



**229<sup>th</sup> World Athletics Council Meeting  
29-30 November 2022 – Rome, ITA  
Information and Decisions**

The Council of World Athletics chaired by President Sebastian Coe met on 29 and 30 November 2022 in Rome, Italy.

## 1. REPORTS

Council received the following:

- President's Introduction
- Executive Board update including details of the 2023 approved budget and Annual Plan
- CEO and Operations report, including an update on HQ activities, the World Athletics Awards, the proposed approach for the 2023 Convention programme and a recommendation relating to the competition manipulation watchlist
- Report from the Athletes' Commission
- Report from the Competition Commission covering recommendations as outlined in this circular related to upcoming WAS events and the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, the World Rankings, and to amendments to competition related rules and regulations
- Report from the Development Commission including updates on the Kids' Athletics programme, the eLearning platform and the development of a People Plan to attract and retain more people in athletics
- Report from the Governance Commission including the proposed new Member Federation Rules and Area Association Rules and amendments to rules and regulations
- Report from the Safeguarding Working Group covering a recommendation relating to the underpinning principles to draft the new Safeguarding rules
- Report from the World Plan Implementation Working Group regarding progress against the identified actions
- World Athletics Series and Olympic Games updates including the proposed dates for World Athletics Events in 2024 and 2025, and the proposed Competition Delegates appointments
- Bidding materials for the 2024 World Athletics Relays including the application documents, risk register reports, the Bid Evaluation Panel report and bid summaries
- Report from the Athletics Integrity Unit Board including information about Athletics Kenya
- Report from the Russia Taskforce.

## 2. INFORMATION AND DECISIONS

### 2.1 MEMBER FEDERATIONS

#### 2.1.1 Russian Athletics Federation

Following the Council's decision at its last meeting in July 2022 that an independent audit of the Russian Athletics Federation (RusAF)'s processes and progress against the agreed Reinstatement Plan and KPIs be conducted in October/November 2022, the World Athletics Russia Taskforce chaired by Rune Andersen presented an update report to Council on the progress made and the work undertaken with the auditors and the international experts.



RusAF's progress was acknowledged and evidenced by its reporting of historic anti-doping rule violations uncovered in the Moscow Laboratory Information Management System; by its delivery of the anti-doping education for 13,000 young athletes; and by having developed a test distribution plan that includes more than 2,000 domestic tests of Russian athletes per year (most out of competition). The Taskforce takes these developments as evidence that cultural change is starting to take root in Russian athletics but it was emphasised that widespread and sustainable cultural change would likely take many years to embed and would proceed at different paces in different parts of the system.

It was also emphasised that RusAF's progress on its reinstatement plan would have no bearing on any Council decision on RusAF's status arising from the war in Ukraine.

The Taskforce needs to finalise the proposed Post-Reinstatement Conditions with the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU), including to reflect the audit report findings and recommendations. The Taskforce expects to be in a position to make a final recommendation to the Council on the reinstatement of RusAF at the next Council Meeting in March 2023, provided RusAF continues to make progress in reforming its culture.

The close monitoring and oversight of RusAF's operations would not end when its suspension from membership of World Athletics is lifted, but would be taken over by the AIU, which would enforce a detailed set of Post-Reinstatement Conditions, more stringent than those currently imposed on "Category A" federations (those regarded as most at risk of major doping issues). These conditions will be finalised with the AIU over the coming months and presented to the Council for approval before the Taskforce makes its final recommendation on reinstatement.

The Taskforce will also recommend that, to prevent backsliding or interference, any material breach of the Post-Reinstatement Conditions should trigger a Council proposal to Congress to expel RusAF permanently from membership of World Athletics.

A copy of the World Athletics Russia Taskforce's full report is available [here](#).

### 2.1.2 Kenyan Federation

The Council discussed the ongoing situation with doping in Kenya in the context of the Athletics Integrity Unit's regular report. It was agreed that the Kenyan Government's commitment to provide an additional USD 5 million a year for the next five years to strengthen Kenya's anti-doping programmes was an appropriate response to the situation at this time. As Kenya remains a Category A federation under the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules, the onus remains on Kenyan authorities to work closely with the AIU to ensure these funds are used effectively.

## 2.2 RULES AND REGULATIONS

### 2.2.1 Competition Rules

Upon the recommendation of the Competition Commission, Council approved the introduction of an official world record for the road mile from 1 January 2023. Prior to 1 September 2023, official recognition of a world record will require a performance of at least 3:50.00 (men) / 4:19.00 (women). If the listed standards are not met by 1 September, the fastest recorded, record-eligible performances will be recognised as the world records.

The amended Competition Rules will be available in the [Book of Rules](#) on the World Athletics website (Book C: Competition – C1.1 Competition Rules).

### 2.2.2 Technical Rules & Generally Applicable Definitions

Upon the recommendation of the Competition Commission, Council approved the proposed amendments to Technical Rules 1 and 11 and the definition of International Competitions and World Rankings Competitions (of the Generally Applicable Definitions). These amendments mandate that World Rankings Competitions



membership is required for National Permit Competitions wanting their results to be recognised by World Athletics.

The amended Generally Applicable Definitions and Technical Rules can be found in the [Book of Rules](#) on the World Athletics website (Contents, Rules of Interpretation, Definitions and Book C: Competition – C2.1 Technical Rules).

### 2.2.3 Honorary Member and Service Awards Rules

Upon the recommendation of the Governance Commission, Council approved the proposed amendments to the Honorary Member & Service Awards Rules effective from 1 December 2022. The amendments follow the Council's approval of the Nominations Panel recommendations regarding the procedures for nominations and are aimed at improving the criteria and nominations process to ensure a fair and consistent approach for nominations under the Rules.

### 2.2.4 Member Federation Rules & Area Association Rules

The new Member Federation (MF) Rules and Area Association (AA) Rules are required by the Constitution and set out the procedures for membership of World Athletics and respectively detail the rights and obligations of MFs (Article 9.1) and AAs (Article 20.1). The new rules therefore codify current procedures and practices between World Athletics and MFs and AAs addressing discrete issues such as the expectations concerning general meetings, safeguarding and resolving disputes.

The rules were developed by the Governance and Legal teams, in conjunction with the Governance Commission, and following an extensive consultation process. The consultation helped to shape the rules and develop the information and supporting documentation such as templates, forms and guidance that will sit alongside the rules to assist implementation and promote better governance.

Upon the recommendation of the Governance Commission, Council approved the new Member Federation Rules and Area Association Rules along with the framework and supporting documentation and tools. The suite of information will be rolled out ahead of the effective date for the new rules of 1 July 2023.

The new Member Federation Rules and Area Association Rules will be available in the [Book of Rules](#) on the World Athletics website (Book B: Organisation – B1 Member Federation Rules and B2 Area Association Rules).

### 2.2.5 World Athletics Indoor Tour Regulations

Ahead of the 2023 Indoor Tour Season and following a review of the current Indoor Tour Regulations, Council approved amendments to these Regulations to come into force on 16 December 2022. The key amendments concern mitigation against the risk of last-minute withdrawals from meetings of the World Indoor Tour and the introduction of the sustainability event standards.

The amended Regulations are available [here](#) on the World Athletics website (Book C: Competition – C1.5 Indoor Tour Regulations).

### 2.2.6 World Athletics Series Regulations and consequential amendments to the Neutral Athlete Regulations

At its July meeting, Council approved the principles concerning the restructure of the World Athletics Series Regulations incorporating applicable provisions from the Neutral Athlete Regulations. The current Regulations and Neutral Athlete Regulations can be found in the [Book of Rules](#) section on the website, (see Book C: Competition – C1.2 & C3.7).

The proposed restructured World Athletics Series Events Regulations and consequential amendments to the Neutral Athlete Regulations as approved by Council will be effective from 16 December 2022. As a reminder, the Regulations are for Member Federation teams, team officials and potential hosts and set out the essential competition ingredients to organise, stage and deliver a World Athletics Series Event. The



Regulations act as a reference point setting out World Athletics' policies concerning athlete quotas, delegates and officials travel and accommodation and who meet the costs of the same which is important for team administration and reconciliation purposes. The Regulations also act as the underpinning document to the Team Manual issued ahead of each WAS Event.

#### 2.2.7 Start Procedure Guidelines

As part of an ongoing review of the start procedures, Council approved an amendment to the Start Procedure Guidelines to provide the Start Referee with the scope to evaluate the athlete's movement, the technological evidence and the discretion to permit the athletes to run "under protest":

4.5 (...)

If he (the Start Referee) is in any doubt, allow Athletes to run "under protest" [Rule 8.4.1 of the **Technical Rules**] if the SIS indicates an illegal start and there is good reason to suggest that the information is inaccurate, or there is an equipment malfunction. No protest will be allowed if the SIS is working correctly and a false start has been indicated. **However, it is acknowledged that when the reaction time is close to the allowed limit, any movement could be hardly visible and, in this case, if in the opinion of the Start Referee it would require further study of the technological evidence, the Start Referee may decide to allow the athlete run under protest to preserve the rights of all concerned.**

Referees and others must be aware that it is possible that the SIS may be working correctly but "incorrectly" indicate a false start – because motion by an Athlete that does not include or result in the Athlete's foot / feet leaving contact with the foot plate / plates of the starting blocks, or the Athlete's hand / hands losing contact with the ground, shall not be considered the commencement of the start.

(...)

The Council also noted that further general studies will be conducted concerning start procedures.

The amended Start Procedure Guidelines are accessible in the [Manuals & Guidelines](#) section of the website and are effective from the date of the Council's decision (30 November 2022).

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

At an information session ahead of the Council Meeting, Council discussed an ongoing review of the current DSD Regulations and Transgender Regulations. A preferred option for both sets of regulations was presented to the Council members and it was agreed that this option would be considered more widely during a consultation period with Member Federations, athletes and other stakeholders over the coming months. The results of this consultation and a final recommendation will be presented to the Council for a decision at its March meeting. Member Federations interested in being involved in the consultation process should contact [healthandscience@worldathletics.org](mailto:healthandscience@worldathletics.org) by 9 January 2023.

### 2.3 WORLD ATHLETICS SERIES EVENTS

#### 2.3.1 World Athletics Relays 2024

Upon the recommendation of the Bid Evaluation Panel, Council awarded the organisation of the 2024 World Athletics Relays to the host city of Nassau, The Bahamas and the Bahamas Association of Athletics Associations. This event will be held on 4 and 5 May 2024 and will be the main Olympic qualifying event for the men's and women's 4x100m and 4x400m relays and the mixed 4x400m relay.



### 2.3.2 World Athletics Road Running Championships

To continue to support the development of road running, especially the growth of road miles and 5km road races, the Council approved to change the current frequency of the biennial World Athletics Road Running Championships (WRRRC), making it an annual event. The annual rotation will start in 2025 and the Pre-Qualification stage of hosting for the next two editions of the event (2025 and 2026 WRRRC) was launched on 1 December 2022 (please refer to Circular M/57/22 for details).

### 2.3.3 World Athletics Road Running Championships Riga 23

#### Entry Rules

Council approved the proposed Entry Rules for the World Athletics Road Running Championships Riga 23 as follows:

WRRRC Riga 23 Entry Rules	
<b>Max no. of athletes each MF can enter in each event:</b>	Half Marathon: Up to 4 per gender. 5k: Up to 2 per gender. Road mile: Up to 2 per gender*.
<b>WA standards:</b>	No entry standards

*\* Given the dimensions of the start as well as the relatively short distance, it may become necessary to limit the total number of entries in the road mile – this will be confirmed following agreement of the revised mile course.*

#### Timetable

Council also approved the proposed timetable for the World Athletics Road Running Championships Riga 23 as follows:

WRRRC Riga 23 Timetable	
<b>Saturday 30 September 2023</b>	10:00 Mile Mass Race <b>12:10 Mile Women Elite</b> <b>12:20 Mile Men Elite</b> 12:30 Victory Ceremony Mile Women 12:36 Victory Ceremony Mile Men <b>12:45 5k Women Elite</b> <b>13:10 5k Men Elite + 5k Mass Race</b> 13:35 Victory Ceremony 5k Women 13:40 Victory Ceremony 5k Men
<b>Sunday 1 October 2023</b>	<b>11:05 Half Marathon Women</b> <b>11:35 Half Marathon Men and Mass Race</b> 12:50 Victory Ceremony HM Women 12:55 Victory Ceremony HM Men

### 2.3.4 World Athletics Cross Country Championships Medulin / Pula 24

Council approved the proposed dates for the 2024 World Athletics Cross Country Championships in Medulin / Pula, Croatia as 10-11 February 2024.



### 2.3.5 World Athletics U20 Championships Lima 24

Council approved the revised dates for the 2024 World Athletics U20 Championships in Lima, Peru as 26-31 August 2024 (from the previously submitted dates 20-25 August 2024).

### 2.3.6 World Athletics Championships Tokyo 25

Council approved the proposed dates for the 2025 World Athletics Championships in Tokyo, Japan as 13-21 September 2025.

### 2.3.7 Delegates' Appointment

Council approved the delegate appointments for the following WAS Competitions:

- World Athletics Championships Budapest 23
- World Athletics Cross Country Championships Medulin/Pula 24
- World Athletics Championships Tokyo 25

In approving these appointments, Council reinforced the importance of accelerating the recruitment process of delegates to ensure a greater gender and area representation.

The full list of approved delegates for these events can be found in Appendix A.

## 2.4 WORLD RANKINGS

### 2.4.1 Annual review

Following the annual review of World Rankings, Council approved the proposed changes to the current World Ranking rules and recommendations concerning the management of one-day meetings, as set out below:

<b>Cross-Country Rankings</b>	<p>The disproportionate number of meetings in the Gold category compared to the lower Silver and Bronze (respectively 15, 3 and 4) means that the performance scores tables initially determined for the Cross Country Rankings are not appropriate. It was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the tables be re-adjusted to ensure a correct scoring</li> <li>• the issue of the disproportionate distribution between Gold, Silver and Bronze be addressed.</li> </ul>
<b>Ranking points for Olympic and World Championships (OW category)</b>	<p>Too many competitions have been upgraded in the recent past and the gap with the OW category has decreased. To re-establish a proper and proportionate reward for OG and WCH finalists, it was agreed to review and increase the placing score table, accordingly, limited to the top 8. Additionally, limited to the events with a ranking period of 18 months, it will be possible for two OW category competitions to count (the older one with GL category ranking points to avoid overweighting).</p>
<b>Indoor Field Events</b>	<p>With the expansion of the World Indoor Tour and increased popularity of indoor competitions, keeping indoor field events as similar events in the world rankings is no longer appropriate. It was approved that indoor HJ, PV, LJ, TJ and SP be considered as main events in the minimum number of performance scores required.</p>
<b>Combined Events Tour</b>	<p>In 2021, selected Gold level meetings (Götzis, Talence and Ratingen) offered higher ranking points (GL category instead of A) however the gap between the best and the others in terms of quality of the participating field has increased. It was agreed that only Götzis (which remains by far the best) and Talence (on</p>



	trial basis for another year) award GL ranking points, while Ratingen joins Multistars and Arona awarding category A ranking points.
<b>Road Mile</b>	It was approved that the road mile be considered as a similar event in the 1500m event group (like the track Mile).
<b>One-day meetings membership, events programme, and prize money structures</b>	<p>The Continental Tour in particular is playing a growingly important role in the athletes' World Rankings and ensuring the integrity of access to the placing points available across the different categories is very important. It was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tour membership and events programme (and consequently prize money offering) be announced well in advance (at least 60 days like for World Rankings Competitions)</li> <li>• That prize money at the different levels of meetings be maintained according to the category of the meeting (other than for strictly national events) throughout 2023 but for this group to discuss a proper and clear framework for this to be possibly implemented from 2024.</li> </ul>

#### 2.4.2 World Rankings Competitions

Following the Council's approval of Technical Rule changes required to implement the World Rankings Competitions framework (see section 2.2.2 of this Circular), Council acknowledged the implications in terms of results processing on behalf of World Athletics and approved the terms and amount of an Administration Fee for each competition application as follows:

- that an administration fee of 25 EUR (equivalent to 25 USD) be charged for each competition application submitted through the Global Calendar online platform (excepted for official annual national championships (of all age groups and for any event) and other competitions organised and funded directly or indirectly by the Member Federation). The process will start with competitions taking place from 1 March 2023 onwards.

Further detail on the implementation of the World Rankings Competitions framework, including on the operation of the Global Calendar platform and timelines is set out in Circular M/60/22 dated 12 December 2022.

#### 2.5 PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES

##### Qualification System and Entry Standards

Council approved the revised Qualification Window for the Paris 24 Olympic Games, as well as the proposed Qualification System and Entry Standards as attached in Appendix B.

##### Race Walking Mixed Team Event

Council discussed and approved a proposed revised format of the race walking mixed team event for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games in line with IOC and OBS requirements. The proposal, as set out below, has been forwarded to the IOC for further review and confirmation and the final format will be communicated to Member Federations as early as possible.

Race Walking Mixed Team Event proposed format	
<b>Team composition:</b>	1 male and 1 female athlete
<b>Total number of teams:</b>	25
<b>Maximum number of teams per MF:</b>	2
<b>Scoring:</b>	Aggregate placing points.



## 2.6 SAFEGUARDING

As decided by Council in July 2022, the World Athletics' Safeguarding Policy now includes the requirement for Member Federations to have a safeguarding policy and procedures in place by December 2023. The new Policy has been translated into French and Spanish and is available on the [Safeguarding section of the website](#).

As previously communicated, specific Safeguarding Materials have been developed for Member Federations and Area Associations to assist with the development and adopting of their own safeguarding policies and procedures. A new video called "How to Create a Safeguarding Policy" has been produced by World Athletics to make these Safeguarding materials more accessible and create a better understanding of how to utilise them. Further details are provided in Circular M/58/22 dated 2 December 2022.

Council approved the proposed case management approach to deal with safeguarding cases. Council also approved the proposed principles underpinning the creation of new Safeguarding Rules, which will be drafted in consultation with the AIU, and which will also require amendments to other rules and regulations including the Integrity Code of Conduct and AIU Rules. The new Safeguarding Rules and proposed corresponding rule amendments will be submitted to Council for review and approval at its March 2023 meeting.

## 2.7 ATHLETES' COMMISSION

An update was provided on the work of the Athletes' Commission and their key objectives for 2023. These include a greater focus on enhancing and further expanding interaction with the global athlete community, maintaining strong athlete representation in World Athletics' decision-making processes and promoting the rights and interests of all athletes.

The Commission has set the goal to collaborate with Areas Associations and Member Federations to encourage the set-up of their own Athletes' Commissions. Using the data derived from the 2022 Annual Report Form on the status of Member Federation Athletes' Commission worldwide, the Commission is assigning dedicated liaisons among its members to establish clear communication pathways and to consult more effectively with athletes around the world.

## 2.8 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Council received an update on work undertaken by the Development Commission and the key topics and priority areas which included:

- Progress of the [Kids' Athletics programme](#), where the focus has been on encouraging MF engagement and the development and roll out of the train the trainer and practitioner workshops. Kids' Athletics Day will be held on 7 May 2023 and information will be circulated to Member Federations in the new year.
- An update on the eLearning platform and the courses that have been recently launched (Safeguarding, Ethical Compliance and the WA Referee Silver Evaluation) and those to be launched by the end of March 2023 (CECS L2, Kids' Athletics Practitioner, Administration). The eLearning platform can be accessed [here](#).
- The implementation of the new World Athletics Referee Education and Certification System (WARECS) pathway and the WA Referee Silver level evaluation, which was held online for the first time on 5 November with over 400 participants. The experience acquired during this first worldwide online evaluation and the analysis of the feedback and technical issues faced will inform the development and implementation of future exams.
- An update was provided on the roll out of the new development model framework and principles and the successful pilot of the online World Athletics Grants Hub. The Grants Hub will be used for all grants in 2023 and further detail will be provided in a separate circular.





## 2.9 WORLD PLAN FOR ATHLETICS

An update was provided on the work of the World Plan Implementation Working Group whose focus has been to further communicate the World Plan and seek feedback from Member Federations on progress to date and support needed for implementation. Five core workstreams have been established by the Working Group to support successful implementation of the World Plan as follows:

- Monitoring & reporting
- Communications & engagement plan
- Identify good practice & successful examples
- Develop “short form” plan & messaging and templates
- Promote Plan & Feedback MFs /Areas

The Working Group will continue its work to support, encourage and ensure all stakeholder groups are aware and equipped to contribute to the delivery of the World Plan and will review and report to Member Federations in 2023. All Member Federations will be asked to provide an update on progress against actions in the World Plan through the Annual Report Form.

### Related Press Release

<https://www.worldathletics.org/news/press-releases/decisions-229-council-meeting-rome-2022>



APPENDIX A

List of Competition Delegates

WCH Budapest 23	#	Name	Nationality	Area	Gender
ITO Chief	1	Chris Cohen	GBR	EUROPE	M
ITOs	9	Niels van der Aar	NED	EUROPE	M
		Helen Roberts	AUS	OCEANIA	F
		Can Korkmazoglu	TUR	EUROPE	M
		Vadim Nigmatov	TJK	ASIA	M
		Gemma Castano	ESP	EUROPE	F
		Jane Edstrom	CAN	NACAC	F
		Mike Armstrong	USA	NACAC	M
		Ronan O'Hart	IRL	EUROPE	M
		Giovanni Cardona	COL	SAM	M
Chief Race-Walking Judge	1	Zoe Eastwood	AUS	OCEANIA	F
	8	Jean Pierre Dahm	FRA	EUROPE	M
		Sergio Solano Sos	ESP	EUROPE	M
		Anne Froberg	FIN	EUROPE	F
		Man Chun (Echo) Yeung	HKG	ASIA	F
		Daniel Michaud	CAN	NACAC	M
		Guillermo Pera Vallejos	ARG	SAM	M
		Ian Richards	GBR	EUROPE	M
		Jose Dias	POR	EUROPE	M
Recorder	1	Zuzana Costin	SVK	EUROPE	F
Jury of Appeal (Chair):	1	Abby Hoffman	CAN	NACAC	F
Jury of Appeal (Secretary):	1	Pierce O'Callaghan	IRL	EUROPE	M
Jury of Appeal (2)	2	Suren Ayadassen	MRI	AFRICA	M
		Loreto Perez	ESP	EUROPE	F
International Starter	1	Lisa Ferdinand	CAN	NACAC	F
International Photo Finish Judge	1	Krisztina Horvath	HUN	EUROPE	F
International Course Measurer	1	Hugh Jones	GBR	EUROPE	M
Statisticians	2	Andras Szabo	HUN	EUROPE	M
		Carlo de Angeli	ITA	EUROPE	M
Announcers	3	Paul Swangard	USA	NACAC	M
		Geoff Wightmann	GBR	EUROPE	M
		Katherine Merry	GBR	EUROPE	F
WXC Medulin / Pula 24	#	Name	Nationality	Area	Gender
TD	1	Massimo Magnani	ITA	EUROPE	M
WCH Tokyo 25	#	Name	Nationality	Area	Gender
TDs	3	Ximena Restrepo	COL	SAM	F
		Jane Edstrom	CAN	NACAC	F
		Niels van der Aar	NED	EUROPE	M

*Note: New Delegate appointments are in red font (others were appointed at previous Council meetings)*



## QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXIII OLYMPIAD – PARIS 2024

### WORLD ATHLETICS

### Athletics

#### A. EVENTS (48)

Men's events (23)	Women's events (23)	Mixed events (2)
<b>Track</b> 100m (56) 200m (48) 400m (48) 800m (48) 1500m (45) 5000m (42) 10,000m (27) 110m Hurdles (40) 400m Hurdles (40) 3000m Steeplechase (36) 4 x 100m Relay (16 teams) 4 x 400m Relay (16 teams)	<b>Track</b> 100m (56) 200m (48) 400m (48) 800m (48) 1500m (45) 5000m (42) 10,000m (27) 100m Hurdles (40) 400m Hurdles (40) 3000m Steeplechase (36) 4 x 100m Relay (16 teams) 4 x 400m Relay (16 teams)	<b>Track</b> 4 x 400m Mixed Relay (16 teams)  <b>Road</b> 35km Mixed Team Race Walk (25 teams)
<b>Field</b> High Jump (32) Pole Vault (32) Long Jump (32) Triple Jump (32) Shot Put (32) Discus Throw (32) Hammer Throw (32) Javelin Throw (32)	<b>Field</b> High Jump (32) Pole Vault (32) Long Jump (32) Triple Jump (32) Shot Put (32) Discus Throw (32) Hammer Throw (32) Javelin Throw (32)	
<b>Combined</b> Decathlon (24)	<b>Combined</b> Heptathlon (24)	
<b>Road</b> 20km Race Walk (48) Marathon (80)	<b>Road</b> 20km Race Walk (48) Marathon (80)	



## B. QUOTA PLACES

### B.1. Total quota places for Athletics:

	Quota places	Host country places	Universality places
Men		905	
Women		905	
<b>Total</b>		<b>1810</b>	

### B.2. Maximum number of athletes per event (where applicable):

	Number of athletes per event
Individual events	Maximum three (3) athletes per NOC
Team events	Maximum two (2) teams per NOC
Relay events	Maximum one (1) relay team per NOC

#### Individual events

NOCs may enter up to three (3) qualified athletes for each event on the athletics programme. In addition, NOCs that fulfil the maximum quota per event can nominate a maximum of one (1) reserve or Ap alternate qualified athlete for the same event.

#### Relay & Team events

4x100m, 4x400m	NOCs may enter one (1) team for each relay event. A total of five (5) athletes may be entered for a relay team. Should an NOC have entered a relay team and individual athletes in the corresponding individual event (100m and 400m), the entered individual athletes must be included in the total of five (5) athletes entered for the relay events. In addition, NOCs can nominate a maximum of one (1) Ap alternate athlete for each team.
4x400m Mixed	NOCs may enter one (1) team for this relay event. A total of four (4) athletes, two (2) men and two (2) women, may be entered for the relay team. In addition, NOCs can nominate a maximum of two (2) Ap alternate athletes for each team, one (1) man and one (1) woman.
Mixed Team RW	NOCs may enter two (2) teams for this team event. A total of two (2) athletes, one (1) woman and one (1) man may be entered per NOC. In addition, NOCs can nominate a maximum total of two (2) Ap alternate athletes, one (1) man and one (1) woman.

### B.3. Type of allocation of quota places:

Quota places are allocated to the athlete(s) by name in individual events. If an NOC has more than three (3) qualified athletes in individual events, the NOC can decide which of these athletes will receive the quota places. Quota places are allocated to the NOC(s) in the relay, team events and, to some extent, also in the marathon (subject to conditions as described below).



## C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

### C.1. Compliance with the Olympic Charter and other relevant rules:

All athletes must respect and comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions).

Only those athletes who respect and comply with the Olympic Charter, the World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, including the conditions of participation established by the IOC, plus the rules of World Athletics, may participate in the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

### C.2. Age requirements:

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games Paris 2024, athletes must the following age requirements:

<b>Senior athletes</b>	Any athlete aged 20 on 31 December in the year of the competition (born in 2004 or earlier) may compete in any event
<b>U20 athletes</b>	Any athlete aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December in the year of the competition (born in 2005 or 2006) may compete in any event except the Marathon and 35km Mixed team Race Walk.
<b>U18 athletes</b>	Any athlete aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December in the year of the competition (born in 2007 and 2008) may compete in any event except the throwing events, Heptathlon, Decathlon, 10,000m, Marathon and the Race Walk events.
<b>Athletes younger than 16</b>	No athlete younger than 16 years of age on 31 December in the year of the competition (born in 2009 or later) may compete at the Olympic Games.

### C.3. IF additional eligibility criteria/requirements:

Athletes must also comply with the following criteria:

- Adhere to the rules outlined in World Athletics' [Eligibility rules](#) (Book C 3.3).

## D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

### D.1. QUOTA PLACES

#### Individual qualification

The below table outlines the number of quota places available in each of the respective individual events.

Men	Event	Women
56	100m	56
48	200m	48
48	400m	48
48	800m	48
45	1500m	45
42	5000m	42



27	10,000m	27
40	110m Hurdles / 100m Hurdles	40
40	400m Hurdles	40
36	3000m Steeplechase	36
32	High Jump	32
32	Pole Vault	32
32	Long Jump	32
32	Triple Jump	32
32	Shot Put	32
32	Discus Throw	32
32	Hammer Throw	32
32	Javelin Throw	32
24	Decathlon / Heptathlon	24
48	20km Race Walk	48
80	Marathon	80

There will be 25 teams in the 35km Mixed Team Race Walk.

Number of quota places	Qualification events
<p><b>1810 athletes</b> <i>(including relays, host country and universality places)</i></p> <p><b>Detailed number of athlete per event outlined above</b></p>	<p><b>Qualification process:</b></p> <p><b>General</b> An athlete can qualify in one of two ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 50% of the qualification places will be allocated on the basis of achieving the entry standard (see section I.) within the respective qualification period outlined below.</li> <li>- The entry standards will be approved by World Athletics Council in November 2022</li> <li>- The remaining 50% of the qualification places will be allocated on the basis of the World Athletics World Rankings within the ranking period.</li> </ul> <p><b>Qualification and Ranking period</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For all individual events (except 10,000m, Marathon, Combined Events and Race Walks): from 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024</li> <li>- For 10,000m, Combined Events, Race Walks and Relays: from 31 December 2022 – 30 June 2024</li> <li>- For the Marathon: from 1 November 2022 to 30 April 2024</li> </ul> <p><b>Marathon</b> Any athlete ranked higher than the 65<sup>th</sup> athlete on the filtered Quota Place “Road to Paris” list on 30 January 2024, will be considered qualified.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- After 30 January 2024, the remaining 20% of the quota will be determined by the same two criteria outlined above, without displacing the athletes qualified per 30 January 2024.</li> <li>- Any NOC may choose to reallocate a quota place to an unqualified athlete provided the athlete in the qualification window has achieved at least a 2:11:30h (men) / 2:29:30h (women) performance.</li> </ul> <p>World Athletics will publish the official qualification monitoring tool (Road to Paris) on the Stats Zone of the World Athletics <a href="#">website</a> in autumn 2023.</p>



	<p>Regardless of the qualification pathway, the maximum quota per NOC per event must be respected and the number of entries per event (in section B) cannot be exceeded.</p> <p><b>Qualification events:</b></p> <p><b>General</b></p> <p>All performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by World Athletics, its Area Associations or its National Federations in conformity with World Athletics <a href="#">Rules</a> and published on the World Athletics Global <a href="#">Calendar</a>.</p> <p><b>Special conditions for validity of performances</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Performances achieved in mixed competitions in track events will not be accepted. Exceptionally, in accordance with World Athletics Technical <a href="#">Rule 9</a>, performances achieved in events of 5000m and 10,000m 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.</li><li>- Performances which are wind-assisted or for which a wind reading is not available shall not be accepted for Entry Standard purposes (but will be valid for the World Athletics World Rankings with the appropriate adjustments).</li><li>- Hand timing performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 110m/100m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles and 4x100m Relay will not be accepted.</li><li>- Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 200m and longer, will be accepted.</li><li>- For the running events of 200m and over (including combined events), performances achieved on oversized indoor tracks shall be accepted according to Technical Rule 11.</li><li>- For the Combined Events at least one of these conditions must be met:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o The wind velocity in any individual event shall not exceed plus 4 metres per second.</li><li>o The average wind velocity (based on the algebraic sum of the wind velocities, as measured for each individual event, divided by the number of such events) shall not exceed plus 2 metres per second.</li></ul></li><li>- For the 10,000m, the below applies:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o The top 8 from the World Cross Country Ranking not directly qualified through entry standard or World 10,000m Ranking, will be considered as having achieved the entry standard.</li></ul></li><li>- For the Marathons, the below applies:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Performances for qualifying purposes may only be achieved on a course measured by a World Athletics /AIMS Grade “A” or “B” International Road Race Course Measurer with the measurement certificate established no more than 5 years before the date of the race.</li><li>o For entry standards the overall decrease in elevation between the start and the finish shall not exceed 1:1000, i.e. 1m per km.</li><li>o The following will also be considered as having achieved the Entry Standard:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ First 5 finishers at the Platinum Label Marathons held during the period from 1 November 2022 to 30 April 2024.</li></ul></li><li>o For world rankings in case of performances achieved on courses with a drop in elevation which exceeds 1:1000 a correction publishes on its <a href="#">website</a> a list of courses and competitions that comply with the above.</li></ul></li><li>- For the Race Walks, the below applies<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Performances for qualifying purposes may only be achieved on a course measured by a World Athletics/AIMS Grade “A” or “B” International Road Race Course Measurer with the measurement certificate established no more than 5 years before the date of the race.</li></ul></li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A minimum of 3 International or Area Race Walking Judges must be on duty.</li> <li>○ Track performances (20,000m/35,000m) and performances achieved in competitions conducted with the penalty zone rule shall be accepted.</li> <li>○ For International Competitions defined under World Athletics Rule 1.1 (i), or at National Competitions, Member Federations concerned must submit a specific application to World Athletics (Application Form available from World Athletics) before the race is conducted. Applications submitted for the World Athletics Championships Budapest 2023 do not need to be submitted again.</li> <li>○ The first 16 teams at the World Race Walk Team Championships 2024 shall automatically qualify for the 35km mixed team Race Walk event at the Olympic Games Paris 2024. The remaining teams will be selected according to the World Athletics Race Walk Rankings based on aggregate ranking scores of a male and a female athlete.</li> </ul> <p>World Athletics publishes on its website a list of courses and competitions that comply with the below.</p>
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**Relay qualification**

Number of quota places	Qualification events
<p>There shall be a maximum of <b>16</b> qualified teams in each relay event</p>	<p><b>World Athletics Relays, Q2 2024 (host TBC)</b>            The first 14 placed NOCs at the World Athletics Relays 2024 shall automatically qualify for the relay events at Olympic Games Paris 2024. NOCs will have two opportunities to qualify at the World Athletics Relays, in case unsuccessful on day 1 another chance will be provided on day 2 of the competition.</p> <p><b>World Athletics Performance list</b>            The remaining teams will be selected according to World Athletics performance list for relays during the qualification period 31 December 2022 – 30 June 2024. For the results to be valid for qualification purposes, a minimum of two different international teams, representing at least two countries, must compete in the race.</p> <p>World Athletics will inform the NOCs of each of these national teams of their eligibility to compete in the Olympic Games relay competitions.</p>

**D.2. UNIVERSALITY PLACES (UNQUALIFIED ATHLETES)**

An NOC with no male or female qualified athlete or relay team will be allowed to enter their best ranked male athlete or their best ranked female athlete in either the 100m, 800m or Marathon. This applies equally to unqualified female entries from an NOC with qualified males, and vice versa.

Unqualified entries in the 800m will be limited to three (3) in each gender and acceptance will be at the discretion of the World Athletics Technical Delegates, based on the technical standard of the athlete.

A specific application form indicating the event in which the entry is requested, and the proof of the technical level and international participation of the nominated athlete, must be submitted to World Athletics.

World Athletics shall subsequently confirm, in writing to NOCs, with a copy to the Paris 2024 Sport department, the approval or otherwise of the entry of the specified athlete(s).





The application forms of all unqualified athletes must be submitted by NOCs to World Athletics no later than 31 May 2024.

## E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Following the end of the qualification period, World Athletics shall confirm the number of athletes having achieved the entry standard plus the approved unqualified athletes and shall subsequently determine the athletes qualified by virtue of their World Athletics World Rankings position.

The list of qualified athletes for each event, and including the relay teams, shall be published in the Road to Paris on the World Athletics [website](#) on 2 July 2024.

## F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

### F.1. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

After publication of the qualified athletes on 2 July 2024, NOCs must inform World Athletics of their intention to decline a quota place, whether in individual or relay events, by the deadline of 4 July (midnight Monaco time). Notifications must be sent to [teamservices@worldathletics.org](mailto:teamservices@worldathletics.org) by the NOC/Member Federation concerned, with a copy to its respective NOC. Quota places declined after the above deadline will not be reallocated.

During the period 4 – 6 July, World Athletics will reallocate the declined quota places to the next best ranked athlete in the same event according to the World Athletics World Rankings, respecting the maximum quota by NOC per event. In case of tie (same world ranking position and ranking score), this will be resolved in favour of the athlete with the next best performance score.

If an allocated team relay quota place is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the NOC whose relay team has recorded the next fastest time in the qualification period in accordance with World Athletics' criteria for the qualification of relay teams.

On 7 July 2024, World Athletics shall publish the last edition of the Road to Paris with the final list of all qualified individual athletes and relay teams eligible for final entry. NOCs shall enter all athletes to Paris 2024 by the entries deadline of 8 July 2024.

### F.2. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED UNIVERSALITY PLACES

There will be no reallocation of Universality places

## G. GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF RESERVE AND AP ATHLETES

### G.1. RESERVE ATHLETES



Reserve athletes are competing athletes who have an Aa accreditation and who are entered by their NOC in a specific event where they have qualified.

As reserve, they may be selected to replace another entered athlete in a different event until the time of the final confirmation for that event provided:

- they were nominated as reserve for that event at the time of the final entry deadline
- they have achieved the entry standard or have qualified by virtue of their World Athletics World Rankings position
- that the NOC quota for that event is respected

Reserve athletes must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing athletes as described in above paragraph **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

## G.2. AP ALTERNATE ATHLETES

Ap alternate athletes are non-competing athletes and are not included within the athletes' quota as described in paragraph **B. Quota Places**.

If an NOC has entered three athletes in one event, they are entitled to nominate one Ap alternate athlete for the same event provided:

- he/she was nominated as alternate for that event at the time of the final entry deadline
- he/she has achieved the entry standard or has qualified by virtue of the World Athletics World Rankings position

Ap alternate athletes must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing athletes as described in above paragraph **C. Athlete Eligibility**. Ap alternate athletes can only become competing athletes as per the conditions outlined in the Late Athlete Replacement policy.

## H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
1 November 2022	Start of the qualification and ranking period for Marathon
December 2022	World Athletics to confirm the entry standards for all events. The standards will be distributed to all NOCs and NFs.
31 December 2022	Start of the qualification and ranking period for 10,000m, Combined Events, Race Walks and Relays
1 July 2023	Start of the qualification and ranking period for all individual events (except 10,000m, Marathon, Combined Events and Race Walks)
30 January 2024	End of qualification and ranking period for Marathon (80% of quota)
23 April 2024	Deadline for NOCs with no qualified athletes to apply for unqualified entries in Marathon
30 April 2024	End of qualification and ranking period for Marathon (remaining 20% of quota)
1 May 2024	World Athletics to (only for Marathon) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- confirm the list of approved Unqualified athletes</li> <li>- confirm the list of athletes qualified by Entry Standard</li> <li>- publish the World Athletics World Rankings and qualified athletes</li> </ul>
3 May 2024	Deadline to decline a quota place for Marathon.



4 – 6 May 2024	World Athletics to reallocate unused quota places in the Marathon
8 May 2024	World Athletics shall publish the last edition of the Road to Paris for Marathon with the final list of all athletes eligible for final entry.
April/May 2024 (date TBC)	World Athletics Relays
April/May 2024 (date TBC)	World Athletics Race Walk Team Championships
31 May 2024	Deadline for NOCs with no qualified athletes to apply for unqualified entries in 100m or 800m
30 June 2024	End of qualification and ranking period for all events (except Marathon)
2 July 2024	World Athletics to: - confirm the list of approved Unqualified athletes - confirm the list of athletes qualified by Entry Standard - publish the World Athletics World Rankings and qualified athletes - publish the list of qualified Relay Teams
4 July 2024	Deadline to decline a quota place for all events (except Marathon)
5-6 July 2024	World Athletics to reallocate unused quota places in all events (except Marathon)
7 July 2024	World Athletics shall publish the last edition of the Road to Paris for all events (except Marathon) with the final list of all athletes and relay teams eligible for final entry.
<b>8 July 2024</b>	<b>Paris 2024 Sport Entries deadline</b>
<b>26 July – 11 August 2024</b>	<b>Olympic Games Paris 2024</b>

## I. ENTRY STANDARDS

The entry standards below have been approved by World Athletics Council in November 2022

Men	Event	Women
10.00	100m	11.07
20.16	200m	22.57
45.00	400m	50.95
1:44.70	800m	1:59.30
3:33.50 (3:50.40)	1500m (Mile)	4:02.50 (4:20.90)
13:05.00	5000m	14:52.00
27:00.00 (27:00)	10,000m	30:40.00
13.27	110m Hurdles / 100m Hurdles	12.77
48.70	400m Hurdles	54.85
8:15.00	3000m Steeplechase	9:23.00
2.33	High Jump	1.97
5.82	Pole Vault	4.73
8.27	Long Jump	6.86
17.22	Triple Jump	14.55
21.50	Shot Put	18.80
67.20	Discus Throw	64.50
78.20	Hammer Throw	74.00
85.50	Javelin Throw	64.00
8,460	Decathlon / Heptathlon	6,480
1:20:10	20km Race Walk	1:29:20
2:08:10	Marathon	2:26:50