



**226<sup>th</sup> World Athletics Council Meeting  
30 November-1 December 2021 – Monaco  
Information and Decisions**

The Council of World Athletics chaired by President Sebastian Coe met on 30 November and 1 December 2021 in Monaco.

## 1. REPORTS

Council received the following:

- President's Introduction
- Executive Board update, including details of the 2022 approved budget and progress against the World Athletics Strategic Plan
- CEO and Operations report, including progress against the 2021 identified HQ priorities; the proposed dates for the World Athletics Relays Guangzhou 23 and the World Athletics Road Running Championships Riga 23; and a communications update on the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and the World Athletics Sustainability Strategy
- Report from the Athletes' Commission
- Report from the Competition Commission covering proposals relating to prize money at the World Athletics Championships and the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships; the qualifications for mixed relays at the World Athletics Championships Oregon 22; the revised dates, timetable, and qualification system for the World Athletics U20 Championships Cali 22; and amendments to the World Athletics Series Regulations
- Report from the Development Commission including updates on the eLearning plan, the international technical officials' diversification project and the new kids' athletics programme
- Report from the Governance Commission including proposed amendments to rules and regulations
- Report from the Nationality Review Panel
- World Athletics Series and Olympic Games updates
- Athletics Integrity Unit Board Report
- Russia Taskforce Report.

## 2. INFORMATION AND DECISIONS

### 2.1 MEMBER FEDERATIONS

#### 2.1.1 Russia

On the Council's recommendation in July to reconsider the Authorised Neutral Athlete (ANA) process in 2022, including whether the ten ANA quota that Council imposed for certain competitions in 2021 should be maintained or varied in 2022, the World Athletics Russia Taskforce chaired by Rune Andersen reviewed the conditions for maintaining the ANA programme in 2022. The Taskforce's recommendation, which was approved by Council, is that the ANA programme is maintained in 2022 with some amendments as outlined below.

In 2022, no more than twenty (20) athletes (in total, not per competition) will be granted eligibility to compete (as ANAs) in the following international competitions:



- (a) the World Race Walking Team Championship to be held in Muscat, OMA, in March 2022
- (b) the World Athletics Indoor Championships to be held in Belgrade, SRB, in March 2022
- (c) the World Athletics Championships to be held in Oregon, USA, in July 2022
- (d) the European Championships to be held in Munich in August 2022
- (e) the World Half Marathon Championships to be held in Yangzhou, CHN, in November 2022
- (f) the European Cross Country Championships to be held in Turin in December 2022.

RusAF may choose which athletes will make up these 20 ANAs out of those who have applied for and been granted ANA status, but it must choose athletes in the International Registered Testing Pool in priority to any other athletes. No changes may be made to the 20 designated ANAs, for any reason, once they have been nominated by RusAF.

In addition, the ANA quota of 20 will be automatically reduced by 25% for each separate failure to comply with the ANA requirements (whether of additional testing or otherwise).

There is no cap on the number of Russian athletes who may compete (if invited, and if they have been granted ANA status) in international competitions that are not listed above. Therefore, no cap applies (for example) to the World Athletics U20 Championships to be held in Cali, COL, in August 2022.

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

## 2.2 RULES

### 2.2.1 Event Bidding Rules

Upon the recommendation of the Governance Commission, Council approved amendments to the Event Bidding Rules to come into force from 10 December 2021. Building on the new bidding process, these amendments will provide flexibility and the ability to respond to the changing nature of the bidding market and urgent situations.

The amended Rules are available [here](#) on the World Athletics website (Book C: Competition – C6.1 Event Bidding Rules).

### 2.2.2 Candidacy Rules

Council approved the proposed amendments to the Candidacy Rules on the recommendation of the Governance Commission to provide the right balance between the required good governance framework and set out a practical and sustainable process to resource and implement. The key amendments are to:

- clarify that these Rules apply generally and the limit on campaign expenditure only applies for the Campaign Period
- give the Election Oversight Panel (EOP) the power to instruct that election materials are corrected
- clarify that candidates must provide information if requested by the EOP
- make clear that a second candidate from the same MF cannot be elected to Council (*Athletes' Commission on Council excluded*)
- clarify that these Rules apply to existing Council Members but expenditure incurred in carrying out functions as a Council Member or because of the position they hold in an Area are excluded from the limits on campaign expenditure
- add that training is mandatory for Candidates



- add new provisions for the election of members of the Athletes' Commission
- add new provision to allow the EOP to attend those Area Association meetings held immediately before the Congress
- to allow appeals on decisions of the Disciplinary Tribunal to be dealt with in accordance with the Disciplinary Tribunal Rules.

The amended Rules take effect from 10 December 2021 and are available [here](#) on the World Athletics website (Book B: Organisation – B3.4 Candidacy Rules).

## 2.3 REGULATIONS

### 2.3.1 Eligibility Regulations for the Female Classification (Athletes with Differences of Sex Development)

Upon the recommendation of the Governance Commission following discussions with the Health & Science department and external Counsel, Council approved amendments to the Eligibility Regulations for the Female Classification. These are operational and procedural changes which take effect from 10 December 2021.

The amended Regulations are available [here](#) on the World Athletics website (Book C: Competition – C3.6 Eligibility Regulations for the Female Classification (Athletes with Differences of Sex Development)).

### 2.3.2 World Athletics Series Regulations

Upon the recommendation of the Competition Commission, Council approved the proposed amendments to Regulation 16.9.1 of the World Athletics Series Regulations (Special Technical Rules for the Indoor Championships) as follows:

#### 16.9.1 - Horizontal Jumps and Shot Put

- The Horizontal Jumps and Shot Put shall be held as straight Finals with 16 athletes starting in each event. The event shall be conducted as follows:
- The top eight after three rounds have ~~two~~ **three** additional attempts
- ~~The top four after five rounds have one last attempt~~

The proposed amendments will enable more athletes to have additional attempts, starting at the World Athletics Indoor Championships Belgrade22.

The amended Regulations are available [here](#) on the World Athletics website (Book C: Competition – C1.2 World Athletics Series Regulations).

## 2.4 WORLD ATHLETICS SERIES COMPETITIONS

### 2.4.1 World Athletics Indoor Championships 2024

Upon the recommendation of the Bid Evaluation Panel, Council awarded the organisation of the 2024 World Athletics Indoor Championships to the host city of Glasgow, United Kingdom and UK Athletics. The dates of the event have yet to be finalised but are expected to be in March 2024.



#### 2.4.2 World Athletics U20 Championships 2024

Upon the recommendation of the Bid Evaluation Panel, Council awarded the organisation of the 2024 World Athletics U20 Championships to the host city of Lima, Peru and the Athletics Federation of Peru. Lima will become the first city in Peru to host a World Athletics Series event when it welcomes the world's best junior athletes in mid-2024.

#### 2.4.3 World Athletics U20 Championships Cali 2022

##### **Dates**

Council approved the revised dates for the World Athletics U20 Championships Cali 22 to be held from 1 to 6 August 2022. The event was originally scheduled for 2-7 August, next year. These championships have been moved forward by one day as the Local Organising Committee has advised that these dates are better suited to the local needs in Colombia.

##### **Timetable**

Council approved the timetable for the World Athletics U20 Championships Cali 22 as set out in Appendix A.

##### **Qualification System & Entry Standards**

Council approved the Qualification System and Entry Standards for the World Athletics U20 Championships Cali 22, which can be found in Appendix B.

#### 2.4.4 World Athletics Relays Guangzhou 2023

Council approved the date for the sixth edition of the World Athletics Relays, which will be held in Guangzhou, China on 13-14 May 2023. They will serve as a qualifying event for the World Athletics Championships Budapest 23.

#### 2.4.5 World Athletics Road Running Championships Riga 2023

Council approved 30 September – 1 October 2023 as the dates of the inaugural edition of the World Athletics Road Running Championships which will be held in Riga, Latvia.

This inaugural event will incorporate the existing World Athletics Half Marathon Championships and will also feature the first world 5km championships. Mass races will be held alongside the elite championships to allow recreational runners to be part of a global festival of road running.

#### 2.4.6 World Athletics Championships Oregon 22 – Mixed Relays

##### **Number of teams**

After the World Athletics Relays Silesia21, three spots were available through performance lists for the Mixed relay (as opposed to five in other relays). This led to discussions with different stakeholders to explore the possibility for a possible adjustment to the Oregon22 qualification framework. However, due to the associated additional financial and organisational burden on the LOC and the layout of Hayward Field, Council approved to maintain the current qualification process, allowing 16 teams to compete in all Relay events in the World Athletics Championships Oregon22.

##### **Limitation to team size**

As both the preliminary heats and the final of the mixed 4x400m relay are scheduled on the first day of the Championships, Council had expressed concerns that this could disproportionately favour the Member Federations with significant depth in 400m if four substitutes were allowed. Following an evaluation and recommendation by the Competition Commission, Council therefore approved to limit the number of substitutes in the 4x400m Mixed Relays to a single athlete at the World Athletics Championships Oregon22.



#### 2.4.7 Prize Money Review

In line with the World Athletics Strategic Plan 2020-23, World Athletics has previously confirmed that it will increase the prize money at the World Athletics Championships by an additional US\$1 million.

A review of the distribution of prize money across the World Athletics Series competitions was undertaken by the Competition Commission and the proposal approved by Council. The agreed approach is to increase the World Athletics Championships prize money by US\$968,000, while reducing the prize money at the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships (WRW) by US\$280,000. The reduction of prize money at the WRW is based on the removal of the prize money for individual competitions considering that race walkers compete for prize money at the biennial World Athletics Championships and given the WRW is first and foremost a team event, and therefore the team competition should be given priority. The additional US\$968,000 prize money at the World Athletics Championships will be distributed across the top eight placed athletes in each event.

#### 2.5 WORLD RANKINGS COMPETITION FRAMEWORK

World Athletics has undertaken work to review the formal definition of “International Competition”, this being the common wording which identifies the correlation to World Athletics Rules and Regulations for competition. This definition is appropriate for competitions sanctioned by World Athletics or Area Associations but the majority of those conducted at National level would not necessarily be covered by this formal definition, although the results are presently still processed by World Athletics for all its intents and purposes.

As a result, Council approved the introduction of the concept of “World Rankings Competitions”, an overarching category of competitions which will include all worldwide competitions, at all levels, capable of delivering events in full compliance with the World Athletics Rules and Regulations. The World Rankings Competitions project will be implemented as a pilot project in 2022 and will be regularly assessed and reviewed before it is proposed to be implemented in full in 2023.

#### 2.6 COMMISSIONS

The four Commissions (Athletes’ Commission, Competition Commission, Development Commission and Governance Commission) reported on their respective ongoing work and priority projects, and their approved recommendations are set out in this document.

#### 2.7 OLYMPIC GAMES

The athletes’ quota for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games has been confirmed at 1,810, with an equal number of places for men’s and women’s events. A Technical Delegates’ site visit took place in October 2021 and the marathon course has been approved. The Paris 2024 Organising Commission is planning to hold two mass races, with one over a 10km distance and the other a marathon.

#### Related Press Releases

<https://www.worldathletics.org/news/press-releases/dates-announced-cali-guangzhou-riga>

<https://www.worldathletics.org/news/press-releases/world-athletics-series-events-awarded-glasgow-lima>



**World Athletics U20 Championships, Cali (COL) 2022  
Qualification System and Entry Standards**

The Qualification System is based on the following principles:

- Entry Standards as per below table:
- No Entry Standard for Relays
- Qualification period starting on 1 October of the previous year and running until three weeks before the competition
- Target numbers by event as per table below:

Target number	Men	Event	Women	Target number
64	10.60	100m	11.90	64
64	21.40	200m	24.40	64
56	47.60	400m	55.20	56
48	1:51.00	800m	2:09.00	48
45	3:48.50	1500m	4:29.00	45
20	8:15.00	3000m	9:32.00	20
18	14:15.00	5000m	16:40.00	18
30	9:08.00	3000m SC	10:36.00	30
56	14.20	110m H / 100m H	14.20	56
56	53.20	400m H	1:01.00	56
34	43:50.00	10,000m Race Walk	50:40.00	34
28	2.15	High Jump	1.81	28
28	5.05	Pole Vault	4.05	28
28	7.55	Long Jump	6.12	28
28	15.55	Triple Jump	12.85	28
28	18.20	Shot Put	14.50	28
28	56.50	Discus Throw	48.50	28
28	68.30	Hammer Throw	57.50	28
28	69.00	Javelin Throw	50.00	28
		Heptathlon	5300	24
24	7050	Decathlon		
24	No standard	4x100m Relay	No standard	24
24	No standard	4x400m Relay	No standard	24
24	No standard	4x400m Relay Mixed		



### Entry Rules

- **Only athletes aged 16, 17, 18 or 19 on 31 December 2022 (born in 2006, 2005, 2004 or 2003) may compete.** The maximum number of events in which a Youth athlete (born in 2005 or 2006) can compete is two individual events plus one of the relays. If the two individual events are Track Events, only one of these may be longer than 200m.
- A maximum of two athletes from any one Member can compete in each event (with the exception of the Relays).
- Three athletes can initially be entered per event, provided each has achieved the Entry Standard, but only two will be allowed to compete.
- Members who have no male and/or female qualified athletes whom they wish to enter in any Championships event, may enter one unqualified male athlete OR one unqualified female athlete in one event of the Championships (except the Field Events (see below), Combined Events, 5000m and 3000m Steeplechase).
- Members who have no male and/or no female qualified athlete but whose best athlete excels in a Field Event, may submit to World Athletics, by the time of the Preliminary Entry deadline, the name of their athlete plus performance they would like to enter in the Field Event. The Technical Delegates will make the final decision and, to do so, may seek the opinion of the relevant Area Association.
- If the host country of the World U20 Championships does not have an athlete qualified in an event, it may enter one athlete in these events regardless of any entry standard.
- Every Member may enter one team for each relay race, composed by a maximum of six athletes. Any four athletes among those entered for the competition, whether for the relay or for any other event, may then be used in the composition of the team for the first round.

### Conditions for Validity of Performances

- All performances must be achieved during the period 1 October 2021 to 18 July 2022.
- All performances must be achieved during an official competition organised in conformity with World Athletics Rules.
- All performances must be achieved during competitions organised or sanctioned by World Athletics, its Area Associations or its Member Federations. Thus, results achieved at school competitions must be certified by the Member Federation of the country in which the competition was organised.
- Performances achieved in mixed competitions in track events will not be accepted. Exceptionally, in accordance with Rule 9 of the Technical Rules, performances achieved in events of 5000m 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. In this case, a specific request must be submitted to World Athletics before the end of the qualification period. For Race Walks the results will always be accepted.
- Wind assisted performances (over 2m/sec) will not be accepted.
- Indoor performances will be accepted.
- Hand-timed performances for events up to and including 800m will not be accepted.
- For Race Walks:
  - road performances will be accepted
  - results of races conducted using the penalty zone will be accepted
- For the running events of 200m and over, performances achieved on over-sized indoor tracks will be accepted.