



**230th World Athletics Council Meeting
21-23 March 2023 – Video conference
Information and Decisions**

The Council of World Athletics chaired by President Sebastian Coe met on 21, 22 and 23 March 2023 by video conference.

1. REPORTS

Council received the following:

- President's Introduction
- Executive Board update
- CEO and Operations report
- Report from the Athletes' Commission
- Report from the Competition Commission covering proposals relating to timetables and qualification systems for upcoming World Athletics Series (WAS) events, competition delegate appointments, amendments to the Diamond League Regulations, the Continental Tour Regulations, the Cross Country Tour Regulations, the Race Walking Tour Regulations and the Combined Events Tour Regulations
- Report from the Development Commission including updates on the eLearning platform, the Kids' Athletics programme, and the coach and referee education programme
- Report from the Governance Commission including proposed amendments to rules and regulations
- Reports from the Safeguarding Working Group and the World Plan Implementation Working Group including the proposed extension of the Working Group mandate
- Report from the Nominations Panel covering the proposed appointments to independent bodies to submit to the 2023 Congress
- World Athletics Series and Olympic Games updates including a report from the Local Organising Committee for the World Athletics Championships Budapest 23
- Athletics Integrity Unit Board Report including the proposed 2023 Anti-Doping rules
- Russia Taskforce Report
- Review of the Russian Athletics Federation (RusAF) and Belarus Athletic Federation participation status.

2. INFORMATION AND DECISIONS

2.1 MEMBER FEDERATIONS

2.1.1 Russia Athletics Federation

The Council received the report from the World Athletics Russia Taskforce chaired by Rune Andersen that outlined the recommendation for the reinstatement of RusAF, following seven years of suspension due to egregious institutional doping violations, as it has met all the milestones and KPIs set out in the Reinstatement Plan approved by Council in March 2021, and as confirmed by an [independent audit](#). The report also enclosed the proposed set of 35 Special Conditions that are imposed to ensure that RusAF's anti-doping reforms remain in place and continue to operate effectively.



Council approved the Taskforce's report and recommendations and adopted the following resolutions:

1. Taking note of the Taskforce's report and recommendations, Council resolves to lift the suspension of RusAF's membership of World Athletics for breach of its anti-doping obligations, and to reinstate RusAF's membership of World Athletics, on the following basis:

a. In addition to its other anti-doping obligations as a World Athletics (WA) Anti-Doping Rule (ADR) 15 Category 'A' member federation, RusAF is required to comply with all of the Special Conditions for a period of three years from the date of this resolution.

b. Council shall decide at the end of that period, based on the recommendation of the AIU, whether it is necessary to maintain the Special Conditions, or impose different ones, for a further period.

2. The Taskforce shall be disbanded forthwith and the international experts be stood down. The AIU shall be responsible for overseeing RusAF's compliance with WA ADR 15.4 and 15.5 and the Special Conditions, on the basis set out in the Special Conditions, and also exercising (as necessary) its powers under WA ADR 15.8 and 15.9.

3. It is one of the Special Conditions that RusAF must pay all of the costs incurred by the AIU in overseeing RusAF's compliance with WA ADR 15.4 and 15.5 and the Special Conditions, as well as any costs incurred by World Athletics in connection therewith. No more than 21 days after the date of this resolution, RusAF must sign and return the formal Costs Agreement provided by World Athletics, setting out how this obligation will be satisfied.

4. If there is a minor breach of WA ADR 15.4 and/or 15.5 and/or of the Special Conditions, the AIU shall decide what corrective action is required. If there is a material breach of WA ADR 15.4 and/or 15.5 and/or of the Special Conditions (whether a breach as to payment of costs owed or otherwise), the AIU shall report the breach to Council, who will decide upon the appropriate measures (which may include, if the circumstances so warrant, a proposal being put to Congress that RusAF be expelled permanently from membership of World Athletics), with the AIU making any recommendations it may see fit as to those measures.

5. As a result of this reinstatement decision, from an anti-doping perspective there is no restriction on athletes affiliated to RusAF competing in World Rankings Competitions. Therefore, the Authorised Neutral Athlete (ANA) process and the work of the Doping Review Board in respect of Russian ANAs shall be discontinued forthwith.

6. For the avoidance of doubt, this decision to reinstate RusAF's membership of World Athletics is based on anti-doping considerations only, and does not constrain Council's powers in relation to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

A copy of the World Athletics Russia Taskforce's report is available by clicking [here](#), and the set of 35 Special Conditions of RusAF Reinstatement can be accessed [here](#).

2.1.2 Russian Athletics Federation and Belarus Athletic Federation

Council reviewed its decision in terms of sanctions on the Russia and Belarus federations following Russia's invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022 with the support of Belarus. At that time, Council had swiftly decided that such acts were contrary to the purposes of World Athletics and its decisions of 1 March 2022 and 10 March 2022 are recorded in Circulars M/12/22 and M/16/22 with press releases published at the time.

In relation to the Belarus Athletic Federation, Council approved the following exclusion sanctions:

- As against Belarussian Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel, Member Federation Officials and Officials who are Citizens of Belarus are excluded from World Athletics Series Events, the decision of 1 March 2022 is re-affirmed and continues for the foreseeable future (i.e. there is no change to that decision)



- As against the Belarus Athletic Federation, the decision of 10 March 2022, is re-affirmed and continues for the foreseeable future (i.e. there is no change to that decision).

Regarding RusAF, Council approved that the following sanctions be imposed to take effect immediately and continue for the foreseeable future:

- no hosting of any International or European athletics events, which includes World Athletics Series, Continental Tour meetings and other International Competitions;
- no right to attend, speak and/or vote at meetings of Congress;
- no accreditation to attend any World Athletics Series events;
- no involvement of RusAF officials in any official World Athletics development or professional programmes; and
- Russian Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel, Member Federation Officials and Officials who are Citizens of Russia are excluded from World Athletics Series Events for the foreseeable future.

Council recommended to the meeting organisers of the Diamond League, Continental Tour, Label Races and the various other Tours that the restriction on Athletes and Officials from RusAF and the Belarus Athletic Federation participating in their respective competitions continues.

Council agreed to establish a working group to advise and recommend to Council the conditions that would need to be met for the restrictions on Athletes and Officials from RusAF and the Belarus Athletic Federation participating at World Athletics Series Events to be lifted.

This decision relating to the war in the Ukraine is separate to the Council decision in respect of RusAF's reinstatement for anti-doping reasons. RusAF's compliance with the 35 special conditions (on the basis of reinstatement for anti-doping reasons) and its other anti-doping obligations as a World Athletics Anti-Doping Rule 15 Category 'A' member federation (including oversight by the Athletics Integrity Unit) will continue.

In accordance with the World Athletics Constitution, the Member Federations from Russia and Belarus were notified of the Council's decisions and given the right to respond.

Further details on the above decisions are set out in Circular M/15/23 dated 23 March 2023 and in the press release published on that date.

2.2 54TH WORLD ATHLETICS CONGRESS & CONVENTION

2.2.1 Congress Agenda and Convention Programme

Council approved the proposed Agenda for the 54th World Athletics Congress and the proposed framework of the Convention programme which will focus on global sports trends that will shape sport in 2030.

The Convention will consist of a plenary session and breakout groups, to discuss how athletics should respond, innovate and embrace these future trends. The keynote/plenary session will outline and explain the trends and the three/ four breakout sessions will allow for more interactive discussion on the trends and what this means for athletics. Further detail on the programme will be provided to Member Federations in June as part of the Congress documentation.

The Congress Agenda will be circulated to Member Federations in accordance with the Constitution, i.e., by 16 June 2023 as part of the Congress documentation. No hardcopies of Congress documentation will be provided to Congress participants on site in Budapest.



2.2.2 Recommended Appointments for Congress approval

Upon the recommendation of the Nominations Panel, Council approved the proposed Chairs and Members for the Disciplinary Tribunal, the Vetting Panel and the Election Oversight Panel for Congress approval and endorsement at its August 2023 meeting. The proposed list will be communicated to Member Federations as part of the Congress 2023 documentation.

2.3 CONSTITUTION

Council considered the proposed amendments to the World Athletics Constitution (for approval by Congress) as recommended by the Governance Commission. These proposed amendments will be circulated to Member Federations under separate cover as part of the Congress 2023 documentation and will be submitted to the 54th World Athletics Congress for review and decision.

2.4 RULES & REGULATIONS

2.4.1 Governance Rules

Upon the recommendation of the Governance Commission, Council approved amendments to the Governance Rules to come into force from 31 March 2023. These amendments allow flexibility for timelines of the appointment processes for the Executive Board (and its Committees) and the Commissions to ensure that their composition and therefore the operation of these bodies can be done as soon as possible after the Congress. Further edits concerned the timing of the development of each Commission's 4-year plan, approval by Council of the elected members of the Athletes' Commission and also the minimum gender recommendations set out in the Rules.

The amended Rules are available [here](#) on the World Athletics website (Book B: Organisation – B3.1 Governance Rules).

2.4.2 Anti-Doping Rules

Upon the recommendation of the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) Board and in accordance with Rule 5.1.7 of the AIU Rules, Council approved the 2023 World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules (ADR). The amendments in the 2023 ADR which include consequential amends to RusAF's reinstatement (for anti-doping reasons) as approved by Council, are primarily clarificatory or procedural in nature and/or to reflect the AIU's experience in implementing its anti-doping programme over the course of the last two years.

The amended Rules take effect from 31 March 2023 and are available [here](#) on the World Athletics website (Book D: Integrity & Disciplinary – D3.1 Anti-Doping Rules).

2.4.3 Marketing and Advertising Rules and Regulations

Upon the recommendation of the Governance Commission, Council approved the proposed amendments to the Marketing and Advertising Rules and Regulations. The amendments mainly concerned the number, size, placement and measurement of logos on athlete kit, the display of sponsor and event logos from an event branding perspective, updated references to rules to reflect the corresponding new World Rankings Competitions Definition and tidying up the Rules & Regulations by avoiding duplication and risk of inconsistency.

The amended Rules and Regulations concerning Event Branding are effective from 31 March 2023. They can be found [here](#) on the World Athletics website (Book C: Competition – C7.1, C7.3 and C7.5). The Regulations concerning Clothing & Accessories will be effective from 1 December 2023 and will be uploaded in due course.



2.4.4 Female Classification (Athletes with Differences of Sex Development) ('the DSD Regulations') and Eligibility Regulations for Transgender Athletes ('the TG Regulations')

Council approved proposed amendments to the Female Classification (Athletes with Differences of Sex Development) Regulations and to the Eligibility Regulations for Transgender Athletes to come into effect from 31 March 2023. The detail of the amendments is set out in Circular M/14/23 dated 23 March 2023 and available on the World Athletics website.

Council also approved the formation of a working group to consult with both transgender athletes and the trans community on issues arising from the implementation of the Transgender Regulations. The proposed terms of reference and the names of those to be on the working group will be brought back to the Council for approval.

The amended Regulations take effect from 31 March 2023 and are available [here](#) on the World Athletics website (Book C: Competition – C3.5 – Eligibility Regulations Transgender Athletes and C3.6 – Eligibility Regulations for the Female Classification).

2.4.5 Diamond League Regulations, Continental Tour Regulations, Race Walking Tour Regulations, Combined Events Tour Regulations and Cross Country Tour Regulations

Upon the recommendation of the Competition Commission, Council approved the proposed amendments to the Diamond League, Continental Tour, Race Walking Tour, Combined Events Tour and Cross Country Tour Regulations, to be effective from 31 March 2023. Key amendments are to:

- provide clarification of requirements for facilities/equipment or course certification
- provide clarification on level and provenance of Technical Delegates for different levels
- mitigate the risk of Athletes and Athlete Representatives pulling out at the last minute of their existing commitments to appear at a meet (Diamond League/Continental Tour)
- increase the number of anti-doping tests in agreement with the AIU
- embed mandatory sustainability requirements to reduce environmental impact
- provide for repayment of prize money (where World Athletics pays the prize money) and suspension of the athlete until repayment of the same in case of breach of the applicable Rules and Regulations (RW, XC, CE).

The amended Regulations can be found [here](#) on the World Athletics website (Book C: Competition – C1.3 Diamond League Regulations, C1.4 Continental Tour Regulations, C1.7 Race Walking Tour Regulations, C1.8 Combined Events Tour Regulations and C1.9 Cross Country Tour Regulations).

2.5 WORLD ATHLETICS SERIES COMPETITIONS

2.5.1 World Athletics Cross Country Championships Medulin/ Pula 24

Council approved the proposed timetable for the World Athletics Cross Country Championships to be held in Medulin/Pula, Croatia, next year, as follows:

Friday, 9 February 2024

11:00 Kids' day – various kids' races and Croatian School Championships

Saturday, 10 February 2024

11:00 U20 Women – 6km

11:40 U20 Men – 8km

12:20 Mixed Relay – 8km (4x2km)

13:00 Senior Women – 10km



14:00 Senior Men – 10km

15:00 *Mass Races*

18:00 *Victory Ceremonies – Arena Pula*

Sunday, 11 February 2024

09:00 World Masters Championships

2.5.2 World Athletics Indoor Championships Glasgow 24

Council approved the proposed Qualification System and Entry Standards for the World Athletics Indoor Championships Glasgow 24 which will be held 1-3 March 2024 as attached in Appendix A.

2.5.3 World Athletics Relays Nassau 24

Council approved the proposed Qualification System for the World Athletics Relays which will be held in Nassau, The Bahamas on 4-5 May 2024 as presented in Appendix B.

2.5.4 World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships 2024

Upon the recommendation of the Bid Evaluation Panel, Council awarded the organisation of the 2024 World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships to the host city of Antalya in Türkiye and the Turkish Athletic Federation.

This will be the second time that Türkiye has hosted a World Athletics Series event following the 2012 World Athletics Indoor Championships held in Istanbul. 500 athletes from 50 countries are expected to compete in Antalya next year in what will be a qualifying event for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

2.5.5 World Athletics Indoor Championships 2026

Council approved the Bid Evaluation Panel's recommendation and awarded the organisation of the 2026 World Athletics Indoor Championships to the host city of Toruń in Poland and the Polish Athletics Association.

Poland is a regular host of WAS events, the country previously hosted the World Athletics Half Marathon Championships in Gdynia in 2020 and more recently the World Athletics Relays in Silesia in 2021.

Toruń, in the Kuyavian-Pomeranian region of Poland, is a well-known destination for leading international athletes as the host of the Copernicus Cup, a popular annual stop on the World Athletics Indoor Tour, and of the European Athletics Indoor Championships in 2021.

2.5.6 World Athletics U20 Championship 2026

In relation to the 2026 World Athletics U20 Championships bid, Council approved the Bid Evaluation Panel's recommendation to amend the time limits and postpone any recommendation to Council to August 2023.

The updated bidding calendar with the detail of process stages is accessible on the World Athletics website [here](#).

2.5.7 Local Organising Committee for the World Athletics Championships Budapest 23

Council received a detailed presentation from the LOC Budapest 23 on the preparations for August's World Athletics Championships. The presentation covered the updated timeline of the building of the stadium; the detailed view of all venues and facilities, including road races courses; a status update on ticket sales; details of the promotional campaigns focusing on youth engagement and healthy lifestyles; the detail of the budget with confirmation that the event preparations were progressing in line with the operational and financial plan; and



updates on volunteers' recruitment and LOC staff. Council was also updated on the legacy initiatives planned around the World Athletics Championships Budapest 23 with a key focus on health and wellbeing and details on the Budapest 23 sustainability plans in line with World Athletics' Sustainability Strategy.

The National Championships taking place on 7-8 July will serve as the official test event at the stadium.

2.5.8 Competition Delegates appointments

Upon the recommendation of the Competition Commission, Council approved the delegate appointments for the following WAS Events:

- World Athletics Championships Budapest 23
- World Athletics Cross Country Championships Medulin/ Pula 24
- World Athletics Indoor Championships Glasgow 24
- World Athletics Relays Nassau 24
- World Athletics Championships Tokyo 25

The full list of approved delegates can be found in Appendix C.

2.6 OLYMPIC GAMES

2.6.1 Race Walking Mixed Team Event at Paris 2024 Olympic Games

Council discussed and approved a proposed revised format of the race walking mixed team event for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games with the support of the IOC, OBS and the Paris 2024 LOC. The Council proposed an Ekiden format mixed relay over the marathon distance, which would feature 25 teams, each comprising one male and one female athlete, completing two legs each, with each leg consisting of 2 x 2 x 10.5km (+195m for one walker).

The proposal has been agreed by the IOC and Paris 2024 and a press release was issued confirming the new event, which is available [here](#). The team qualification pathway for this new event will be published shortly.

2.7 COMMISSIONS AND WORKING GROUPS

The Competition Commission and the Governance Commission reported on their respective work and key activities and their approved recommendations are reflected in the decisions outlined.

2.7.1 Athletes' Commission

Council received a summary of the main activities and areas of focus for the Athletes' Commission which included providing feedback and input on key decisions for Council and collaborating with other World Athletics Commissions and Working Groups. As part of the Commission's ongoing work towards the delivery of its 4-year plan, a key focus for the Commission has been on improving the direct dialogue with the wider community of athletes, in order to ensure strong athlete representation in World Athletics' decision-making process.

2.7.2 Development Commission

The key topics discussed and priority areas for the Development Commission included:

- progress of the Kids' Athletics programme including the resources available, and the challenges Member Federations (MFs) are facing to engage government and the proposed ways to measure and evaluate KPIs



and impact. Kids' Athletics Day is 7 May 2023, details to join this annual celebration of kids getting active and participating in athletics is set out on the website [here](#).

- new features for the eLearning platform including additional languages and new eLearning courses planned for 2023;
- progress on development and translation of the coaches' courses to be released in 2023;
- feedback on the first online examination of the new World Athletics Referee Education & Certification System and proposed adjustments to support future online exam delivery;
- the People Plan document, which is a tool to guide the World Athletics' approach to recruiting, retaining and developing coaches, officials and administrators in the sport;
- the eLearning modules related to administration which are being developed to support the capacity building and upskilling of personnel in MFs and will be ready later in the year.

2.7.3 Safeguarding Working Group

As previously communicated, the World Athletics' Safeguarding Policy includes the requirement for all Member Federations to have a safeguarding policy and procedures in place by December 2023.

To provide a benchmark as to which Member Federations have safeguarding policies and which do not, an initial review of the current situation was undertaken through the 2021 Annual Report Forms completed by Member Federations. Council was taken through the results which emphasised the need for considerable progress to be made if all Member Federations are to have safeguarding policies and procedures in place by the end of December 2023. The following tools and guidance have been made available to MFs on the World Athletics [website](#).

The Working Group's focus has also been to review the proposed safeguarding materials to assist the Area Associations with the development and adoption of their own safeguarding policies and procedures. The need to ensure that the scope, tone and substance of the safeguarding resources being developed reflect the jurisdiction which is envisaged for Area Associations on safeguarding matters was emphasised as a priority focus for the Working Group.

An online safeguarding module which would be accessible to everyone in Athletics is being developed. The course will be available on the eLearning platform and a communications plan will be developed to ensure it is widely publicised. In addition, an online safeguarding module will be incorporated within the training courses for coaches and technical officials. The aim is to have the course ready to launch by the end of July 2023.

2.7.4 World Plan Implementation Working Group

A progress report on the implementation of the strategic goals of the World Plan for Athletics 2022-2030 (WP) was presented to Council.

The review of the progress made by World Athletics, Member Federations and Area Associations against the WP objectives for the first year of its implementation has been a key focus of the first quarter of 2023. It was agreed that the Annual Report Form (ARF) would be used to capture information about World Plan progress and outcomes to inform Year 1 reporting and request information about priority actions for MFs to deliver in 2023. The results will be analysed by the Working Group to understand progress against actions and particular areas of focus for MFs so that the communications and implementation strategy can be developed and adapted accordingly. It was also agreed to use the opportunities of Area congresses and championships in 2023 for each of the Working Group members to further promote and champion the World Plan at a local, Area and global level. In addition to the report to the 54th World Athletics Congress in Budapest 23, the opportunity to hold specific



info sessions for Member Federations during the championships and tied into the Convention was identified as a way to celebrate success and showcase best practice.

To maintain momentum and support successful implementation of the World Plan and to enable the WG to review the Y1 reporting and use the opportunity of the Area and WA congresses to promote and encourage WP delivery, Council approved to extend the mandate of the existing World Plan Implementation Working Group until 31 August 2023.

2.8 APPOINTMENTS

Upon the recommendation of the Nominations Panel, Council approved the Nominations Panel's proposed Members for appointment to the following bodies for an approximate four-year period from mid-2023 to mid-2027:

Therapeutic Use Exemption Committee

Area	Forename	Surname	Gender	Role
Asia	Funihiro	Yamasawa	Male	Chair
Europe	Alma	Kajeniene	Female	Member
Europe	Pedro	Branco	Male	Member
Europe	Lucienne	Attard	Female	Member

Screening Panel

Area	Forename	Surname	Gender	Role
Oceania	Ingrid	Beutler	Female	Member
Europe	Susan	Ahern	Female	Member

Related Press Releases

<https://worldathletics.org/hosting/news/world-athletics-awards-events-turkiye-poland>

<https://worldathletics.org/news/press-releases/council-meeting-march-2023-russia-belarus-female-eligibility>



World Athletics Indoor Championships Glasgow 24 Entry Standards and Qualification System

ENTRY RULES

- **Individual Events** (except CE – see later)
 - Each Member will be allowed to participate with a maximum of two qualified athletes (three in case of a Wild Card) in each event, subject to the below.
 - A third (fourth in case of a Wild Card) qualified athlete can be entered as a reserve.
- **Relays**
 - There is no entry standard and each Member Federation will be able to enter one team of up to eight athletes in each event.
- **Unqualified Athletes**
 - Members who have **no male and/or no female qualified athletes** (eligible by Entry Standard) in any event may enter one unqualified male athlete OR one unqualified female athlete in a running event (except the 800m).
 - In exceptional cases, and as agreed by the Technical Delegates, entry of unqualified athletes in the 800m, Long Jump, Triple Jump or Shot Put may be accepted. Applications for such entries must be submitted to World Athletics (teamservices@worldathletics.org) by no later than **11 February 2024**.
 - If the **host country** does not have a qualified athlete in an event, it may enter one athlete in this event regardless of any Entry Standard (except for the Combined Events). For the Field Events and 800m, the entry is at the discretion of the Technical Delegates and must be submitted to World Athletics (teamservices@worldathletics.org) by no later than **11 February 2024**
- **Age Requirements**
 - U20 Athletes: any athlete aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December 2024 (born in 2006 or 2005) may compete in any event.
 - U18 athletes: any athlete aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December 2024 (born in 2008 or 2007) may compete in any event except the Shot Put.
 - Athletes younger than 16 years on 31 December 2024 (born in 2009 or later) may not compete in any event.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

- **Individual athletes (except Combined Events) can qualify in one of three ways:**
 - By achieving the Entry Standard within the qualification period in accordance with the conditions detailed below.
 - By World Indoor Tour Wild Card
 - The individual overall winner of each event of the World Indoor Tour 2023 and 2024 will automatically qualify for the World Athletics Indoor Championships by Wild Card.
 - The Member Federation of the World Indoor Tour winner will have the ultimate authority to enter the athlete or not, based on its own criteria or qualification system.
 - If a Member Federation has three athletes qualified as a result, all three will be permitted to compete.
 - By virtue of their position in the World Rankings published on 21 February 2024 to complete, where necessary, the target number of athletes in each event and once places have been allocated to the accepted unqualified athletes.
- **Qualification in Combined Events**
 - 12 athletes will be invited in the **Heptathlon** and in the **Pentathlon** as follows:
 - the winner of the 2023 Combined Events Challenge
 - the five best athletes from the 2023 Outdoor Lists (as at 31 December 2023), limited to a maximum of one per country



- the five best athletes from the 2024 Indoor Lists (as at 11 February 2024)
 - 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 will be extended to the next ranked athletes in the same lists respecting the above conditions.
- **Athletes qualified by World Rankings**
 - Following the end of the qualification period and the submission of Final Entries, World Athletics shall, for each event (except relays and combined events), assess the number of athletes entered based on:
 - Qualification by entry standard
 - Qualification by Wild Card
 - Accepted unqualified entries (including host country)
 - In those events where the target number of entries (see below) has not been reached, World Athletics shall invite the athletes with the next best World Rankings position (based on list issued on 21 February) in order to reach the established target number while respecting the maximum quota by Member Federation by event.

***NB:** In order to pro-actively identify those athletes who would be available to compete at the WIC and therefore help with the invitation process, MF are asked to inform World Athletics of any athletes in the World Rankings as at 31 January 2024 who would not be competing at the WIC even if qualified.*
 - Upon refusals or cancellations, invitations shall be extended to the next eligible athlete at the sole and exclusive discretion of World Athletics.
 - In case of ties, these will be broken in favour of the athlete with the best Performance score.
 - Invitations shall be sent by email to the official email address of the Member Federation (xxx@mf.worldathletics.org) and replies shall be expected within 24 hours, otherwise the invitation shall be understood as declined and the next ranked athlete shall be invited.
 - Where required, amendments to the Final Entries will be made directly by World Athletics.

TARGET NUMBER OF ATHLETES/TEAMS BY EVENT

The target number of athletes/teams by event will be as follows:

Events	Target Number
60m	56
400m	30
800m	30
1500m	30
3000m (Men's) – straight final	15
3000m (Women's) – straight final	15
60m hurdles	48
High Jump, Pole Vault	12
Long Jump, Triple Jump, Shot Put	16
Combined Events	12
Relays	n/a



ENTRY STANDARDS AND CONDITIONS

The Entry Standards were approved by the Council in March 2023 and are as follows:

WOMEN			MEN	
Indoor	Outdoor	Event	Indoor	Outdoor
7.19	11.05 (100m)	60m	6.58	10.00 (100m)
51.60	50.50	400m	45.90	44.80
2:00.80	1:58.00	800m	1:46.00	1:44.00
4:06.50 / 4:26.00 (Mile)	4:00.00 / 4:18.00 (Mile)	1500m	3:36.00 3:53.50 (Mile)	3:32.00 / 3:48.80 (Mile)
8:37.00	8:27.00 / 14:32.00 (5000m)	3000m	7:34.00	7:29.00 / 12:50.00 (5000m)
8.02	12.80 (100mH)	60mH	7.62	13.28 (110mH)
No Standard		4x400 R	No Standard	
1.98		HJ	2.34	
4.80		PV	5.90	
6.89		LJ	8.28	
14.62		TJ	17.25	
19.30		SP	21.70	

CONDITIONS FOR THE VALIDITY OF PERFORMANCES:

- Performances must be achieved during the qualification period of 1 January 2023 to 18 February 2024, except for the Combined Events
- Performances must be achieved in a competition conducted according to **World Athletics Competition and Technical Rules, or authorised by World Athletics**, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations, and published on the World Athletics Global Calendar:
<https://www.worldathletics.org/competition/calendar-results>.
- Performances achieved in **mixed competitions in track events** will not be accepted. Exceptionally, in accordance with Rule 9 of the Technical Rules, performances achieved in the 5000m event may be accepted in circumstances where there were insufficient athletes of one or both genders competing to justify the conduct of separate races and there was no pacing or assistance given by an athlete(s) of one gender to an athlete(s) of the other gender under specific circumstances and conditions (see TR9).
- **Wind-assisted performances** will not be accepted.
- **Hand-timed performances** in 60m, 100m, 400m, 800m, 60m Hurdles, and 100m/110m Hurdles will not be accepted.
- For the running events of 400m and over, performances achieved on **oversized indoor tracks** will be accepted towards the outdoor standards and world rankings.



World Athletics Relays Nassau 24 Entry and Qualification System

Age Categories

Any athlete aged at least 16 on 31 December 2024 (born in 2008 or earlier) may compete. Athletes younger than 16 on 31 December 2024 (born in 2009 or later) may not compete.

Events

The programme shall comprise five Relay Events:

- **Men:** 4 x 100 metres & 4 x 400 metres
- **Women:** 4 x 100 metres & 4 x 400 metres
- **Mixed (Universal):** 4 x 400 metres

Entries by Event

A maximum of one team from any one Member can compete in each relay event and 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.

Entry Conditions

32 teams will be entered in each event.

Top 8 teams in the World Athletics Championships Budapest 23 will qualify for entry to Nassau 24 World Relays. In case a team did not start the final in WCH Budapest 23, its position will be taken by the team with the best performance achieved in the Semi-finals in the same Championships.

In the final of the WCH Budapest 23, all participating teams must compete with bona fide effort, and if a team does not start in the final due to medical reason, they must present a medical certificate from World Athletics Medical Delegate, in order to guarantee their qualification to Nassau 24 World Relays.

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 Lists in the **qualification period** from Sunday 1 January 2023 to Sunday 7 April 2024.

Starting 1 October 2023, World Athletics will maintain a weekly list of Relay Teams qualified according to the above, the final version of which will be published on Tuesday 9 April 2024. Member Federations with qualified teams will then be able to submit their Final Entries by Monday 15 April 2024.

Conditions for Validity of Performances

- All performances must be achieved during the period **Sunday 1 January 2023 to Sunday 7 April 2024**. Performances must be achieved in a competition conducted according to World Athletics Competition and Technical Rules, and authorised by World Athletics, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations, and published on the World Athletics Global Calendar: <https://www.worldathletics.org/competition/calendar-results>.
- At least **two different international teams, must compete in the race**, where “international teams” means at least two different national teams, or one team composed by athletes of different countries (e.g. a university or club team).
- **Indoor performances** will be accepted.
- **Hand-timed performances** for the 4x100m will not be accepted.
- Performances achieved on **over-sized indoor tracks** will be accepted towards the outdoor standards and world rankings.



APPENDIX C

COMPETITION DELEGATES APPOINTMENTS

World Athletics Championships Budapest 23	
Technical Delegates	Sylvia BARLAG, NED-W Jorge SALCEDO, POR-M Brian ROE, AUS-M
Jury of Appeal	Suren AYADASSEN, MRI-M Loreto PEREZ, ESP-W Pierce O'CALLAGHAN, IRL-M (sec)
Medical Delegate	Stephane BERMON, FRA-M
Anti-Doping Delegate	Jasmina GLAD, FIN-W
Press Delegate	Martina KUCEROVA, SVK-W
Photographers Commissioner	Raquel CAVACO NUNES, POR-W
Advertising Commissioner	Karena VLECK, GBR-W
World Athletics Referees	Chris COHEN, GBR-M Niels VAN DER AAR, NED-M Helen ROBERTS, AUS-W Can KORKMAZOGLU, TUR-M Vadim NIGMATOV, TJK-M Gemma CASTANO, ESP-W Jane EDSTROM, CAN-W Mike ARMSTRONG, USA-M Ronan O'HART, IRL-M Giovanni CARDONA, COL-M
International Starter (IS)	Lisa FERDINAND, CAN-W
International Photo Finish Judge (IPFJ)	Krisztina HORVATH, HUN-W
Statisticians	Andras SZABO, HUN-M Carlo DE ANGELI, ITA-M
Announcers	Geoff WIGHTMAN, GBR-M Shanon ROWBURY, USA-W Kris TEMPLE, GBR-M
International Race Walking Judges (IRWJ)	Zoe EASTWOOD, AUS-W Jean-Pierre DAHM, FRA-M Sergio SOLANA SOS, ESP-M Anne FROBERG, FIN-W Man CHUN YEUNG, HKG-W Daniel MICHAUD, CAN-M Guillermo PERA VALLEJOS, ARG-M Ian RICHARDS, GBR-M Jose DIAS, POR-M
Assistants to Chief RW Judge & Recorders	Zuzana COSTIN, SVK-W
Course Measurer	Maurice WINTERMAN, NED-M
World Athletics Cross Country Championships Medulin/ Pula 24	
Technical Delegates	Massimo MAGNANI, ITA-M
Medical Delegate	Stephane BERMON, FRA-M
Press Delegate	Zacharias VAILAKIS, GRE-M



Advertising Commissioner	Karena VLECK, GBR-W
World Athletics Indoor Championships Glasgow 24	
Technical Delegates	Vadim NIGMATOV, TJK-M Gemma CASTANO, ESP-W
Jury of Appeal	Abby HOFFMANN, CAN-W Claes JURSTRAND, SWE-M Krisztina HORVATH, HUN-W
Medical Delegate	Paolo Emilio ADAMI, ITA-M
Anti-Doping Delegate	Jasmina GLAD, FIN-W
Press Delegate	Martina KUCEROVA, SVK-W
Photographers Commissioner	Raquel CAVACO NUNES, POR-W
Advertising Commissioner	Karena VLECK, GBR-W
World Athletics Referees	Can KORKMAZOGLU, TUR-M Claudia SCHNECK, BRA-W Rui LOCAO, POR-M Pasi OKSANEN, FIN-M Jane EDSTROM, CAN-W
International Starter (IS)	Luis FIGUEREIDO, POR-M
International Photo Finish Judge (IPFJ)	Janet NIXON, AUS-W
World Athletics Relays Nassau 24	
Technical Delegates	Imre MATRAHAZI, HUN-M
Jury of Appeal	Abby HOFFMANN, CAN-W Helio GESTA DE MELO, BRA-M Michael SERRALTA, PUR-M
Medical Delegate	Stephane BERMON, FRA-M
Anti-Doping Delegate	
Press Delegate	Martina KUCEROVA, SVK-W
Photographers Commissioner	
Advertising Commissioner	Karena VLECK, GBR-W
World Athletics Referees	Daniel MICHAUD, CAN-M Ronan O'HART, IRL-M Loreto PEREZ, ESP-W
International Starter (IS)	Ubiratan MARTINS JR., BRA-M
International Photo Finish Judge (IPFJ)	Chris HAXELL, GBR-M
World Athletics Championships Tokyo 25	
Technical Delegates	Ximena RESTREPO, COL-W Jane EDSTROM, CAN-W Niels VAN DER AAR, NED-M
Medical Delegate	Paolo Emilio ADAMI, ITA-M
Press Delegate	Martina KUCEROVA, SVK-W

NB – New Delegate appointments are in green font (others were appointed at previous Council meetings)