



**221<sup>st</sup> World Athletics Council Meeting  
11-12 March 2020, Monaco  
Information and Decisions**

The Council of World Athletics chaired by President Sebastian Coe met on 11 and 12 March 2020 in Monaco.

Following travel restrictions due to the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic, nine Council Members took part in the Council meeting remotely via teleconference.

## 1. REPORTS

Council received the following:

- President's Introduction
- Executive Board update
- CEO and Operations Report, including a legal update on proposed amendments to the Bidding Rules and the Vetting Rules, a competitions report and proposals on World Athletics Series events and the Olympic Games Paris 2024, and a health and science update on Covid-19
- Nominations Panel Report
- Athletics Integrity Unit Board Appointments Panel Report
- World Athletics Series and Olympic Games progress reports for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, Dakar 2022 Youth Olympic Games, World Athletics Half Marathon Championships Gdynia 2020, World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships Minsk 2020, World Athletics U20 Championships Nairobi 2020 and the World Athletics Championships Oregon21
- Bid presentation for the 2022 World Athletics U20 Championships
- Athletics Integrity Unit Board Report
- Russia Taskforce Report.

## 2. INFORMATION AND DECISIONS

### 2.1 MEMBER FEDERATIONS

#### 2.1.1 Russia

The Council received an update from the World Athletics Russia Taskforce following the breaches of the Anti-Doping Rules by the previous Russia Athletic Federation (RusAF) leadership, and made recommendations in the form of two resolutions, both of which were unanimously approved by the Council.

In relation to RusAF's breach of the Anti-Doping Rules, in exercise of its sanctioning powers under Article 16 of the 2018 ADR and 2019 ADR, Council approved:

- To fine the Russian Athletic Federation USD 10 million for breaching the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules, and, while reinstating the Authorised Neutral Athlete (ANA) process for Russian athletes, to cap at 10 the number of ANA athletes allowed to compete in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and other specified World Athletics and European Athletics senior events.



- That there is no restriction on the number of ANA athletes that can compete in international one-day events around the world, once they have been granted ANA status by the World Athletics Doping Review Board. However, the ANA process will be suspended if USD 5 million of the USD 10m fine is not paid by 1 July 2020.
- The remaining USD 5 million of the fine will be suspended for two years, to be paid immediately if during that period RusAF commits a further breach of the Anti-Doping Rules or fails to make meaningful progress towards satisfying the reinstatement conditions set by Council.
- The ANA application process remains broadly the same, with strengthened criteria to be issued by the Doping Review Board on behalf of Council.

The Council also approved a new set of criteria for RusAF's reinstatement, which included:

- RusAF establishing a Reinstatement Commission with representation from a number of organisations and at least two representatives appointed by RusAF's Athletes' Commission;
- Two international experts designated by World Athletics to participate in the work and meetings of the Reinstatement Commission, with RusAF bearing the costs;
- The RusAF Reinstatement Commission to draw up a detailed plan to ingrain throughout Russian Athletics a zero tolerance for doping culture, which will be subject to approval by the World Athletics Council.
- The two international experts to work with RusAF, in Russia, to ensure the plan is effectively implemented on the ground, and the change in culture is embedded throughout RusAF's processes and decision-making.

A copy of the full decision of the World Athletics Council in relation to RusAF's breach of the Anti-Doping Rules is available by clicking [here](#).

A copy of the full decision of the World Athletics Council in relation to the process of reinstatement of RusAF is available by clicking [here](#).

## 2.2 RULES

### 2.2.1 Bidding Rules

Council approved with immediate effect the proposed amendments to Appendix 4 of the Bidding Rules. These amendments are aimed at simplifying the evaluation methodology and criteria for cities bidding for World Athletics Series events. The amended Rules are available on the World Athletics website at <https://www.worldathletics.org/about-iaaf/documents/book-of-rules> under Book C: Competition – C6.1.

### 2.2.2 Vetting Rules

Council approved with immediate effect the insertions of new Rules 8.2.4, 8.2.5 and 8.3.4 to the Vetting Rules. These new rules provide the Vetting Panel with express power to advise on or resolve potential/actual Conflicts of Interest when assessing the eligibility of an applicant. The amended Rules are available on the World Athletics website at <https://www.worldathletics.org/about-iaaf/documents/book-of-rules> under Book B: Organisation – B3.2.

### 2.2.3 Anti-Doping Rules and Regulations

Upon the recommendation of the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) Board, Council approved the proposed amendments to the Anti-Doping Rules and Regulations to ensure compliance with the World Anti-Doping Agency Code. The 2020 Anti-Doping Rules and Regulations will come into effect from 1 April 2020. The amended Rules



and Regulations will be available on the World Athletics website at: <https://www.worldathletics.org/about-iaaf/documents/book-of-rules> under Book D: Integrity & Disciplinary – D3.1 & D3.2.

## 2.3 REGULATIONS

### 2.3.1 World Athletics Continental Tour Regulations

Council approved the new Regulations for the World Athletics Continental Tour with immediate effect. The new Regulations are available on the World Athletics website at:

<https://www.worldathletics.org/about-iaaf/documents/book-of-rules> under Book C: Competition – C1.4.

## 2.4 APPOINTMENTS

### 2.4.1 Commissions

Upon the recommendation of the Nominations Panel, Council approved the proposed Members and Chairs for:

- the Competition Commission
- the Development Commission
- the Governance Commission

The list of members for each Commission is set out in Appendix A. The term of office for membership of the above Commissions is from the date of appointment by Council (i.e. 12 March 2020) through to the conclusion of the 2023 Election Congress.

### 2.4.2 AIU Board

Upon the recommendation of the Athletics Integrity Unit Board Appointments Panel (IUBAP), Council approved the appointment of the following two additional independent members to the AIU Board with immediate effect:

- Victoria Aggar (GBR)
- Jill Pilgrim (USA)

The appointment is through until the first Council meeting after the 2021 Ordinary Congress.

## 2.5 WORLD ATHLETICS SERIES COMPETITIONS

### 2.5.1 World Athletics Indoor Championships Nanjing 2021

Council approved new dates for the World Athletics Indoor Championships in Nanjing, which were postponed from 2020 to 2021 due to the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The Championships will now take place from 19 to 21 March 2021, according to the same competition timetable, and at the same time as the World Athletics Cross Country Championships Bathurst 2021 with a clear broadcast window established on 20 March for the Mixed Relays and 10km events.

### 2.5.2 World Athletics Cross Country Championships Bathurst 2021

Based on the best possible combination of climatic conditions, international broadcast times and local conditions, the Council approved the proposal for the WXC 2021 competition timetable, as follows:

14:00	Opening Ceremony
14:35	<b>Women's U20 – 6km</b>
15:15	<b>Men's U20 – 8km</b>
15:55	<i>Medal Ceremony Women's U20 (individual)</i>



16:00	<i>Medal Ceremony Women's U20 (teams)</i>
16:15	<b>Mixed Relay – 8km</b>
16:55	<b>Women's – 10km</b>
17:55	<b>Men's – 10km</b>
18:40	<i>Medal Ceremony Men's U20 (individual)</i>
18:45	<i>Medal Ceremony Men's U20 (teams)</i>
18:50	<i>Medal Ceremony Mixed Relay</i>
18:55	<i>Medal Ceremony Women's (individual)</i>
19:00	<i>Medal Ceremony Women's (teams)</i>
19:05	<i>Medal Ceremony Men's (individual)</i>
19:10	<i>Medal Ceremony Men's (teams)</i>

### 2.5.3 World Athletics Championships Oregon21

Council approved the World Athletics Championships Oregon21 Qualification procedures, the Qualification System and Entry Standards (adopting the same principles as for Tokyo 2020 with regards to the utilisation of the World Rankings as a partial qualification mechanism). However, given the subsequent postponement of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing need to review the dates of the World Athletics Championships Oregon21 the qualification procedures and system will need to be reviewed and amended to reflect the revised situation. Further information will be provided when available.

Council received a presentation from the Oregon21 Organising Committee (LOC) on the progress of the planning and delivery of the World Athletics Championships which included updates on staffing and the recruitment process, the event budget and sponsorship, accommodation, transport, visa procedures, competition and training venues, and the marketing and legacy plans. The benefits to all stakeholders of the newly renovated world class stadium were emphasised. A number of areas were identified by Council for further focus and development by the LOC in collaboration with World Athletics headquarters.

### 2.5.4 Continental Cup

Council approved the removal of the Continental Cup from the World Athletics Series.

### 2.5.5 World Athletics U20 Championships 2022

Council agreed not to make a decision on the host city of the World U20 Championships 2022 at this stage. Bidders were given the opportunity to provide the outstanding government financial guarantees and address the remaining operational areas requiring clarification by 1 May 2020.

### 2.5.6 Delegates' Appointments

Council approved the delegates appointments for the following events:

- World Athletics Cross Country Championships Bathurst 2021
- World Athletics Relays Chorzow 2021
- World Athletics Championships Oregon21

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



## 2.6 OLYMPIC GAMES

### 2.6.1 Paris 2024 Olympic Games

Council approved the proposed concept and venue of an out of stadium event for potential inclusion in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Council requested that clarification is sought from the International Olympic Committee regarding the options for the proposed inclusion of this additional event in order to determine the impact on the overall Olympic Athletics programme and the best way forward for the sport.

Related press release:

- <https://www.worldathletics.org/news/press-releases/new-dates-agreed-world-indoor-championships-n>



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APPENDIX B

2021 World Athletics Series (WAS) Delegates

World Athletics Cross Country Championships – Bathurst 2021	
Technical Delegate	Brian ROE (AUS)
Medical & Anti-Doping Delegate	Paolo Emilio ADAMI (ITA)
Press Delegate	Len JOHNSON (AUS)
Jury of Appeal	Beatrice AYIKORU (UGA) Anne LORD (AUS) Trevor SPITTLE (NZL)
World Athletics Relays – Chorzow 2021	
Technical Delegate	Luis SALADIE (ESP)
Medical Delegate	Paolo Emilio ADAMI (ITA)
Anti-Doping Delegate	Jasmina GLAD-SCHREVEN (FIN)
Press Delegate	Martina KUCEROVA (CZE)
Announcer – English	Kris TEMPLE (GBR)
Photo Finish Judge	Ville AHO (FIN)
International Starter	Vesa ARTMAN (FIN)
Jury of Appeal	Raul CHAPADO (ESP) Krisztina HORVATH (HUN) Daniel MICHAUD (CAN)
International Technical Officials	Jane EDSTROM (CAN) – Chief Frank HAMM (GER) Rui LOUCAO (POR)
World Athletics Championships – Oregon 2021	
Organisational Delegate	Abby HOFFMAN (CAN)
Technical Delegates	Chris COHEN (GBR) Jane EDSTROM (CAN) Anna RICCARDI (ITA)
Medical Delegate	Stéphane BERMON (FRA)
Anti-Doping Delegate	Thomas CAPDEVIELLE (FRA)
Press Delegate	Martina KUCEROVA (CZE)
Advertising Commissioner	Vijay PARBAT (GBR)
Statisticians	Carlo DE ANGELI (ITA) Andras SZABO (HUN)
Course Measurer	Lee BARRETT (USA)
Announcers - English & French	To be confirmed in July 2020
Photo Finish Judge	Krisztina HORVATH (HUN)
Photo Commissioner	Raquel CAVACO NUNES (POR)
International Starter	Luis FIGUEIREDO (POR)



World Athletics Championships – Oregon 2021	
Jury of Appeal	2 Council Members in rotation (plus 1 permanent Chair) Frederico NANTES (BRA) Luca VERRASCINA (ITA) Brian ROE (AUS) – Secretary of the Jury
International Technical Officials	Jorge SALCEDO (POR) - Chief Suren AYADASSEN (MRI) Giovanni CARDONA (COL) Peter HAMILTON (AUS) Par HOLM (SWE) Ronan O’HART (IRL) Antonio PEREZ CRISTOBAL (ESP) Helen ROBERTS (AUS) Claudia SCHNEK (BRA) Niels VAN DER AAR (NED)
International Race Walking Judges	Pierce O’CALLAGHAN (IRL) - Chief Jose Julio BARBOSA DIAS (POR) Frederic BIANCHI (SUI) Kirsten CROCKER (AUS) Jean-Pierre DAHM (FRA) Maryanne DANIEL (USA) Rolf MÜLLER (GER) Steve TAYLOR (GBR) Man Chun YEUNG (HKG)
Recorder	Candido VELEZ (PUR)