

Teams – Competition Information

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1. COMPETITION DELEGATES AND WA COMPETITIONS UNIT

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2. INFORMATION CENTRES

2.1. Technical Information Centre (TIC)

The TIC is located at the Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium, easily accessible from the Team Seats.

The main task of the TIC is to ensure a smooth liaison between each Member Federation and the LOC, the World Athletics Technical Delegates, and the Competition Management of the Championships regarding technical matters.

From 1 May, the Virtual TIC will be operating too and will cover all the main tasks of the TIC. Team Leaders will receive a link and credentials to access the service.

Final confirmations must be done by Member Federations using the Online Confirmation tool on the Virtual TIC platform before 12:00 on Friday, 03 May 2024.

The virtual TIC will also provide all information normally shared by the TIC in a dedicated section for downloads. It will also be possible to send general inquiries, withdrawal forms, doping control requests and written appeals.

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The TIC is responsible for, but not limited to, the following:

- Displaying on the relevant notice board official communications to the teams, including Start Lists, Results and Call Room reporting times that will also be displayed at the Warm-up Area
- Distribution of urgent notices to the delegations from the Technical Delegate and Competition Management; it is the Team Leader's duty to report regularly to the TIC and/or check the Virtual TIC to collect this kind of information
- Receipt of written questions for the Technical Briefing (deadline: 18:00 2 May Thursday)
- Assistance on Final Confirmation
- Receipt of Withdrawal Forms
- Managing National Record Doping Control requests
- Written Appeals
- TIC General Enquiries

The TIC will be the main centre for technical information, although certain documents produced in the TIC will also be distributed to the Championships Information Desks (CID) for circulation. All the above communications and information will be available on the Virtual TIC platform as well.

The TIC will open from Wednesday 01 May. The TIC's opening hours are:

Wednesday, 01 May	15:00-18:00
Thursday, 02 May	9:00-19:00
Friday, 03 May	8:30-21:30
Saturday, 04 May	14:30-22:30
Sunday, 05 May	14:30-22:30

2.2. Competition Information Desks (CID)

There will be a CID in both Team Hotels, which will be linked to the TIC. It will be responsible for, but not limited to, the following:

- Displaying relevant notices and official communications to the teams, including Start Lists, Results and Call Room reporting times
- Distribution of urgent notices to the delegations from the technical delegate and competition management; it is the Team Leader's duty to collect this kind of information in due time
- Receipt of written questions for the Technical Briefing (deadline: 18:00 2 May Thursday)
- Assistance on Final Confirmation
- It will also be possible to submit general enquiries to the TIC through these CIDs
- Distribution of information and answering queries relating to accommodation, meals, transport and the Championships in general

CIDs will be open from 1st May to 5th March from 08:00 to 22:00

2.3 WA Competition Department Offices

Staff from the WA Competition Department will be in The Bahamas to assist the LOC with the final preparation and conduct of the Championships and the teams with their participation.

They can be contacted as follows:

01 to 03 May WA Administrative Office Super Club Breezes (Yellow Elder room)

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04 to 05 May WA Competitions Office at competition venue – can be contacted through the TIC

2.4 Document Distribution and Support Desks

Document Distribution

Sustainability is a key commitment for WRE Bahamas 24 and together we are trying to do our part providing information as paperless as possible.

World Athletics has established a Virtual TIC to reduce the amount of printed material distributed to the Teams at the TIC at the Stadium or at the CID at the Team Hotels

Team Leaders are also strongly encouraged to download the WhatsApp application. In practice, this means that the distribution of competition related information at the TIC and CID will not be made through printouts but will be distributed via the Virtual TIC, displayed on the notice boards (also available at the Warm-up Area) and (for the more urgent matters) sent by WhatsApp group to the Team Leaders (their mobile number must be entered in Event Entry System).

Important notices (e.g., changes to the timetable) will also be distributed via the Virtual TIC and displayed on the Posting Board while individual communications to specific teams will be posted at the TIC and sent by e-mails.

3. Competition Facility

3.1 Stadium

The Competition will take place at the Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium in Nassau, New Providence.

The track is a Class 1 World Athletics certified Mondo surface with 8 oval lanes installed in 2024.

3.2 Warm-up Area

The Warm-up and Teams Area is located next to the main stadium, at the Athletes' Drop-off Point. It has a renovated 400m 8-lane Beynon track with an additional 130m straight to be used mostly for light exercises.

3.3 Training

The Warm-up Area, as described above, and will be made available for training prior to the start of the Competition, as follows:

Wednesday, 01 May	09:30 to 12:30	Warm-up Area
	16:00 to 19:00	Warm-up Area
Thursday, 02 May	09:30 to 12:30	Warm-up Area
	16:00 to 19:00	Warm-up Area
Friday, 03 May	09:00 to 11:00	Stadium
	09:30 to 12:30	Warm-up Area

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	16:00 to 19:00	Warm-up Area
Saturday, 4 May	09:30 to 12:30	Warm-up Area
Sunday, 5 May	09:30 to 12:30	Warm-up Area

Athletes will also be given the opportunity to practice with the official starters on Friday 03 May, between 09:15 and 10:45.

An open photoshoot area will be available for athletes during training sessions on Thursday 02 and Friday 03 May. Individual athletes and teams are encouraged to walk in for the photoshoot and take their shots. Each team's session will last no longer than 5 minutes.

Dedicated transport will be arranged by LOC (Scheduled times at CID in Team Hotels)

4. Entry Rules, Final Entries, Final Confirmations, Final Declarations and Athlete's Agreement

4.1 Entry Rules

Events

The programme will comprise five Relay Events:

Men	4 x 100 metres and 4 x 400 metres
Women	4 x 100 metres and 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. This does not apply to the Mixed 4 x 400m where a maximum of six athletes (three male and three female) may be entered with only one substitution allowed after the first round.

Entry Conditions

32 teams will be entered in each event (the number includes host Country – BAH - wild card).

Top following 8 teams from the World Athletics Championships Budapest 23 have qualified for entry to the World Athletics Relays Bahamas 24:

	MEN	WOMEN	MIXED
4 x 100 Metres Relay	BRA, FRA, GBR, ITA, JAM, JPN, RSA, USA	CIV, GBR, GER, ITA, JAM, NED, POL, USA	
4 x 400 Metres Relay	BOT, FRA, GBR, IND, ITA, JAM, NED, USA	BEL, CAN, GBR, IRL, ITA, JAM, NED, POL	BEL, CZE, FRA, GBR, GER, IRL, POL, USA

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**.

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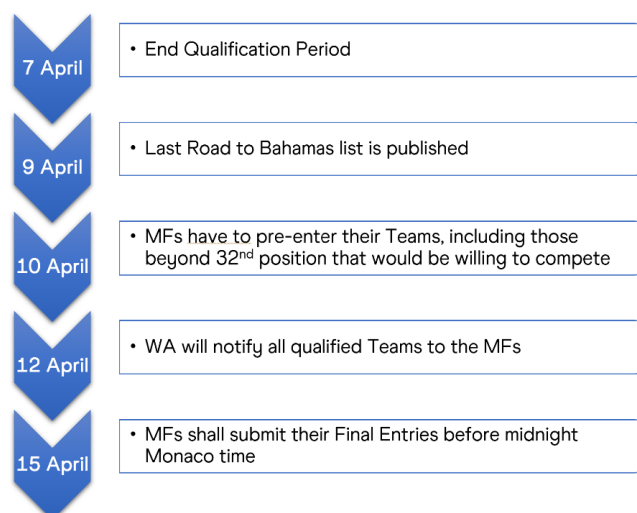
Member Federations are asked to pre-enter by Wednesday 10 April 2024 any Relay Team, including those beyond 32nd position, that would be willing to compete at the WRE if qualified. Teams that are not pre-entered, will not be considered as qualified.

On Friday 12 April, following the end of the qualification period and knowing the Relay Teams that have qualified:

1. from the WCH Budapest 23,
2. those eventually unqualified but entered by the Host Country,
3. and those pre-entered by the MFs

World Athletics will notify the MFs of their qualified Teams.

Member Federations shall then submit their Final Entries by Monday 15 April 2024, midnight Monaco time.



Conditions for Validity of Performances

- All performances must be achieved during the period **Monday 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 Relay event**, 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).
- **Short Track performances** will be accepted.
- **Hand-timed performances** for the 4 x 100m will not be accepted.

Qualification for Paris 2024 Olympic Games

The top 14 teams at the World Athletics Relays Bahamas 24 will automatically qualify for places at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The remaining two places in each relay discipline will be

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awarded based on top lists during the qualification period (31 December 2022 – 30 June 2024).

4.2 Final Entries

The Final Entries must also be submitted online using the online EES by 15 April 2024 midnight, Monaco time (see note above). The Final Entries may be submitted starting 18 March 2024.

4.3 Final Confirmations

Final Confirmations indicating the names of those athletes or teams already entered who will actually take part in the competition, must be made through the Virtual TIC by latest 12:00noon on Friday 03 May 2024. In case of difficulties with the Virtual TIC, Member Federations can confirm the athletes by email to statistics@worldathletics.org by the same deadline.

4.4 Final Declarations

The composition of each team and the running order must be declared at the latest at the time of the First Call.

Should you encounter difficulties when submitting your Entries electronically, please contact the World Athletics Team Services for assistance by email: teamservices@worldathletics.org.

4.5 Athlete Agreement

Each athlete competing in a World Athletics Series Event must have signed the Athlete Agreement electronically. To do so, Member Federations are required to enter in the EES the individual e-mail address of each participating athlete from their team beforehand. If on the EES an athlete is indicated as having already signed their Athlete Agreement electronically, then there is nothing more to do.

For athletes who have not signed it, World Athletics will directly e-mail each athlete to sign their Athlete Agreement electronically. World Athletics will send specific instructions concerning the electronic signature process separately.

The Athlete Agreement must be signed by no later than 15 April 2024 (the same deadline as Final Entries).

If an athlete or Member Federation experiences any issue with the process, they should contact athleteagreement@worldathletics.org. Please note that paper forms of the Athlete Agreement will **NOT** be collected on site except for Athlete Agreements concerning under 18s.

5. COMPETITION PROCEDURES

5.1 Stadium Orientation for Team Leaders

A stadium orientation tour will be organised on Friday 3 May at 09:30 (meeting point: TIC), during which the Technical Delegate, together with the World Athletics and the LOC Competition Staff, will be available to address any matters that the team managers raise. A short Technical/Medical/Anti-doping/Safeguarding briefing will follow.

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5.2 Timetable and Competition Format

The timetable for WRE Bahamas 24 was approved by the World Athletics Council and is provided below:

Saturday, 4 May			
Time	Gender	Event	Round
19:05	Mixed	4 x 400 Metres Relay	Olympic Qualifying Round 1
19:50	W	4 x 100 Metres Relay	Olympic Qualifying Round 1
20:25	M	4 x 100 Metres Relay	Olympic Qualifying Round 1
21:05	W	4 x 400 Metres Relay	Olympic Qualifying Round 1
21:49	M	4 x 400 Metres Relay	Olympic Qualifying Round 1

Sunday, 5 May			
Time	Gender	Event	Round
19:05	M	4 x 100 Metres Relay	Olympic Qualifying Round 2
19:40	W	4 x 100 Metres Relay	Olympic Qualifying Round 2
20:05	M	4 x 400 Metres Relay	Olympic Qualifying Round 2
20:30	W	4 x 400 Metres Relay	Olympic Qualifying Round 2
21:04	Mixed	4 x 400 Metres Relay	Olympic Qualifying Round 2
21:40	Mixed	4 x 400 Metres Relay	World Athletics Relays Final
21:50	W	4 x 100 Metres Relay	World Athletics Relays Final
22:00	M	4 x 100 Metres Relay	World Athletics Relays Final
22:10	W	4 x 400 Metres Relay	World Athletics Relays Final
22:20	M	4 x 400 Metres Relay	World Athletics Relays Final

Any change to the timetable will be communicated on site.

On Day 1, the top two teams in each heat qualify for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and the Final on Day 2.

In the finals on Day 2 teams will compete for medals, Prize Money and obtain Olympic Lane seeding positions.

All other teams will compete on Day 2 in the additional round where the top two teams in each heat also qualify for Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Teams that are DNS on Day 1, may not compete in the round on Day 2. Teams that are DNF or DQ on Day 1, may compete in the round on Day 2.

5.2.1 Seeding

In Olympic Qualifying Round 1 and 2 teams will be seeded based on a combination of two factors (each contributing 50% weight):

- Each team's Qualification Best performance

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- Each team's Qualification Best performances set by the individual athletes entered for the relay team on that specific event

5.3 Athletes' Bibs

The bibs will be distributed during the administrative procedure at the WA / LOC office in the Breezes Hotel. Bibs which are not collected, will be taken to the Stadium TIC on Saturday morning.

All athletes will receive three bibs to be worn as follows:

- Two bibs with the name (distributed during the Administrative procedure):
 - to wear on the front
 - to be used for the tracksuit or the bag
- One bib with the country code (e.g. BAH) to wear on the back (distributed in the Call Room)

Bibs must be worn in accordance with World Athletics Rules and must not be cut, folded or obscured in any way. Failure to comply with the Rules may result in a disqualification or sanction.

5.4 Team Kit

All national team kits (i.e., whether Member Federations have a national sponsor on their national team kit or not) must be submitted via [the online form](#).

Please complete the online kit approvals form and remember to upload images / photos of the kit when completing the form. Further information about the national team kit was provided in Circular M/04/24 dated 23 January 2024.

Please contact kitapprovals@worldathletics.org with any questions.

Please note that where World Athletics approve the kit (including any accessories), it is on the condition and expectation that the athletes will wear that same approved kit (including any accessories) issued by Member Federations to their athletes. Member Federations must remind their athletes that if they wear any other kit (including accessories) (e.g., personal kit), then all logos (including the brand) on that kit may either be taped over or the athlete may be instructed by any official (not just the Call Room officials) to remove the accessory or take other action so that the logo(s) on their kit is (are) not visible.

Any infringement of the regulations may result in disciplinary action against the Member Federation and/or individual athlete. Athletes not wearing their official team uniform will be required to change before they progress through the Call Room.

5.5 Call Room Procedures

The Call Room will be located between the Warm-up Area and the main Stadium. All athletes must present themselves to the Call Room according to the scheduled times as noted below. Times will also be announced over the PA system, as well as shown on the electronic display in the Warm-up Area.

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Athletes who fail to appear on time at the reporting point without a valid reason may be excluded from participating in this and all further events in the competition. Team officials are not allowed to enter the Call Room.

Call Room Reporting Times – all times are prior to the actual starting time of the event:

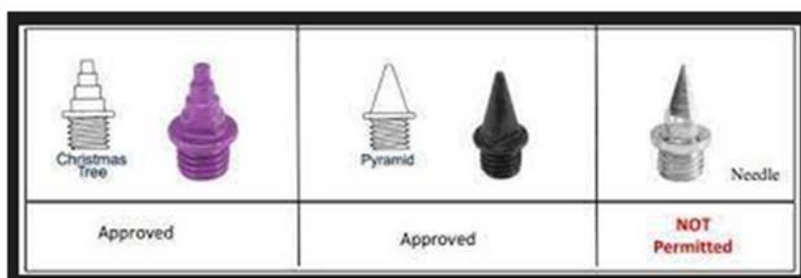
35 minutes before the start of the heat, teams must report at gathering point at the warm-up venue.

More details will be provided on the days before the competition.

Athletes who fail to appear on time at the Call Room without a valid reason may be excluded from participating.

The procedures in the Call Room will be as follows:

- Identification of athletes by means of their accreditation card and bib.
- Checking of athletes' uniform
- Checking of shoe spikes (number, shape and size). The part of each spike which projects from the sole or the heel shall not exceed 9mm. Needle spikes must not be used on the Mondotrack surface. If they do not comply, the athletes will be asked to change them to the correct size and/or shape.



Athletes will be required to change into their competition uniform and spiked shoes in the Call Room. Their personal belongings will be taken directly from here to the Post Event Area.

The Starter's commands will be given in English.

Hip numbers will be provided in the Call Room, as well as the country bib.

After completion of these procedures, athletes must follow the instructions given by the officials at the Call Room before being escorted onto the Field of Play.

5.6 Timing

Official timing will be provided by SEIKO. In addition, transponders will be in the relay batons.

5.7 Post Competition Procedures

All athletes will depart from the competition area via the Mixed Zone. In the Mixed Zone, the media may conduct short interviews.

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After passing through the Mixed Zone, athletes move on to the Post Event Area where they will be able to recover and collect their clothing and Accreditation Card.

Random shoe check will also be carried out here (Athletes are strongly encouraged to check before competition if their shoes are on the List of Approved Athletic Shoes: <https://certcheck.worldathletics.org>).

5.8 Medal Ceremonies

Instant Medals Handovers will be held right after each Final (instant medals) in the finish line area. The World Relays will not feature any formal Medal Ceremonies, hence no national anthems will be played or flags raised.

5.9 Athlete / Team Presentation

For the first time ever, we will feature a stage on the middle of the infield to present teams ahead of each heat / final as well as to host local entertainment acts. There will be a fan zone in front of the stage to get fans close to the action and allow for a new athlete and spectator experience.

5.9 Protests and Appeals

Protests and Appeals will be handled according to Rule 8 of the Technical Rules. Protests and appeals have to be submitted via the Virtual TIC and will be handled by the TIC at the Stadium.

5.9.1 Protests

Protests concerning the result or conduct of an event shall be made within 30 minutes of the official announcement of the result of that event. The Organising Committee of the competition shall be responsible for ensuring that the time of the announcement of all results is recorded.

Any protest shall be made verbally to the referee, by an athlete, by someone acting on his behalf or by an official representative of a team. Such person or team may protest only if they are competing in the same round of the event to which the protest (or subsequent appeal) relates. To arrive at a fair decision, the Referee should consider any available evidence which he thinks necessary, including a film or picture produced by an official video recorder, or any other available video evidence. The Referee may decide on the protest or may refer the matter to the Jury.

If the Referee makes a decision, there shall be a right of appeal to the Jury. Where the Referee is not accessible or available, the protest should be made to him through the Technical Information Centre.

5.9.2 Appeals

An appeal to the Jury of Appeal must be made within 30 minutes:

- a. of the official announcement of the amended result of an event arising from the decision made by the Referee; or
- b. of the advice being given to those making the protest, where there is no amendment of any result.

It shall be in writing, signed by a responsible official on behalf of the athlete or team. In case of appeals lost, the USD 100 fee will be deducted by World Athletics from the Member Federation's account.

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Note: The relevant Referee shall, after his decision on a protest, immediately inform the TIC of the time of the decision. If the Referee was unable to communicate this verbally to the relevant team(s) / athlete(s), the official time of the announcement will be that of the posting of the amended results or of the decision at the TIC.

5.10 Competition Awards

Prize Money

During the World Athletics Relays, the top eight teams in each event will be awarded the following prizes by World Athletics:

Position	Relay teams
1 st	USD 40,000
2 nd	USD 20,000
3 rd	USD 10,000
4 th	USD 8,000
5 th	USD 6,000
6 th	USD 4,000
7 th	USD 3,000
8 th	USD 2,000

Prize money will only be paid following confirmation of doping control tests.

World Record Bonus

In the event that a Team breaks a World Record during the World Athletics Relays, a prize of USD 50,000 will be awarded. The World Record Bonus will only be awarded for performances which improve the existing World Record, and which meet all the necessary conditions for recognition as a World Athletics Record, in accordance with World Athletics Rules and Regulations and after ratification of the record by World Athletics. A copy of the Competition Rules and Technical Rules can be found in the Book of Rules under Book C – Competition, Book C1.1 and C2.1 respectively and the World Record Application Forms can be accessed on [this link](#)

The payment of the awards will be managed directly with the Member Federations.

Rights and Obligations in Relation to the Prize Money and World Record Bonus

Athletes confirm that they will make themselves available to World Athletics for promotional activities as set out in the athlete agreement.

If an athlete's Doping Control results return positive, the awards and bonuses won will be withheld.