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Foreword

It is my pleasure to introduce the latest edition of the IAAF Competition Rules which covers the period 2012-2013.

This is the IAAF Centenary edition of the Competition Rules, and there can be no more appropriate publication to celebrate such an anniversary given that the IAAF was founded in 1912 by 17 national athletics federations who saw the need for a standardised athletics programme, technical equipment and World records.

The IAAF Competition Rules have provided the definitive point of reference for that standardisation of Athletics throughout the IAAF's 100 years, and have developed with the sport following amendments and changes approved by IAAF Congress.

It is therefore important to note that for the first time, following the decision of the 47th IAAF Congress in Berlin, Germany in 2009, the vast majority of the Technical Rules were approved by the IAAF Council rather than the 48th IAAF Congress which convened in Daegu, Korea in August 2011.

Of particular interest in the 2012-2013 edition of the IAAF Competition Rules there is the addition of a Medical section to the Anti-Doping chapter and the introduction of World Junior Indoor records.

Finally, I take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed to the drafting of this new edition.

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IAAF President

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DEFINITIONS

Area
The geographical area comprising all of the Countries and Territories affiliated to one of the six Area Associations.

Area Association
An area association of the IAAF responsible for fostering Athletics in one of the six areas into which the Members are divided in the Constitution.

Athletes' Representative
A person who is duly authorised and registered as an Athletes' Representative in accordance with the IAAF Athletes' Representative Regulations.

Athletes' Representative Regulations
The IAAF Athletes' Representative Regulations as may be passed by the Council from time.

Athletes Support Personnel
Any coach, trainer, manager, authorised athlete representative, agent, team staff, official, medical or para-medical personnel, parent or any other Person working with, treating or assisting an Athlete participating in, or preparing for, competition in Athletics.

Athletics
Track and Field, Road Running, Race Walking, Cross-Country Running and Mountain Running.

CAS
Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne.

Citizen
A person who has legal Citizenship of a Country or, in the case of a Territory, legal Citizenship of the Territory's parent Country and appropriate legal status in the Territory under applicable laws.

Citizenship
Legal citizenship of a Country or, in the case of a Territory, legal citizenship of the Territory's parent Country and appropriate legal status in the Territory under applicable laws.

Club
A club or society of athletes, directly or through a body, affiliated to a Member in accordance with the rules of the Member.

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Commission
A commission of the IAAF that has been appointed by the Council under the terms of the Constitution.

Constitution
The IAAF Constitution.

Council
The IAAF Council.

Country
A self-governing geographical area of the world recognised as an independent state by international law and international governmental bodies.

IAAF
The International Association of Athletics Federations.

International Competition
Any of the International Competitions listed under Rule 1.1 of these Rules.

International Invitation Meeting
Athletics competition in which athletes affiliated to two or more Members participate by invitation of the Meeting Organiser.

International-Level Athlete
An athlete who is in the Registered Testing Pool (as defined in Chapter 3) or who is competing in an International Competition under Rule 35.7.

IOC
International Olympic Committee.

Member
A national governing body for Athletics affiliated to the IAAF.

Membership
Membership of the IAAF.

National Federation
The Member of the IAAF to which an athlete, athlete support personnel or other person under these Rules is affiliated directly or through club or another body affiliated to a Member.

Regulations
The Regulations of the IAAF as may be passed by the Council from time to time.

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Residence
Residence is the place or location in which the athlete is registered with relevant authorities as having his primary and permanent home.

Rules
The rules of competition of the IAAF as set out in this Competition Rules handbook.

Technical Rules
The Rules contained in Chapter 5 of the IAAF Competition Rules handbook.

Territory
A geographical territory or region which is not a Country, but which has certain aspects of self-government, at least to the extent of being autonomous in the control of its sport and which is thus recognised as such by the IAAF.

World Athletics Series
The major International Competitions in the IAAF's four-yearly official competition programme.

Note (i): The above definitions apply to all Rules except where the same terms are also defined in Chapter 3 (Anti-Doping and Medical) e.g., International Competition, in which case the above definitions apply to all Rules except Chapter 3. The definitions in Chapter 3 apply to the Anti-Doping and Medical Rules only.

Note (ii): All references in the Rules to the masculine gender shall also include references to the feminine and all references to the singular shall also include references to the plural.

Note (iii): IAAF publications "The Referee" and "Le juge arbitre", in English and French respectively, provide interpretation to the Competition Rules and practical guidance for their implementation.

Note (iv): Amendments (other than editorial amendments) to the corresponding Rules in the IAAF Competition Rules 2010-2011, approved by the 2011 Congress or by the Council, are marked by double lines in the margin and are applicable from 1st November 2011 unless otherwise stated.

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CHAPTER 1
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

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CHAPTER 1: INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

RULE 1
International Competitions

1. The following are International Competitions:
   (a) (i) Competitions included in the World Athletics Series.
   (ii) The Athletics programme of the Olympic Games.
   (b) The Athletics programme of Area, Regional or Group Games not confined to participants from a single Area where the IAAF does not have exclusive control.
   (c) Regional or Group Championships in Athletics not confined to participants from a single Area.
   (d) Matches between teams from different Areas representing Members or Areas or combinations thereof.
   (e) International Invitation Meetings and competitions which are categorised by the IAAF as part of the global structure and approved by the Council.
   (f) Area Championships and other intra-Area competitions organised by an Area Association.
   (g) The Athletics programme of Area, Regional or Group Games, and Regional or Group Championships in Athletics confined to participants from a single Area.
   (h) Matches between teams representing two or more Members or combinations thereof within the same Area, with the exception of Youth and Junior category competitions.
   (i) International Invitation Meetings and competitions, other than those referred to in Rule 1.1(e), where appearance fees, prize money and/or the value of non-cash prizes exceed a total amount, or an individual amount for any one event, as determined by the Council.
   (j) Area programmes similar to those referred to in Rule 1.1(e).
2. The Rules shall apply as follows:
   (a) The Eligibility Rules (Chapter 2), the rules governing Disputes (Chapter 4) and the Technical Rules (Chapter 5) shall apply to all International Competitions. Other international organisations recognised by the IAAF may have and enforce more restrictive

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eligibility requirements for competitions conducted under their jurisdiction.

(b) The Anti-Doping Rules in Chapter 3 shall apply to all International Competitions (save as otherwise expressly stated in Chapter 3), except that, where the IOC, or another international organisation recognised by the IAAF for such purpose, carries out doping control at a competition under their rules, such as the Olympic Games, those rules shall govern to the extent applicable.

(c) The Advertising Rule (Rule 8) shall apply to all International Competitions listed in Rules 1.1(a)(i), (c), (d), and (e). Area Associations may promulgate their own advertising regulations to apply to the International Competitions listed in Rules 1.1(f), (g), (h), (i) and (j), failing which those of the IAAF shall apply.

(d) Rules 2 to 7 and Rule 9 shall apply to all International Competitions, except to the extent any Rule specifically limits its applicability.

RULE 2
Authorisation to Stage Competitions

1. The IAAF is responsible for supervising a global competition system in cooperation with the Area Associations. The IAAF shall coordinate its competition calendar and those of the respective Area Associations in order to avoid or minimise conflicts. All International Competitions must be authorised by the IAAF or an Area Association in accordance with this Rule 2. Any combination or integration of International Meetings into a Series / Tour or League requires a permit from the IAAF or the concerned Area Association including the necessary regulation or contractual condition for such an activity. The operation may be delegated to a third party. In the event that an Area Association fails properly to manage and control International Competitions in accordance with these Rules, the IAAF shall be entitled to intervene and take such steps as it deems necessary.
2. The IAAF alone shall have the right to organise the Athletics competition at the Olympic Games and the competitions that are included in the World Athletics Series.
3 The IAAF shall organise a World Championships in odd-numbered years.
4. Area Associations shall have the right to organise Area Championships and they may organise such other intra-Area events as they deem appropriate.

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Competitions Requiring an IAAF Permit

5. (a) An IAAF permit is required for all International Competitions listed in Rules 1.1(b), (c), (d) and (e).

   (b) An application for a permit must be made to the IAAF by the Member in whose Country or Territory the International Competition is to take place not later than 12 months prior to the competition, or such other deadline as may be established by the IAAF.

Competitions Requiring an Area Association Permit

6. (a) An Area Association Permit is required for all International Competitions listed in Rules 1.1(g), (h), (i), and (j). Permits for International Invitation Meetings or competitions where appearance fees, prize money and/or the value of non-cash prizes exceed a total amount, or an individual amount for any one event, as determined by the Council, shall not be issued prior to the Area Association's consultation with the IAAF regarding the date.

   (b) An application for a permit must be made to the appropriate Area Association by the Member in whose Country or Territory the International Competition is to take place not later than 12 months prior to the competition, or such other deadline as may be established by the Area Association.

Competitions Authorised by a Member

7. Members may authorise national competitions, and foreign athletes may participate in those competitions, subject to Rules 4.2 and 4.3. If foreign athletes do participate, appearance fees, prize money, and/or non-cash prizes for all athletes at such national competitions shall not exceed a total amount, or an individual amount for any one event, as determined by the Council. No athlete may participate in any such competition if he is ineligible to participate in the sport of Athletics under the rules of the IAAF, the host Member, or the National Federation to which he is affiliated.

RULE 3
Regulations Governing the Conduct of International Competitions

1. The Council may produce Regulations governing the conduct of International Competitions held under the Rules and regulating the relationships of athletes, athletes' representatives, meeting organisers and Members. These Regulations may be varied or amended by the Council as it sees fit.

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2. The IAAF and Area Associations may designate one or more representatives to attend every International Competition requiring an IAAF or Area Association Permit respectively to ensure that the applicable Rules and Regulations are complied with. At the request of the IAAF or Area Association respectively, such representative(s) shall render a compliance report within 30 days of the end of the International Competition in question.

RULE 4
Requirements to Compete in International Competitions

1. No athlete may take part in an International Competition unless he:
   (a) is a member of a Club affiliated to a Member; or
   (b) is himself affiliated to a Member; or
   (c) has otherwise agreed to abide by the rules of a Member; and
   (d) for International Competitions at which the IAAF is responsible for doping control (see Rule 35.7), has signed an agreement in a form set by the IAAF by which he agrees to be bound by the Rules and Regulations (as amended from time to time) and to submit all disputes he may have with the IAAF or a Member to arbitration only in accordance with these Rules, accepting not to refer any such disputes to any Court or authority which is not provided for in these Rules.
2. Members may require that no athlete or Club affiliated to the Member may take part in an International Competition in a foreign Country or Territory without the Member's written approval. In such a case, no Member hosting a competition shall allow any foreign athlete or Club of the Member in question to take part without evidence of such permit certifying that the athlete or Club is eligible and permitted to compete in the Country or Territory concerned. Members shall notify the IAAF of all such permit requirements. To facilitate compliance with this Rule, the IAAF shall maintain on its website a list of Members with such requirements.
3. No athlete affiliated to a National Federation may be affiliated to another Member without previous authorisation from his National Federation of origin, if the Rules of that Federation require such authorisation. Even then, the National Federation of the Country or Territory in which the athlete is residing cannot enter any athlete's name for competitions in another Country or Territory without previous authorisation from the National Federation of origin. In all cases under this Rule, the National Federation of the Country or Territory in which the athlete is residing shall send a written request

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to the athlete's National Federation of origin, and the National Federation of origin shall send a written reply to that request within thirty (30) days. Both of these communications shall be by a means that generates an acknowledgement of receipt. E-mail that includes a receipt function is acceptable for this purpose. If the response of the athlete's National Federation of origin is not received within the 30-day period, the authorisation shall be deemed to have been given.

In the event of a negative response to a request for authorisation under this Rule, which response must be supported by reasons, the athlete or the National Federation of the Country or Territory in which the athlete is residing may appeal against any such decision to the IAAF. The IAAF shall publish guidelines for the filing of an appeal under this Rule and these guidelines shall be available on the IAAF website. To facilitate compliance with this Rule, the IAAF shall maintain on its website a list of National Federations with such authorisation requirements.

Note: Rule 4.3 concerns athletes aged 18 or over as at the 31st of December of the year in question. The Rule does not apply to athletes who are not Citizens of a Country or Territory or to political refugees.

RULE 5
Eligibility to Represent a Member

1. In International Competitions held under Rules 1.1(a), (b), (c), (f) or (g), Members shall be represented only by athletes who are Citizens of the Country (or Territory) which the affiliated Member represents and who comply with the eligibility requirements of this Rule 5.
2. An athlete who has never competed in an International Competition under Rules 1.1(a), (b), (c), (f) or (g) shall be eligible to represent a Member in an International Competition under Rules 1.1(a), (b), (c), (f) or (g) if he:
   (a) is a Citizen of the Country and has been a Citizen for the two year period immediately preceding the International Competition in question; or
   (b) is a Citizen of the Territory and has completed two continuous years of Residence in the Territory immediately preceding the International Competition in question.

   The period of two years in either case may exceptionally be reduced or cancelled by the Council. An application for a reduction or cancellation of the two-year period must be submitted by the relevant Member in writing to the IAAF Office at least 30 days before the International Competition in question.

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3. Subject to Rule 5.4, an athlete who has represented a Member in an International Competition held under Rules 1.1(a), (b), (c), (f) or (g) shall not be eligible to represent another Member in an International Competition held under Rules 1.1(a), (b), (c), (f) or (g).
4. An athlete who has represented a Member in an International Competition under Rules 1.1(a), (b), (c), (f) or (g) shall be eligible to represent another Member in an International Competition under Rules 1.1(a), (b), (c), (f) or (g) (with immediate effect unless otherwise stated) in the following circumstances only:
   (a) if the Country (or Territory) of the Member is subsequently incorporated in another Country that is or subsequently becomes a Member;
   (b) if the Country (or Territory) of the Member ceases to exist and the athlete becomes a Citizen as of right of a newly formed Country ratified by Treaty or otherwise recognised at international level that subsequently becomes a Member;
   (c) if the Territory of the Member does not have a National Olympic Committee and an athlete qualifies to compete at the Olympic Games for the Territory's parent Country. In such a case, the athlete's representation of the Territory's parent Country at the Olympic Games shall not affect his eligibility to continue to compete for the relevant Member Territory in other International Competitions under Rules 1.1(a), (b), (c), (f) or (g);
   (d) Acquisition of new Citizenship: if the athlete acquires a new Citizenship, he may represent his new Member in an International Competition under Rules 1.1(a), (b), (c), (f) or (g), but no earlier than three years following the date of acquisition of new Citizenship pursuant to the athlete's application. This period of three years may be reduced or cancelled as set out below:
      (i) the period may be reduced to 12 months with the agreement of the Members concerned. The reduction shall be effective upon receipt by the IAAF Office of a written notification of the Members' agreement;
      (ii) the period may be reduced or cancelled in exceptional cases by the Council. An application for a reduction or cancellation must be submitted by the relevant Member in writing to the IAAF Office at least 30 days before the International Competition in question; or

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(e) Dual Citizenship: if an athlete holds Citizenship of two (or more) Countries (or Territories), he may represent the Member of either (or any) of them, as he may elect. However, having once represented his elected Member in an International Competition under Rules 1.1(a), (b), (c), (f) or (g), he shall not represent another Member of which he is a Citizen for a period of three years from the date that he last represented the first elected Member. This period may be reduced or cancelled as set out below:

(i) the period may be reduced to 12 months with the agreement of the Members concerned. The reduction shall be effective upon receipt by the IAAF Office of a written notification of the Members' agreement;

(ii) the period may be reduced or cancelled in exceptional cases by the Council. An application for a reduction or cancellation must be submitted by the relevant Member in writing to the IAAF Office at least 30 days before the International Competition in question.

The application of Rule 5.4(e) is limited to athletes who were born with dual citizenship. An athlete who holds Citizenship of two or more Countries (or Territories) by virtue of the fact that he has acquired a new Citizenship (for example, through marriage) without relinquishing his Citizenship of birth is subject to the provisions of Rule 5.4(d).

RULE 6
Payments to Athletes

Athletics is an open sport and, subject to the Rules and Regulations, athletes may be paid in cash or in kind in any way appropriate for appearing, participating or performing in any athletics competition or engaging in any other commercial activity related to their participation in Athletics.

RULE 7
Athletes' Representatives

1. Athletes may use the services of an Athletes' Representative to assist them in the negotiation of their athletics programme and in such other

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matters as they may agree. Alternatively, athletes may negotiate their own Athletics programmes.

2. Athletes in the IAAF Top-30 List in a standard event as of the end of a calendar year shall not, during the following year, enter into or extend an agreement to use any person in respect of the above services who is not an Athletes' Representative.
3. Members, acting reasonably, shall be responsible for the authorisation and recognition of Athletes' Representatives. Each Member shall have jurisdiction over Athletes' Representatives acting on behalf of their athletes and over Athletes' Representatives acting within their Country or Territory or over Athletes´ Representatives who are nationals of their Country.
4. To assist Members in this task, the Council shall publish Regulations governing Athletes´ Representatives. The Athletes' Representative Regulations shall provide for mandatory requirements to be included in each Member's regulations governing Athletes' Representatives.
5. It is a condition of Membership that each Member includes a provision in its constitution that all agreements between an athlete and an Athletes' Representative shall comply with the Rules and the Athletes' Representative Regulations.
6. An Athletes' Representative shall have integrity and good reputation. If required to do so, he shall demonstrate sufficient education and knowledge for the activity of Athletes' Representative by successfully completing an examination established and organised in accordance with the Athletes' Representative Regulations.
7. Each Member shall annually provide to the IAAF a list of all Athletes' Representatives that it has authorised or recognised. The IAAF shall annually publish an official list of all Athletes' Representatives.
8. Any athlete or Athletes' Representative who does not comply with the Rules and Regulations, may be subject to sanctions in accordance with the Rules and Regulations.

RULE 8
Advertising and Displays during International Competitions

1. Advertising and displays of a promotional nature shall be permitted in all International Competitions as specified in Rule 1.2(c), provided such advertising and displays comply with the terms of this Rule and with any Regulations that may be passed hereunder.
2. The Council may pass Regulations from time to time giving detailed guidance as to the form advertising may take and the manner in which

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promotional or other material may be displayed at International Competitions conducted under these Rules. These Regulations shall adhere to at least the following principles:

(a) Only advertising of a commercial or charitable nature shall be allowed at competitions conducted under these Rules. No advertising which has as its objective the advancement of any political cause or the interests of any pressure group, whether domestic or international, shall be allowed.

(b) No advertising may appear which, in the opinion of the IAAF, is tasteless, distracting, offensive, defamatory or unsuitable bearing in mind the nature of the event. No advertising may appear which obscures, either partially or otherwise, the television camera's view of a competition. All advertising must comply with any applicable safety regulations.

(c) The advertising of tobacco products is prohibited. The advertising of alcohol products is prohibited, unless expressly permitted by the Council.

3. The Regulations under this Rule may be amended by the Council at any time.

RULE 9
Betting

No person within the IAAF may take part, or attempt to take part, in any capacity either directly or indirectly, in any betting, gambling or similar event or transaction connected with competitions in Athletics held under the rules of the IAAF, its Areas or Members.

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CHAPTER 2
ELIGIBILITY

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CHAPTER 2: ELIGIBILITY

RULE 20
Definition of Eligible Athlete

An athlete is eligible to compete if he agrees to abide by the Rules and has not been declared ineligible.

RULE 21
Restriction of Competition to Eligible Athletes

1. Competition under these Rules is restricted to athletes who are under the jurisdiction of a Member and who are eligible to compete under the Rules.
2. In any competition under the Rules, the eligibility of an athlete competing shall be guaranteed by the Member to which the athlete is affiliated.
3. The eligibility rules of Members shall be strictly in conformity with those of the IAAF and no Member may pass, promulgate or retain in its constitution or regulations any eligibility rule or regulation which is in direct conflict with a Rule or Regulation. Where there is a conflict between the eligibility rules of the IAAF and the eligibility rules of a Member, the eligibility rules of the IAAF shall apply.

RULE 22
Ineligibility for International and Domestic Competitions

1. The following persons shall be ineligible for competitions, whether held under these Rules or the rules of an Area or a Member.
   Any athlete, athlete support personnel or other person:
   (a) whose National Federation is currently suspended by the IAAF. This does not apply to national competitions organised by the currently suspended Member for the Citizens of that Country or Territory;
   (b) who has been provisionally suspended or declared ineligible under the rules of his National Federation from competing in competitions under the jurisdiction of that National Federation, in so far as such suspension or ineligibility is consistent with these Rules;
   (c) who is currently serving a period of provisional suspension from competition under these Rules;

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(d) who does not meet the eligibility requirements set out in Rule 141 or the Regulations thereunder;
(e) who has been declared ineligible as a result of a breach of the Anti-Doping Rules in Chapter 3;
(f) who has been declared ineligible as a result of a breach of any other Rule or Regulation under Rule 60.4.

2. If an athlete competes in a competition when not eligible to do so under Rule 141 or the Regulations thereunder, without prejudice to any other disciplinary action that may be taken under the Rules, the athlete and any team for which the athlete competed shall be disqualified from the competition with all resulting consequences for the athlete and the team, including the forfeiture of all titles, awards, medals, points and prize and appearance money.
3. If an athlete competes (or an athlete support personnel or other person participates) in a competition, whether held under these Rules or the rules of an Area or Member, whilst ineligible to do so under the Anti-Doping Rules in Chapter 3, the consequences set out in Rule 40.11 shall apply.
4. If an athlete competes (or an athlete support personnel or other person participates) in a competition, whether held under these Rules or the rules of an Area or Member, whilst ineligible to do so under any other Rule, the period of his ineligibility shall recommence from the time he last competed as though no part of a period of ineligibility had been served.