



WORLD RANKINGS COMPETITIONS APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The over-arching requirement for World Athletics to recognise and process competition results is that the competition is conducted in full compliance with the applicable and relevant World Athletics Competition and Technical Rules
- 1.2 World Athletics has therefore defined the requirements that any competition, at any level, must satisfy in order for its results to be recognised and processed by World Athletics. Complying competitions shall be granted World Rankings Competitions membership status.
- 1.3 Every compliant competition that wants to acquire World Rankings Competitions membership status will have to submit an application, through or endorsed by its Member Federation, to World Athletics, and World Athletics will maintain and publish a list of such competitions on the calendar page of its website (<https://www.worldathletics.org/competition/calendar-results>).

In the case of general queries regarding this Application Procedure, please contact calendar@worldathletics.org.

2. Key principles

- 2.1 Applications will be required for all types of competitions (championships, matches and invitational) across all disciplines:
 - Stadium Outdoor
 - Stadium Indoor
 - Combined Events
 - Race Walking
 - Road Running
 - Cross Country
- 2.2 The application process for World Athletics or Area Association permitted competitions will currently remain unchanged while all other National permitted competitions will be required to submit applications through a purposely designed platform: <https://globalcalendar.worldathletics.org/>
- 2.3 The World Rankings Competitions shall therefore include:
 - 2.3.1 Competitions held or sanctioned by World Athletics (through current application process, where applicable)
 - i) World Athletics Series
 - ii) Olympic Games
 - iii) The athletics programme of Games and other athletics competitions with participants from different Areas
 - iv) One-day meeting circuits / Road Races
 - a. Diamond League

- b. World Athletics Continental Tour, World Athletics Indoor Tour, Combined Events, Race Walking and Cross Country Tours (Gold)
- c. Label Road Races (limited to elite component as defined by the race organiser)
- v) International Matches including teams from different Areas

2.3.2 Competitions held or sanctioned by an Area Association (through current application process, where applicable)

- i) Area Championships (all types and disciplines)
- ii) Intra-Area Championships
- iii) The athletics programme of Games and other athletics competitions with participants confined to one Area
- iv) One-day meeting circuits (Silver, Bronze, Challenger or Area Permit level)
- v) International matches between teams from the same Area (sanctioned by Area Association)

2.3.3 Competitions held or sanctioned by a Member Federation (through online platform application)

- i) National Senior Championships (for all disciplines included within the World Athletics Championships and World Athletics Indoor Championships competition programme)
- ii) Other selected domestic competitions as identified by the Member Federation:
 - a. Age group National Championships and / or in other disciplines
 - b. Club championships
 - c. Invitational competitions
 - d. Matches

As long as all applicable and relevant World Athletics Competition and Technical Rules are enforced, these National permit competitions do not need to meet any further specific conditions for being eligible for World Rankings scoring, however, Member Federations should consider the following before the application:

- a. These competitions should be of a level whereby the participation level is significant for an athletes' international career and can also include age category competitions where appropriate.
- b. If the organiser / Member Federation only wishes to conduct selected events within the competition in compliance with World Athletics Competition and Technical Rules, then only those events should be listed in the Application as part of the competition programme.
- c. If the organiser / Member Federation only wishes selected athletes within an event to comply with World Athletics Competition and Technical Rules, then the non-compliant athletes must be clearly listed separately as their performances will not be considered for World Rankings scoring and statistical / results purposes by World Athletics.

2.4 The results of such competitions will be valid for:

- World Rankings
- World Records
- Top Performance Lists
- Entry Standards
- Qualification to major Championships and Olympic Games
- Any other World Athletics statistical purpose

2.5 Starting from 1 January 2023, World Athletics will only recognise and process results achieved at one of these listed competitions. The results of any competition, even if conducted in compliance with World Athletics Competition and Technical Rules, for which an application has not been submitted, will not be recognised by World Athletics.

3. Compliance with Competition and Technical Rules

3.1 All competitions which will be recognised as complying with the World Rankings Competitions requirements must be delivered strictly under World Athletics Competition and Technical Rules, including but not limited to the following elements:

- Where a national competition is registered, it must be sanctioned by the hosting Member Federation, and the relevant rules for competition at that level must be adhered to, including the prescribed permit conditions, number and level of those officiating, etc.
- All competitions must be held at facilities as outlined in the World Athletics Technical Rule 2 (former Rule 140): The Athletics Facility.
- The appropriate technical equipment as per World Athletics Rules must be used as required (e.g., electronic timing, wind measurement, certified implements, etc.).
- Applications for events held on temporary facilities will only be accepted subject to the appropriate measurement surveys.
- Road events (including Race Walking) must be held on properly measured courses which hold an International Measurement Certificate valid on race day.
- For Race Walking events, a minimum of three International or Area Race Walking Judges must be on duty (except for age group competitions).
- Athletes must wear clothing, shoes and bibs which are compliant with Technical Rule 5 (for road races, this is limited to the elite component as defined by the race organiser).
- All events applied for within the Application must correspond with the specific rules for each age group and be appropriate for the age and ability of the athlete.
- The competition must meet the specific Regulations and criteria as required by the level assigned to it.

3.2 Results may be assessed as part of a “spot check” exercise, and Member Federations and organisers may be contacted to verify details, including the use of appropriate equipment, competition conduct and names of technical officials who officiated at the competition.

4. Application procedure for competitions sanctioned by a Member Federation (National Permit Competitions)

4.1 In the specific case of domestic competitions (see 2.3.3 above), for each calendar year, Member Federations will be required to indicate, as soon as practical (and in no case any later than 60 days prior to the date of the competition), the National Permit competitions they intend to propose for World Rankings Competitions membership, together with the list of events planned within that competition.

4.2 Applications are submitted individually for each competition on an annual basis and must be renewed annually.

4.3 Applications must be submitted by Member Federations or by competition organisers with the endorsement of the Member Federation of the country in which the event is taking place.

4.4 Applications for official National Championships, including the various age categories, can only be submitted by the relevant Member Federation.

4.5 Competition details will be submitted via the dedicated online platform (<https://globalcalendar.worldathletics.org/>) through which organisers and Member Federations will electronically countersign the Application.

4.6 The Member Federation will have the authority to confirm the Application and, consequently, the request for publication on the World Athletics Global Calendar.

4.7 Once the Application is accepted, a World Rankings Competition label will be issued to the Organiser / Member Federation to confirm the World Rankings Competition status. It will be possible to download the relevant assets and guidelines from the platform.

4.8 In all cases, World Athletics will have the ultimate decision on whether to accept Applications, and if a competition has not been delivered to the standard indicated in the Application, membership may be withdrawn retrospectively.

5. **Undertaking**

By applying for competitions to be considered for World Rankings, Member Federations undertake to:

- i) conduct the competition according to World Athletics Competition and Technical Rules;
- ii) be responsible for any non-compliance with World Athletics Competition and Technical Rules, which could lead to results no longer being considered for World Athletics statistical purposes following investigation;
- iii) send to World Athletics, in a clear, timely and co-ordinated process, the complete results post each competition.

6. **Application Fee** (limited to competitions sanctioned by a Member Federations as per 2.3.3)

6.1 An application fee will be charged to cover the administration costs (see 6.4).

6.2 The fee is to be intended at the charge of the organiser and it is possible for payments to be made individually through the platform. It will also be possible for Member Federations to make bulk payments for all or part of their domestic competitions and claim the fee from their organisers.

6.3 No fee will be charged for official annual National Championships (whether senior or age group and for all disciplines).

6.4 The fee will be separately determined for each country and adjusted according to each country's local purchasing power based on the average income.

6.5 The fees will be confirmed by World Athletics Council at the end of November 2022 and will be communicated to Member Federations individually. They will then be charged starting 1 December 2022 (and retroactively where applicable).

7. **Submitting competition results**

7.1 Competition results must be submitted as soon as possible and, ideally, no later than 24 hours after the end of the competition to enable the update of World Rankings, top performance lists and qualification pathways to major Championships in a timely manner.

7.2 Results (or the link to the results website) can be submitted by email to statistics@worldathletics.org, however, World Athletics will continue to work in close cooperation with the Member Federations to establish a common results format and exchange protocol which will facilitate an even more efficient results processing.

8. **Publication on the World Athletics Global Calendar and World Rankings points**

For all World Rankings Competitions, World Athletics will:

- Publish the following information on the World Athletics Global Calendar (<https://www.worldathletics.org/competition/calendar-results>):
 - Competition name
 - Venue
 - Date
 - World Rankings category

- Additional information (link to competition website, contact information, events staged, etc.)
- Grant the use of a World Rankings Competition label for use on official website, documentation and promotional material.
- Process and publish the full results of all the events indicated by the organiser / Member Federation as conducted in compliance with World Athletics Competitions and Technical Rules.
- Create and update Athletes' profiles as required.
- Award World Rankings points according to the corresponding category.
- Offer the opportunity to upgrade a limited number of competitions (based on established quotas per country) to the higher World Rankings category level (from F to E). From 1 January 2024, this upgrade will only be possible for competitions held on World Athletics certified facilities or event sites.
- Annually, evaluate the competition through the Competition Performance Rankings (<https://www.worldathletics.org/records/competition-performance-rankings/rules/competition-rankings-rules>).