducted parallel to the sprints straight.

It must have a minimum overall capacity (for athletics) of 5,000 spectators.

Warm-up Facility

It is mandatory that there be a warm-up Track and warm-up facilities for Field Events, approved by World Athletics with such facilities and equipment as World Athletics require), within easy walking distance of the stadium.

Training Areas

Adequate training areas and facilities must be provided at a reasonable distance from Team Hotels 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 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(s)**;
- c. **Mixed Zone** for Media interviews

- d. **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 (if applicable) need to be reserved by the LOC for the **Field Events coaches**. Such seats (if applicable) 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).

10.2. 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.
- 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.

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

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

A complete Event Presentation Team

At least one adequately sized video board (two 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.

At least one electronic scoreboard to display results.

A suitable sound system for public address and Event Presentation purposes at the stadium.

10.3. Implements

Official Implements List (shots)

The Technical Delegates, in conjunction with the LOC, and based on the shots 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 four 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. Four items of each additional implement shall be required.

Personal Implements

Personal implements may be allowed, providing they are readily identifiable, they have 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.

10.4. 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.

10.5. 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 Indoor 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.

10.6. Orientation Tour

An Orientation Tour must be organised the day before the first day of the World Indoor Championships for Team members to familiarise themselves with the team areas at the competition zone. The Technical Delegates and World Athletics and LOC Competition staff will be available for questions or issues raised by the Teams during the Orientation Tour.

10.7. Bibs and Hip Numbers

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

10.8. Special Technical Rules for the Indoor Championships

Horizontal Jumps and Shot Put

The Horizontal Jumps and Shot Put shall be held as straight Finals with sixteen athletes starting in each event. The event shall be conducted as follows:

The top eight after three rounds have three additional attempts

High Jump and Pole Vault

The Men's and Women's High Jump and Pole Vault events shall be held as straight Finals with twelve athletes starting in each event.

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 45.1 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.

For the first round of the 800m, if seven or eight athletes are required to run in one heat, they will be placed in lane five when there is one additional athlete and in lanes two and five when there are two additional athletes.

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.

Part III - World Athletics Under 20 Championships Regulations
(Effective from 16 December 2022)

11. General

- 11.1. Subject to exceptional circumstances, World Athletics shall organise the World Athletics U20 Championships every two years, in even numbered years.
- 11.2. The full event title shall be World Athletics U20 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.

12. Events Programme

- 12.1. The World Athletics U20 Championships, including the Opening Ceremony, shall be held on six consecutive days or such other period as World Athletics shall approve.
- 12.2. The programme shall comprise the following 45 events, 22 for Men, 22 for Women and 1 Mixed (Universal) or such other number of events as World Athletics shall approve:

Men

100 metres	3000m Steeplechase	Shot Put (6kg)
200 metres	110m Hurdles (0.991m)	Discus Throw (1.750kg)
400 metres	400m Hurdles (0.914m)	Hammer Throw (6kg)
800 metres	High Jump	Javelin Throw (800g)
1500 metres	Pole Vault	Decathlon
3000 metres	Long Jump	10,000m Race Walk
5000 metres	Triple Jump	4 x 100m Relay
4 x 400m Relay		

Women

100 metres	3000m Steeplechase	Shot Put (4kg)
200 metres	100m Hurdles (0.838m)	Discus Throw (1kg)
400 metres	400m Hurdles (0.762m)	Hammer Throw (4kg)
800 metres	High Jump	Javelin Throw (600g)
1500 metres	Pole Vault	Heptathlon
3000 metres	Long Jump	10,000m Race Walk
5000 metres	Triple Jump	4 x 100m Relay
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

From 2026 edition of the World Athletics U20 Championships onwards, the LOC may organise a mass participation event as part of the World Athletics U20 Championships provided the prior written approval of the Council of World Athletics has been obtained following consultation with the Technical Delegates and the LOC. Examples of additional events include events for athletes with disabilities (subject to compliance with, if applicable, the Mechanical Aids Regulations), events in accordance with the Technical Rules. If and where applicable, travel and accommodation costs for athletes in these events will be paid by the LOC.

13. Participation

13.1. Age Categories

U20 Athletes

Athletes aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December in the year of the competition, may compete in any event.

U18 Athletes

Athletes aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December in the year of the competition, may compete in any event. 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 permitted to compete.

Team Leaders must present athletes' passports upon arrival, or other official documents indicating the year of birth, to confirm ages in order for them to be registered by World Athletics.

13.2. Participation Principles

General

There shall be an overall total number of 1,400 athletes participating in the World Athletics Under 20 Championships.

Starting from this number, the ideal target number of athletes (and relay teams) to start in each event of the Championships shall be established by World Athletics in consultation with the Technical Delegates and the LOC, together with the specific Qualification System to be approved by the World Athletics Council in October the year prior to the World Athletics under 20 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 period for each event (individual or relay). The Entry Standards (and relevant criteria for the validity of the performances) shall be approved and published accordingly (normally in October the year prior to the Championships).

Individual athletes shall qualify based on the achievement of Entry Standards to be established by the World Athletics Council for each specific edition.

The need for, and the determination of, a qualification system for the Relay teams shall be established by the Council for each specific edition.

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.

13.3. 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 U20 Championships via the Neutral Liaison person (as described in 13.6 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 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.

13.4. Entry Standards

Approximately twelve months before the World Athletics U20 Championships, World Athletics shall publish for all events, except the relays (for which there are no Entry Standards), the Entry Standards and relevant criteria.

The Entry Standards must be achieved during the period from 1 October in the year preceding the World Athletics U20 Championships to the closing date for final entries. Such Entry Standards must be achieved in accordance with criteria decided by World Athletics.

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.

13.5. Entry Rules

Members can compete with up to two athletes in each event with the exception of the Relays on condition they are qualified.

Three athletes can initially be entered per event, provided each has qualified but only two will be permitted to compete.

Unqualified Athletes – Members who have no male and/or female qualified athletes whom they wish to enter in any Championships event, may enter one unqualified male athlete or one unqualified female athlete in one event of the Championships (except the Field Events, Combined Events, 5000m and 3000m Steeplechase).

Field Events – Members who have no male and/or no female qualified athlete but whose best athlete excels in a Field Event, may submit to World Athletics, by the stipulated deadline, the name of their athlete plus performance they would like to enter in the Field Event. The Technical Delegates will decide whether or not to accept such entry and, to do so, may seek the opinion of the relevant Area Association.

Host Country – If the host country of the World Athletics U20 Championships does not have a qualified athlete in an event, it may enter one athlete in this event regardless of any Entry Standard.

Relay Teams – Every Member may enter one team for each relay race.

- 13.6. **Entries of Neutral Athletes** – World Athletics may accept up to two Neutral Athletes from the same sanctioned Member in each event on condition that they are qualified. If more than two Neutral Athletes are qualified, the sanctioned Member will decide which two Neutral Athletes they propose to be entered.

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. In confirming the participation of any Neutral Athlete, World Athletics may impose such conditions on their participation as it sees fit, including but not limited to the signature of a Neutral Athlete Agreement.

- 13.7. 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 suspended Member. If designated, the Neutral Athlete Liaison will be responsible for:

13.7.1. co-ordinating all aspects of the Neutral Athletes' participation at the World Athletics U20 Championships (including the participation of any Team Officials – see below);

13.7.2. 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>;

13.7.3. co-ordinating all administrative procedures on site at the World Athletics U20 Championships, including the payment of any due amount and the processing of final confirmations

13.8. 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.

14. Financial Conditions

14.1. 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 quota is calculated for each Member Federation according to the number of finalists in the previous edition of the World Athletics U20 Championships (each relay team counts for two places). In any case the maximum quota for any Member is 20.

Members without a set quota will have a quota of one athlete unless by the deadline for the Final Entries, they have two or more athletes (at least one man and one woman) having achieved the standards; in this case, their quota will be increased to two.

The Host country has no athlete quota.

14.2. 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 and 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.

14.3. 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.

15. Technical Matters and Requirements

15.1. Facilities

Main Stadium

The World Athletics U20 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. For the 2026 edition of the World Athletics U20 Championships onwards, if needed, additional stadiums can be used for qualification and mass participation purposes. Such facilities would require the approval by the Technical Delegates.

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.

The Stadium must have a minimum capacity of 10,000 spectators.

Warm-up Facility

It is mandatory that there be a warm-up facility, with such facilities and equipment as World Athletics shall require, including a separate area for Long Throws within easy walking distance of the stadium.

Training Areas

Adequate training areas facilities must be provided at a reasonable distance from Team Hotels 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 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. **Mixed Zone** for Media interviews;
- d. **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 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).

15.2. 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 may be used additionally for intermediate timing and lap counting purposes.
- 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 World Athletics certified false start control apparatus (Start Information System) 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 Communications 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. The size, layout and position of the board shall be decided in agreement with the Technical Delegates and Chief Race Walking Judge.

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

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

- a. A complete Event Presentation Team;
- b. At least one adequately sized video board in the stadium for the public showing of the television signal. The size of such board 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 stadium.

15.3. Implements

Official Implements List

The Technical Delegates, in conjunction with the LOC and based on the implements most commonly used, shall determine a list of Official Implements which the LOC shall provide to the athletes. In principle, a minimum of four 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. Four items of each additional implement shall be required.

Personal Implements

Personal implements may be allowed, providing they are readily identifiable, they have 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.

15.4. 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.

15.5. 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 U20 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.

15.6. Orientation Tour

An Orientation Tour must be organised the day before the first day of the World Athletics U20 Championships for Team members to familiarise themselves with the team areas at the competition zone. The Technical Delegates and World Athletics and LOC Competition staff will be available for questions or issues raised by the Teams during the Orientation Tour.

15.7. 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.

15.8. Special Technical Rules for the World Athletics U20 Championships

Height of Hurdles

The height of the hurdles shall be according to Rule 22.3 of the Technical Rules.

Specification of Implements

The specifications of the implements shall be according to Rules 32, 33, 34, 36 and 38 of the Technical Rules.

Combined Events

The events to be contested are specified in Rule 39 of the Technical Rules with the exception of the last event of both the Decathlon and Heptathlon competition which may be conducted using handicap starts based on time difference that correspond to the number of points they are behind the leading athlete. The Combined Events Scoring Tables will be used to score these events, notwithstanding the lower weights of the implements or height of the hurdles.

Penalty Zone

In the 10,000m 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 posted on the World Athletics website 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.

Part IV - World Athletics Cross Country Championships Regulations

16. General

- 16.1. Subject to exceptional circumstances, World Athletics shall organise the World Athletics Cross Country Championships every two years, in odd numbered years, as a team and individual competition. Commencing from 2024 the World Athletics Cross Country Championships will be held in even numbered years.
- 16.2. The full event title shall be World Athletics Cross Country 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.

17. Events Programme

- 17.1. The World Athletics Cross Country Championships shall be held on one day or such other period as World Athletics shall approve.
- 17.2. The programme shall comprise the following 5 events, held over the following approximate distances or such other number of events as World Athletics shall approve:

Senior Men	10 km
U20 Men	8 km
Senior Women	10 km
U20 Women	6 km
Mixed (Universal) Relay (2 Men and 2 Women)	4 loops (8km approx.)

Additional Events

The LOC may organise a mass participation event as part of the World Athletics Cross Country Championships provided the prior written approval of the Council of World Athletics has been obtained following consultation with the Technical Delegates and the LOC. The LOC is responsible for the costs of organising a mass participation element of the event as part of the World Athletics Cross Country Championships.

17.3. Scoring

In all races (except the mixed relay) four finishers shall score.

Each race shall be scored separately. The team results shall be decided by the aggregate of places recorded by the scoring athletes of each team. The team with the lowest aggregate of points will be judged the winner. If a team fails to finish with a complete scoring team, the runners finishing shall be counted as individuals in the race result and be eligible for the individual awards.

In assessing the aggregate, no adjustment to the scoring of the finishing teams shall be made in respect of any non-scoring team runners or of individual entries.

In the event of a tie, it shall be resolved in favour of the team whose last scoring member finishes nearer to first place.

Scoring for the Mixed Relay shall be by finishing order of the team.

18. Participation

18.1. Age Categories

U20 Athletes

Athletes aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December of the year of the competition may compete in the Senior race or the U20 race.

U18 Athletes

Athletes aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December of the year competition may only compete in the U20 race.

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 permitted to compete.

18.2. 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 Cross Country Championships via the Neutral Athlete Liaison person (as described in 18.6 below), by the deadline for Preliminary Entries. Neutral Athletes may only apply to compete in individual events. 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.

18.3. Entry Standards

There are no Entry Standards for this Competition

18.4. Entry Rules

In all races (except the relay) a Member may enter a maximum of eight athletes; no more than six shall be allowed to start in the race with four to score. In the relay, a Member may enter a maximum of four men and four women; of which two men and two women shall compete.

Individual entries are admitted in any race (except in the relay) and the finishing athletes shall be eligible for the corresponding individual awards.

18.5. **Entries of Neutral Athletes** – World Athletics may accept up to two Neutral Athletes from the same suspended Member in each event.

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. In confirming the participation of any Neutral Athlete, World Athletics may impose such

conditions on their participation as it sees fit, including but not limited to the signature of a Neutral Athlete Agreement.

18.6. 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 from the same suspended Member. If designated, the Neutral Athlete Liaison will be responsible for:

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

18.6.2. 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> ;

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

18.7. 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.

19. Financial Conditions

19.1. 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 Quota, which is separate for Men and Women, is largely based on the evaluation of the Members' performance in the previous three editions of the World Athletics Cross Country Championships. Each Member is entitled to a basic quota of one man and one woman. The maximum number of quota places per race is four (number of scoring athletes) regardless of the number of athletes entered (applies also in case of additional quota places for Area Champions).

Quotas for Relays are as follows:

In the Mixed Relay, each Member has a basic quota of one man and one woman.

The host country has no athlete quota.

19.2. 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 and 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.

19.3. 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.

20. Technical Matters and Requirements

20.1. Facilities

The Course

The course must comply with the requirements of Rule 56 of the Technical Rules and must include some natural and artificial obstacles in order to build a challenging, innovative and exciting race course.

Warm-up Area

It is mandatory that there be a warm-up Area, with such facilities and equipment as World Athletics shall require, close to the Call Room and to the start.

Training Areas

Adequate training areas and opportunities must be provided at a reasonable distance from Team Hotels to the athletes at appropriate times. The Technical Delegates shall inspect and decide upon the most suitable solutions during the Site Visit(s) and only those areas and facilities which been approved by the Technical Delegates may be used.

Functional Areas at the Course

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

A basic list is as follows:

- a. **Team boxes (for preparations and changing)**– one for each team if possible;
- b. **Call Room**;

- c. **Start area**
- d. **Mixed Zone** for Media interviews
- e. **Post Event Area** where athletes are able to recover and collect their clothing
- f. Gathering area and podium area for the **Medal Ceremonies**
- g. **Doping Control station**, the location and layout of which needs to be agreed with the Medical/Anti-Doping Delegate;
- h. **Technical Information Centre (TIC)**;
- i. **Competition Information Desks (CIDs)** located at the athletes' accommodation venue(s).

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

20.2. Technical Services

Timing

Transponders will be used, inserted in the athletes' shoes, for the official timing (intermediate and finish). Manual back-up timing must be provided and shall be agreed with the Technical Delegates.

Video Recording

It is mandatory that a back-up video recording system be installed on the finish line, to a level approved by World Athletics, to assist in determining the finishing order. It must be made available to the Jury of Appeal in case of a protest.

Video Board

It is mandatory that the LOC obtain and pay for a video board measuring at least 48m², placed in view of the Media/VIP stand, for the public showing of the television signal.

Public Address System

A suitable sound system for public address and Event Presentation purposes must be available at the course.

20.3. Orientation Tour

An Orientation Tour must be organised the day before the first day of the World Athletics Cross Country Championships for Team members to familiarise themselves with the team areas at the competition zone. The Technical Delegates and World Athletics and LOC Competition staff will be available for questions or issues raised by the Teams during the Orientation Tour.

20.4. Bibs

The athletes' bibs (including those for the medal ceremonies), will be provided by World Athletics.

Part V – World Athletics Race Walking Team Championship Regulations

21. General

- 21.1. Subject to exceptional circumstances, World Athletics shall organise the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships every two years, in even numbered years, as a team and individual competition.
- 21.2. The full event title shall be World Athletics Race Walking Team 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.

22. Events Programme

- 22.1. The World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships shall be held over two consecutive days or such other period as World Athletics shall approve.
- 22.2. The programme shall comprise the following 5 events or such other number of events as World Athletics shall approve:

Men's 10km U20 Race Walk

Men's 20km Race Walk

Women's 10km U20 Race Walk

Women's 20km Race Walk

Mixed Marathon Race Walk Relay (Universal)

22.3. Scoring

Except the Mixed Relay, in the senior races the first three finishers shall score for the team while in the U20 races, the first two finishers shall score.

Each race shall be scored separately. The team results shall be decided by the aggregate of places recorded by the scoring athletes of each team. The team with the lowest aggregate of points will be judged the winner. If a team fails to finish with a complete scoring team, the race walkers finishing shall be counted as individuals in the race result and be eligible for the individual medals.

No adjustment to the scoring places of the finishing teams shall be made in respect of any non-scoring team athletes or of individual entries.

In the event of a tie, it shall be resolved in favour of the team whose last scoring member finishes nearer to first place.

Scoring for the Mixed Relay shall be by finishing order of the team.

23. Participation

23.1. Age Categories

U20 Athletes

Athletes aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December in the year of the competition may compete in any race.

U18 Athletes

Athletes aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December in the year of the competition may only compete in the U20 race.

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 permitted to compete.

23.2. Participation of Neutral Athletes (if applicable)

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 Race Walking Team Championships via the Neutral Athlete Liaison person (as described in 23.6 below), by the deadline for Preliminary Entries. Neutral Athletes may only apply to compete in individual events. Neutral Athletes may achieve the Entry Standard in national competitions held in the country of the suspended Member provided the competition in question meets all relevant requirements under World Athletics Rules and Regulations.

23.3. Entry Standards

There are no Entry Standards for this Competition

23.4. Entry Rules

20km Races

A Member may enter a maximum of seven athletes in each race; no more than five shall be allowed to start in the race with three to score.

10km U20 Races

A Member may enter a maximum of five athletes in each race; no more than three shall be allowed to start in the race with two to score.

Marathon Mixed Relay Race

A Member may enter a maximum of three teams, that is a maximum of 4 male and 4 female Athletes but no more than 3 of each gender shall be allowed to start in the race with all of them scoring.

Individual Entries

Individual entries are admitted in the 20km or in the 10km races only. No athlete will be allowed to compete in two races.

- 23.5. **Entries of Neutral Athletes** – World Athletics may accept up to two Neutral Athletes from the same sanctioned Member in each event but are unable to score.

After submission on the On-line Event Entry System, World Athletics will confirm the participation of all Neutral Athletes having first verified their eligibility status. In confirming the participation of any Neutral Athlete, World Athletics may impose such conditions on their participation as it sees fit, including but not limited to the signature of a Neutral Athlete Agreement.

- 23.6. 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 suspended Member. If designated, the Neutral Athlete Liaison will be responsible for:

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

23.6.2. 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> ;

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

23.7. 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.

24. Financial Conditions

24.1. 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.

Every Member Federation benefits from a basic quota of 1 athlete in each race. For the senior races only, additional quota places are granted (up to a maximum total of 3 per

race) based on the number of athletes ranked in the Race Walking World Rankings in the previous year.

The host country has no athlete quota.

24.2. 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 and 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.

24.3. 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 etc.) two persons.

25. Technical Matters and Requirements

25.1. Facilities

Course

The course must comply with the requirements of Rule 54.11 of the Technical Rules and shall be designed in accordance with the recommendations contained in World Athletics publication "Race Walking – A Guide to Judging and Organising". It shall also be measured by World Athletics/AIMS Grade "A" International Road Race Course Measurer appointed by World Athletics in accordance with the relevant guidelines.

Warm-up Area

It is mandatory that there be a warm-up area, approved by World Athletics and with such facilities and equipment as World Athletics require, close to the Call Room and to the Start.

Training Areas

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

Technical Facilities at the Course

A number of technical and functional facilities need to be provided at the course by the LOC.

A basic list is as follows:

- a. **Team areas (for preparations and changing)** – one for each team if possible;
- b. **Call Room**;
- c. **Mixed Zone** for Media interviews
- d. **Post Event Area** where athletes are able to recover and collect their clothing
- e. Gathering area and podium area for the **Medal Ceremonies**
- f. **Doping Control Station**, the location and layout of which needs to be agreed with the Medical / Anti-Doping Delegate;
- g. **Recorders' Booth** situated close to a **Red Cards Posting Board**;
- h. **Technical Information Centre (TIC)**;
- i. **Competition Information Desks (CIDs)** located at the athletes' accommodation venue(s).
- j. **Rest / Recovery Areas for athletes before / after their respective relay leg** (this area shall include a shaded space, a table with water and other suitable refreshments, and enough space to keep athletes warmed up.)

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

25.2. Technical Services

Timing

Transponders will be used for the official timing (intermediate and finish). Manual back-up timing must be provided and shall be agreed with the Technical Delegates.

Video Recording

It is mandatory that a back-up video recording system be installed on the finish line, to a level approved by World Athletics, to assist in determining the finishing order. It must be made available to the Jury of Appeal in case of a protest.

Communication

The use of an electronic communication system 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 Board

It is mandatory that the LOC obtain, and pay for, a video board measuring at least 48m², placed in view of the Media/VIP stand, for the public showing of the television signal.

Public Address System

A suitable sound system for public address and Event Presentation purposes must be available at the course.

25.3. Orientation Tour

An Orientation Tour must be organised the day before the first day of the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships for Team members to familiarise themselves with the team areas at the competition zone. The Technical Delegates and World Athletics and LOC Competition staff will be available for questions or issues raised by the Teams during the Orientation Tour.

25.4. Bibs

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

25.5. Special Technical Rules for the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships

Penalty Zone

All the races will be conducted with the Penalty Zone rule.

Time Limits

Time Limits shall apply to Senior races only.

In order for athletes to be allowed to finish the race, they shall be required to start the last 2km within a certain Time Limit from the start of the race.

The Technical Delegates, in collaboration with the Office, shall be responsible for determining the applicable Time Limits at each edition of the Team Championships.

Athletes who fail to start the last 2km within these times will be stopped by competition officials and prevented from continuing the race. They shall, however, be awarded their corresponding finishing position at that point and, in the case of the 20km races, their participation will count towards the team score.

Marathon Mixed Relay

The race shall be conducted over a distance of 42.195km and contested by teams of two athletes – one male and one female.

There shall be four legs – each of a minimum distance of 10km. The male athlete shall walk the first and third legs and the female athlete the second and fourth legs.

The actual distance of each leg shall be determined according to local circumstances and the layout of the venue.

Rule 54 of the Technical Rules shall be applied with the following variations:

54.4.1 – shall be applied to the last 100m of the last leg only. Where, at any other time, the Chief Judge observes that an athlete is engaging in unsporting or improper conduct, they shall refer it to the Referee for action. 54.5 – shall be applied to the whole race so that the same Judge may not show a Yellow Paddle to the same athlete to whom they have already shown a Yellow Paddle for that offence or for whom they have sent a red card whether it is on the same or a subsequent leg for that particular athlete. However, they may do so for the other athlete in the same team.

54.6 - This Rule shall be applied to the whole race so that the same Judge may not send to the Chief Judge a second red card on the same athlete whether it is on the same or a subsequent leg for that particular athlete. However, they may do so for the other athlete in the same team.

54.7 Disqualification, as follows:

54.7.1 Except as provided in Rule 54.7.3 of the Technical Rules, when **seven Red Cards have been sent to the Chief Judge for athletes on the same team, the team is disqualified**, and they shall be notified of this disqualification by the Chief Judge or a Chief Judge's Assistant by being shown a red paddle. The failure to give notification shall not result in the reinstatement of a disqualified athlete.

54.7.3 **A Penalty Zone shall be used.** An athlete will be required to enter the Penalty Zone and remain there for the applicable period once their **team has received three Red Cards and on each occasion of an additional Red Card thereafter**, and are so advised by the Chief Judge or someone delegated by them.

Note: The athlete currently on the course when the advice is given by the Chief Judge must comply with this Rule even if the red card was sent to the Chief Judge when the other athlete was on the course.

The applicable period in the Penalty Zone shall be as follows:

After three red cards	3 min
After the fourth red card	1 min
After the fifth red card	1 min
After the sixth red card	1 min

54.7.4 If, a **team** receives a third or subsequent Red Card and it is no longer practicable to direct them to enter the Penalty Zone before the end of the race, the Referee shall add the time(s) they would have been required to spend in the Penalty Zone to their finishing time and adjust the finishing order as may be necessary.

54.7.5 Rule 54.7.1 of the Technical Rules as varied above shall apply.

Takeover Zone

Lines 50mm wide shall be drawn across the course to mark the start of each stage distance (scratch line). Similar lines shall be drawn 10m before and 10m after the scratch line to denote the takeover zone. All takeover procedures, which, unless otherwise specified by the organisers, shall comprise a physical contact between the incoming and outgoing athletes, shall be completed within this zone.

Final Declarations

The final declaration of the number of teams and the composition of each team shall be made by the time stated in the Team Manual.

Qualification to Olympic Games

The top 22 placed teams will automatically qualify for the 2024 Olympic Games. Up to five of these 22 teams can be a second team of the same Member.

Part VI – World Athletics Road Running Championships Regulations

26. General

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

27. Events Programme

- 27.1. The World Athletics Road Running Championships shall be held over two days or such other period as World Athletics shall approve.
- 27.2. The programme shall comprise the following events or such other number of events as World Athletics shall approve:

	Individual Events		Individual and Team Events
Women	Road Mile	5km	Half Marathon
Men	Road Mile	5km	Half Marathon

From the inaugural edition of the World Athletics Road Running Championships onwards, the LOC may organise a mass participation race, see below.

27.3. Scoring in the Half Marathon

In both races the first three finishers shall score for the team.

Each race shall be scored separately. The team results shall be decided by the aggregate of times recorded by the scoring athletes of each team. The team with the lowest aggregate of times will be judged the winner. If a team fails to finish with a complete scoring team, the runners finishing shall be counted as individuals in the race result and be eligible for the individual awards.

In the event of a tie, it shall be resolved in favour of the team whose last scoring member finishes nearer to first place.

27.4. Mass Race

A Mass Race may be included as part of the World Athletics Road Running Championships provided the prior written approval of the Council of World Athletics' has been obtained following consultation with the Technical Delegates and the LOC. If and where applicable, all travel and accommodation costs athletes in mass participation events will be paid by the LOC.

28. Participation

28.1. Age Categories

Only athletes who are at least 18 years of age on 31 December of the year of the competition may compete in the World Athletics Road Running Championships.

28.2. 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 Road Running Championships via the Neutral Athlete Liaison person (as described in 28.6 below), by the deadline for Preliminary Entries. Neutral Athletes may only apply to compete individually. 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.

28.3. Entry Standards

There are no Entry Standards for this Competition.

28.4. Entry Rules

Half Marathon (individual and team event)

Members may enter a maximum of five athletes per race with no more than four allowed to start and three to score for the team event. Individual entries are also allowed with all entered athletes eligible for the individual event and corresponding individual awards.

5km and Road Mile (individual events only)

Members may enter a maximum of three athletes per race with no more than two allowed to start for the individual awards.

28.5. Entries of Neutral Athletes - After submission on the On-line Event Entry System World Athletics will confirm the participation of all Neutral Athletes. In confirming the participation of any Neutral Athlete, World Athletics may impose such conditions on their participation as it sees fit, including but not limited to the signature of a Neutral Athlete Agreement.

World Athletics may accept up to two Neutral Athletes from the same sanctioned Member in each event.

28.6. 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 suspended Member. If designated, the Neutral Athlete Liaison will be responsible for:

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

28.6.2. 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> ;

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

28.7. 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.

29. Financial Conditions

29.1. 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.

For each of the three events, the quota will be based on the number of athletes in the World Rankings as of 31 May in the year before that of the Championships and shall be determined as follows:

Half Marathon

Quota = 100 (50M + 50W)

Max quota per country: 3 per gender

Calculated based on the number of athletes in the top 50 positions of the World "Road Running" Rankings (encompassing the HM and similar distances), counting a maximum of 3 per country.

5 kilometres

Quota = 40 (20M + 20W)

Max quota per country: 2 per gender

Calculated based on the number of athletes in the top 20 positions of the World 5000m Rankings (which now incorporates the 5km), counting a maximum of 2 per country

Road Mile

Quota = 24 (12M + 12W)

Max quota per country: 2 per gender

Calculated based on the number of athletes in the top 12 positions of the World 1500m Rankings (which incorporates the track Mile and other similar distances), counting a maximum of 2 per country.

Universality quota

Countries without a pre-assigned quota will benefit from one quota place only for the entry of a male or a female athlete in the Half Marathon

Host Country

The host country has no athlete quota.

29.2. 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 and 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.

29.3. Accommodation Invoicing

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

30. Technical Matters and Requirements

30.1. Facilities

The Course

The course must comply with the requirements of Rule 55 of the Technical Rules and shall be designed in accordance with the recommendations contained in World Athletics publication "Distance Running Manual". It shall be measured by World Athletics/AIMS approved Grade "A" International Road Race Measurer appointed by World Athletics who shall also attend the Championships in order to validate that the course used is as measured. A distinctive, coloured line denoting the course measured must be marked on the road (Rule 55.3 of the Technical Rules).

The course must comply with the criteria for an Road World Record (Rule 31.28 of the Competition Rules).

It is mandatory that low emission vehicles be used for the lead car as well as for the media vehicle.

Warm-up Area

It is mandatory that there be a warm-up area, approved by World Athletics with such facilities and equipment as World Athletics shall require, close to the Call Room and to the start.

Training Areas

Adequate training areas and facilities must be provided at a reasonable distance from Team Hotels to the athletes at appropriate times. The Technical Delegates shall inspect and decide upon the most suitable solutions 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 need to be provided at the course by the LOC.

A basic list is as follows:

- a. **Team boxes (for preparations and changing)**– one for each team if possible;
- b. **Call Room**;
- c. **Mixed Zone** for Media interviews
- d. **Post Event Area** where athletes are able to recover and collect their clothing
- e. Gathering area and podium area for the **medal ceremonies**
- f. **Doping Control station**, the location and layout of which needs to be agreed with the Medical/Anti-Doping Delegate;
- g. **Technical Information Centre (TIC)**;
- h. **Competition Information Desks (CIDs)** located at the athletes' accommodation venue(s).

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

30.2. Technical Services

Timing

Transponders will be used, inserted in the athletes' shoes, for the official timing (intermediate and finish). Manual back-up timing must be provided and shall be agreed with the Technical Delegates.

Video Recording

It is mandatory that a back-up video recording system be installed on the finish line, to a level approved by World Athletics, to assist in determining the finishing order. It must be made available to the Jury of Appeal in case of a protest.

Video Board

It is mandatory that the LOC obtain and pay for a video board measuring at least 48m², placed in view of the Media/VIP stand, for the public showing of the television signal.

Public Address System

A suitable sound system for public address and Event Presentation purposes must be available at the course.

30.3. Orientation Tour

An Orientation Tour must be organised the day before the first day of World Athletics Road Running Championships for Team members to familiarise with the team areas at the competition zone. The Technical Delegates and World Athletics and LOC Competition staff will be available for questions or issues raised by the Teams at the time of the Orientation Tour.

30.4. Bibs

The athletes' bibs (including those for the medal ceremonies), will be provided by World Athletics.

Part VII – World Athletics Relays Regulations

31. General

- 31.1. Subject to exceptional circumstances, World Athletics shall organise the World Athletics Relays normally at the beginning of May, every odd numbered year and from 2024 (inclusive) every even numbered year.
- 31.2. The full event title shall be World Athletics Relays 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.

32. Events Programme

- 32.1. The World Athletics Relays shall be held on two consecutive days or such other period as World Athletics shall approve.
- 32.2. The programme shall comprise five Relay Events (2 Men, 2 Women and 1 Mixed (Universal)) or such other number of events as World Athletics shall approve:

Men

4 x 100 metres

4 x 400 metres

Women

4 x 100 metres

4 x 400 metres

Mixed (Universal)

4 x 400 metres

33. Participation

33.1. Age Categories

U20 Athletes

Athletes aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December in the year of the competition may compete in any event.

U18 Athletes

Athletes aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December in the year of the competition may compete in any event.

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 be permitted to compete.

33.2. Qualification System

The top eight teams in the Relay Events held at the preceding World Athletics Championships will qualify for entry to the World Athletics Relays. If a team did not start the final at the Relay Events held at the World Athletics Championships (and cannot present a medical certificate from World Athletics Medical Delegate to confirm bona fide) then their place will be taken by the team with the best performance achieved in the semi-finals of the Relay Events at same World Athletics Championships. The Host Country may enter one team in each event regardless of any Entry Conditions. The remaining Teams (up to 32) will be determined through the Top Performance Lists.

Performances will have to be achieved during the qualification period from 1 January in the year preceding the competition to one week prior to closing date for the Final Entries and be achieved in accordance with criteria decided by World Athletics.

33.3. Entry Rules

A maximum of one team from any one Member can compete in each Relay Event.

A maximum of eight athletes may be entered for each Relay Team. Any four athletes among those entered for the competition, may then be used in the composition of the team.

Neutral Athletes cannot compete in the World Athletics Relays which is a Relay Team event.

33.4. Team Uniform

All athletes of the same team 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 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 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.

All athletes of the team shall wear the same colour(s) on competition uniform during the competition.

34. Financial Conditions

34.1. Athlete 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.

Each participating Member Federation shall receive a quota of two athletes for each participating relay team. To note that no athlete may receive a second quota place.

The participating Member Federations are responsible for the travel and accommodation costs of all non-quota athletes and all officials.

The host country has no athlete quota.

34.2. 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 and 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.

34.3. Accommodation Invoicing

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

35. Technical Matters and Requirements

35.1. Facilities

Main Stadium

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

It should normally have a minimum capacity of 15,000 spectators.

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.

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, within easy walking distance of the stadium.

Training Areas

Adequate training areas and facilities must be provided at a reasonable distance from Team Hotels to ensure training possibilities 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(s)**;
- c. **A Mixed Zone** for Media interviews

- d. **A Post Event Area** where athletes are able to recover and collect their clothing
- e. **A Photo Finish** control room
- f. **A Results Management** room
- g. **A Doping Control Station**, the location and layout of which needs to be agreed with the Anti-Doping Delegate;
- h. **A Technical Information Centre (TIC)** located at the Stadium;
- i. **Competition Information Desks (CIDs)** located at the athletes' accommodation venue(s);
- j. **Seating** for the Teams

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

35.2. 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 Measurement and False Start Control

For capturing the results of the competition:

- a. Fully Automatic Timing and Photo Finish System must be used. Transponder timing may be used additionally for intermediate timing.
- b. In addition, starting blocks must be fitted with an World Athletics certified false start control apparatus (Start Information System) 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.

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

The Event Presentation Team, in collaboration with the LOC, is responsible for the planning and delivery of the Event Presentation elements, in accordance with 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 one adequately sized video board (two is preferable) in the stadium for the public showing of the television signal. The size of such board(s) shall be agreed with World Athletics in advance.
- c. At least one electronic scoreboard to display results in the stadium.
- d. A suitable sound system for public address and Event Presentation purposes in the stadium.

35.3. 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.

35.4. 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 Relays. 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.

35.5. Orientation Tour

An Orientation Tour must be organised the day before the first day of the World Athletics Relays for Team members to familiarise with the team areas at the competition zone. The Technical Delegates and World Athletics and LOC Competition staff will be available for questions or issues raised by the Teams at the time of the Orientation Tour.

35.6. Bib and Hip Numbers

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

35.7. Special Technical Rules for the World Athletics Relays

Qualification to Olympic Games

The top fourteen placed teams in all the five listed events at the World Athletics Relays in the year of the Olympic Games, shall automatically qualify for the Olympic Games.

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.

APPENDIX 1

[Delegates & Officials Spreadsheet - see separate document]

APPENDIX 2

[WAS Financial Spreadsheet - see separate document]

APPENDIX 3

[Entries Deadline Spreadsheet - see separate document]

APPENDIX 4

[Team Officials Eligible For Subsidised Accommodation And Accreditation At Was Competitions - see separate document]

APPENDIX 5

[Tables to determine the number of rounds, and heats in each round, to be held and the qualification procedure, i.e. those to advance by place (P) and time (T), for each round of Track Events. – see separate document]

APPENDIX 6

[Substitution – see separate document]

APPENDIX 7

[Marketing And Advertising: Event Branding World Athletics Series – see separate document]