



The World Championships is the jewel in the crown of the IAAF's global competition programme. It is the third largest sporting event in the world, involving athletes from 200 nations competing for 47 gold medals. The first World Championships in Athletics was held in Helsinki in 1983. Today, the competition is generally staged in August, every odd year.

History of host cities

2017 LONDON, GBR 2015 BEIJING, CHINA 2013 MOSCOW, RUSSIA 2011 DAEGU, KOREA 2009 BERLIN, GERMANY 2007 OSAKA, JAPAN 2005 HELSINKI, FINLAND 2003 PARIS, FRANCE 2001 EDMONTON, CANADA 1999 SEVILLE, SPAIN 1997 ATHENS, GREECE 1995 GÖTEBORG, SWEDEN 1993 STUTTGART, GERMANY 1991 TOKYO, JAPAN 1987 ROME, ITALY 1983 HELSINKI, FINLAND

Host city requirements

- X Minimum 1,000,000 population
- 🗡 Minimum 30,000-seat stadium
- X Category 1 stadium certificate
- X Eight-lane synthetic track
- Warm-up facilities including standard 400 metre track with at least six lanes and separate area for long throws
- X Three training venues
- X At least 3000 beds in 4-star hotels
- X Village-style accommodation (preferred)
- × International airport within city
- X A minimum budget of at least US\$40m

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) is responsible for overall management of the event budget. The following are the main financial obligations of the Organising Committee:

- X To bear the costs of the organisation and staging of the competition including local transportation, accreditation, security, promotion, facilities, competition, hospitality, volunteers, etc.
- X To pay travel for at least 1,800 athletes.
- X To pay full-board accommodation in twin rooms for at least 1,800 athletes for a maximum of thirteen (13) nights.
- X To charge not more than US\$100 for full-board accommodation in twin rooms for additional athletes and officials for a maximum of thirteen (13) nights.
- X To pay travel and full-board accommodation for one Congress Delegate per Member Federation for a maximum of fifteen (15) nights (approximately two hundred and ten (210) people).
- X To pay travel and full-board accommodation for the IAAF Competition Delegates (approximately fifty two (52) people) and any preliminary site visits.
- X To pay full-board accommodation for the Timing company staff (approximately thirty-five (35) staff for eighteen (18) nights maximum) and one preliminary site visit.
- X To pay full-board accommodation for the Results and Information company staff (thirty-eight (38) staff for twenty two (22) nights) and one preliminary site visit.
- To pay a contribution towards the development costs of the accreditation company and to pay fullboard accommodation for the accreditation company staff (approximately 10 people for 16 nights)
- X To charge not more than US\$100 for bed and breakfast accommodation in single rooms for members of the IAAF Family.

- X To provide the IAAF with equipped offices in the hotels and in the stadium.
- X To provide the IAAF, free of charge, with a minimum of two thousands (2000) VVIP and VIP tickets in the main stand.
- X To pay organisational costs of the IAAF Congress, including the hire of:
- the Congress Centre;
- the technical equipment (including facilities for simultaneous translation in six languages);
- the office equipment.
- To pay the organisational costs of two Council Meetings during the time of the Championships and one promotional Council Meeting at an agreed time prior to the Championships - including the hire of the Council Meeting room, its equipment and simultaneous translation in three languages.
- X To pay the costs of the advertising boards for the national Partners and 50 per cent of the cost of the gantries for the non-stadia events.
- X To pay registration of trade-marks or brands as requested by the IAAF for a limited number of countries.
- X To pay any tax levied by the government on prize money awarded to the athletes.
- × To pay insurance policies as required by the IAAF.
- X To pay for approximately 500 doping controls as requested by the IAAF, including EPO.

Frequency	Duration	Number Bidding Ti Athletes /		J Timelines Candidatures	
		Officials	Open	Deadline	Decision
Every odd year	9 days	3200	5 years prior	4.5 years prior	4.5 years prior

Bidding summary





Natural land is the stage on which many of the world's greatest distance runners learn their craft. The 'World Cross' is the oldest competition on the IAAF calendar, connecting the modern professional sport with its roots in the nineteenth century. Medals are awarded for both team and individual performances in senior and junior categories. The event is generally held in March, every odd year.

History of host cities

2013 BYDGOSZCZ, POLAND 2011 PUNTA UMBRIA, SPAIN 2010 BYDGOSZCZ, POLAND 2009 AMMAN, JORDAN 2008 EDINBURGH, GBR 2007 MOMBASA, KENYA 2006 FUKUOKA, JAPAN 2005 ST-ETIENNE/ST-GALMIER, FRANCE 2004 BRUSSELS, BELGIUM 2003 LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND 2002 DUBLIN, IRELAND 2001 OSTEND, BELGIUM 2000 VILAMOURA, PORTUGAL 1999 BELFAST, GBR 1998 MARRAKECH, MOROCCO 1997 TURIN, ITALY 1996 CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA 1995 DURHAM, GBR 1994 BUDAPEST, HUNGARY 1993 AMOREBIETA, SPAIN 1992 BOSTON, USA 1991 ANTWERP, BELGIUM 1990 AIX-LES-BAINS, FRANCE 1989 STAVANGER, NORWAY 1988 AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND 1987 WARSAW, POLAND

Host city requirements

- 🗡 1,750-2,000m loop course on an open or woodland area
- X Running trails for training
- X At least 750 beds in 3/4-star hotels for team accommodation
- 🗡 International airport within a two-hour bus ride

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) is responsible for overall management of the event budget. The following are the main financial obligations of the Organising Committee:

- X To bear the costs of the organisation and staging of the competition including local transportation, accreditation, security, promotions, facilities, competition officials, hospitality, volunteers, etc.
- X To pay full board accommodation in twin rooms for the quota athletes (approximately three hundred (300) athletes and three (3) nights maximum).
- X To charge not more than US\$100 per person, per night, for full board accommodation in twin rooms for the non quota athletes and officials for a maximum of three nights.
- X To pay travel in economy class and full board accommodation for the IAAF Delegates (approximately nine (9) people) to the event and for any preliminary site visits.
- To pay full-board accommodation the Timing company staff (approximately fourteen (14) staff and six (6) nights maximum) and for one preliminary site visit.
- To pay full-board accommodation for the Result and Information company staff (approximately four (4) staff and six (6) nights maximum) and for one preliminary site visit.

- X To charge not more than US\$100 per person, per night for bed and breakfast accommodation in single rooms for members of the IAAF Family.
- X To provide equipped offices for the IAAF in both the hotel and the competition venue.
- X To provide free, live TV broadcast signal via a Host Broadcaster.
- X To pay 50 per cent of the costs of the start and finish gantries and the costs of advertising boards for National Partners.
- X To pay insurance policies requested by the IAAF.
- X To pay registration of any event marks for a limited number of countries.
- X To pay any tax levied by the government on prize money awarded to the athletes.
- X To pay the costs of approximately 30 doping controls requested by the IAAF.

Bidding summary

Frequency	Duration	Number Athletes /	Bidding Timelines Candidatures		
		Officials	Open	Deadline	Decision
Every odd year	1 day	650-700	3 years prior	2.5 years prior	2.5 years prior





Formerly known as the IAAF World Cup, this event changed format and name in 2010 to become the IAAF Continental Cup. This premier team competition of world athletics sees the greatest talents on earth compete, not for individual medals, but to accumulate points for their continental teams.

The Continental Cup is contested by mixed teams representing Africa, the Americas, Asia-Pacific and Europe. The event takes place over two or three days and is held generally in September, every four years.

History of host cities

2014 MARRAKECH, MOROCCO 2010 SPLIT, CROATIA 2006 ATHENS, GREECE 2002 MADRID, SPAIN 1998 JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA 1994 LONDON, GBR 1992 HAVANA, CUBA 1989 BARCELONA, SPAIN 1985 CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA 1981 ROME, ITALY 1979 MONTREAL, CANADA 1977 DUSSELDORF, GERMANY

Host city requirements

- X Minimum population of 300,000
- X Minimum 20,000-seat stadium
- X Category 1 stadium certificate
- X Eight-lane synthetic track
- 🗡 🛛 Warm-up track
- X One training venue
- X At least 500 beds in 4-star hotels for team accommodation
- X International airport within city

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) is responsible for overall management of the event budget. The following are the main financial obligations of the Organising Committee:

- X To bear the costs of the organisation of the competition including transportation, accreditation, security, promotion, facilities, competition officials, hospitality, volunteers, etc.
- X To pay the full board accommodation for teams (approximately four hundred and eighty (480) people: four (4) teams of one hundred and twenty (120) people) for a maximum of five (5) days (if the competitions is held over three (3) days) or four (4) days (if the competition is held over two (2) days).
- X To charge not more than US\$85 for full-board accommodation in twin rooms for athletes and officials who are not within the above quota.
- X To charge not more than US\$85 for Bed & Breakfast accommodation in a single room for all members of the IAAF Family for a maximum of four (4) nights if the competition is held over two (2) days or five (5) nights if the competition is held over three (3) days.
- X To pay travel and full board accommodation for the IAAF Delegates (approximately twenty (20) people) for the event and any preliminary site visits.
- X To pay full-board accommodation of the Timing company staff (approximately twenty-two (22) staff and ten (10) nights maximum) and for one preliminary site visit.

- X To pay full-board accommodation of the Results and Information company staff (eighteen (18) staff and nine (9) nights maximum) and for one preliminary site visit.
- X To pay full-board accommodation for the accreditation company staff (approximately forty (40) nights all staff included) and a contribution towards the costs of accreditation.
- X To provide equipped offices for the IAAF free of charge in both the hotel and the stadium.
- X To provide free, live TV broadcast signal via a Host Broadcaster.
- X To pay insurance policies requested by the IAAF/Dentsu.
- X To pay registration of marks as requested by the IAAF.
- X To pay any tax levied by the Government on prize money awarded to the athletes.
- X To pay the cost of doping controls requested by the IAAF.

Bidding summary

Frequency	Duration	Number Athletes / Officials	Bidding Timelines Candidatures		
			Open	Deadline	Decision
Every 4 years	2 or 3 competition days	500	5 years prior	4.5 years prior	4.5 years prior





Road running's international elite compete against the backdrop of the some of the world's most attractive locations in this annual event. The championships were first held in 1992 as part of the UK's Great North Run, the largest mass participation road race in the world. The event includes men's and women's races with individual and team honours at stake. It is usually held on public roads, often with the addition of a public mass entry race, every even year.



History of host cities

2014 COPENHAGEN, DENMARK 2012 KAVARNA, BULGARIA 2010 NANNING, CHINA 2009 BIRMINGHAM, GBR 2008 RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL 2007 UDINE, ITALY 2006 DEBRECEN, HUNGAR Y 2005 EDMONTON, CANADA 2004 NEW DELHI, INDIA 2003 VILAMOURA, PORTUGAL 2002 BRUSSELS, BELGIUM 2001 BRISTOL, GBR 2000 VERA CRUZ, MEXICO 1999 PALERMO, ITALY 1998 ZURICH, SWITZERLAND 1997 KOSICE, SLOVAKIA 1996 PALMA, SPAIN 1995 MONTBELIARD, FRANCE 1994 OSLO, NOR WAY 1993 BRUSSELS, BELGIUM 1992 TYNESIDE, GBR

Host city requirements

- 🗡 21.0975 km course
- × Running trails for training
- 🗡 At least 300 beds in 4-star hotels for team accommodation
- × International airport within a two-hour bus ride

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) is responsible for overall management of the event budget. The following are the main financial obligations of the Organising Committee:

- X To bear the costs of the organisation and staging of the competition including local transportation, accreditation, security, promotion, facilities, competition officials, hospitality, volunteers, etc.
- X To pay full board accommodation for the quota athletes and team Officials (approximately two hundred and ninety (290) people) for a maximum of three (3) nights.
- X To charge not more than US\$100 per person, per night for full board accommodation in twin rooms for the non quota athletes and officials for a maximum of three (3) nights.
- X To pay the travel in economy class and full board accommodation for the IAAF Delegates (approximately ten (10) people) and for preliminary site visits.
- X To pay full-board accommodation for the Timing company staff (for approximately fourteen (14) staff and six (6) nights maximum) and for one preliminary site visit.
- X To pay full-board accommodation for the Results and Information company staff (for approximately 4 staff and six (6) nights maximum) and for one preliminary site visit.

- X To charge not more than US\$100 per person, per night for bed and breakfast accommodation in single rooms for members of the IAAF Family.
- X To provide equipped offices for the IAAF in both the hotel and the competition venue.
- X To provide free, live TV broadcast signal via a Host Broadcaster.
- X To pay 50 per cent of the costs of the start and finish gantries and the costs of advertising boards for National Partners.
- × To pay insurance policies requested by the IAAF.
- X To pay registration of any event marks for a limited number of countries.
- X To pay any tax levied by the government on prize money awarded to the athletes.
- X To pay the cost of approximately 30 doping controls requested by the IAAF.

Bidding summary

Frequency	Duration	Number Athletes /	Bidding Timelines Candidatures		latures
		Officials	Open	Deadline	Decision
Every even year	1 day	250-300	3 years prior	2.5 years prior	2.5 years prior





The IAAF World Indoor Championships provide three action-packed days of intense competition in an intimate arena where fans can see many of the world's best athletes at very close range.

First held as the World Indoor Games, in Paris in 1985, the championships were staged on odd years until 2003 when they were switched to an even year schedule to provide a better balance to the IAAF competitions programme. This event is generally held in March, every even year.

History of host cities

2014 SOPOT, POLAND 2012 ISTANBUL, TURKEY 2010 DOHA, QATAR 2008 VALENCIA, SPAIN 2006 MOSCOW, RUSSIA 2004 BUDAPEST, HUNGARY 2003 BIRMINGHAM, GBR 2001 LISBON, PORTUGAL 1999 MAEBASHI, JAPAN 1997 PARIS, FRANCE 1995 BARCELONA, SPAIN 1993 TORONTO, CANADA 1991 SEVILLE, SPAIN 1989 BUDAPEST, HUNGARY 1987 INDIANAPOLIS, USA 1985 PARIS, FRANCE

Host city requirements

- X Minimum population of 500,000
- 🗡 Minimum 5,000-seat arena
- IAAF Indoor Facility Certificate
- Six lanes oval / eight lanes straight
- Warm-up track adjacent to the stadium
- × Two training venues
- X At least 1,200 beds in 4-star hotels for team accommodation
- 🗡 International airport within city

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) is responsible for overall management of the event budget. The following are the main financial obligations of the Organising Committee:

- X To bear the costs of the organisation and staging of the competition including local transportation, accreditation, security, promotion, facilities, competition officials, hospitality, volunteers, etc.
- X To pay travel and full board accommodation in twin rooms for athletes within the IAAF quota (approximately four hundred (400) people and five (5) nights maximum).
- X To charge not more than US\$100 per person, per night for full board accommodation in twin rooms for non-quota athletes and officials for a maximum of five (5) nights.
- X To pay travel in economy class and full board accommodation for the IAAF Delegates (approximately twenty (20) people maximum) and for any preliminary site visits.
- X To pay full-board accommodation for the Timing company staff (approximately twenty-two (22) staff and ten (10) nights maximum) and for one preliminary site visit.
- X To pay full-board accommodation for the Results and Information company staff (approximately twenty-two (22) staff and twelve (12) nights maximum).

- To pay accommodation costs for the competition for the accreditation company staff (approximately six (6) people for eight (8) nights) and for one preliminary site visit.
- X To charge not more than US\$100 per person, per night for bed and breakfast accommodation in single rooms for members of the IAAF Family.
- X To provide equipped offices for the IAAF both in the hotel and at the competition venue.
- X To provide free, live TV broadcast signal via a Host Broadcaster.
- X To pay the costs of advertising boards for National Partners.
- X To pay insurance policies requested by the IAAF.
- X To pay the registration of any event marks for a limited number of countries.
- X To pay any tax levied by the government on prize money awarded to the athletes.
- X To pay the costs of approximately 125 doping controls requested by IAAF.

Bidding summary

Frequency	Duration	Number Athletes / Officials	Bidding Timelines Candidatures		
			Open	Deadline	Decision
Every even year	3 days	1,200	3 years prior	2.5 years prior	2.5 years prior







The IAAF World Junior Championships bring together the best young athletes from around the world to compete against each other on the global stage. It gives 18 and 19-year-old competitors a valuable first experience of a world championships. Up to 2,200 athletes and officials from 170 National Federations can be expected to take part. The six-day event is generally staged in July, every even year.

History of host cities

2014 EUGENE, USA 2012 BARCELONA, SPAIN 2010 MONCTON, CANADA 2008 BYDGOSZCZ, POLAND 2006 BEIJING, CHINA 2004 GROSSETO, ITALY 2002 KINGSTON, JAMAICA 2000 SANTIAGO, CHILE

1998 ANNECY, FRANCE 1996 SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA 1994 LISBON, PORTUGAL 1992 SEOUL, KOREA 1990 PLOVDIV, BULGARIA 1988 SUDBURY, CANADA 1986 ATHENS, GREECE

Host city requirements

- X Minimum population of 100,000
- 🗡 Minimum 10,000-seat stadium
- Category 1 stadium certificate
- Eight-lane synthetic surface
- Warm-up track including a separate area for long throws
- X Two training venues
- X At least 2,000 beds for team accommodation
- X International airport within a two-hour bus ride

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) is responsible for overall management of the event budget. The following are the main financial obligations of the Organising Committee:

- X To bear the costs of the organisation and staging of the competition including local transportation, accreditation, security, promotion, facilities, competition officials, hospitality, volunteers, etc.
- X To bear the difference between the real price of accommodation and US\$85 (US\$60 in student lodging) for all athletes and officials for a maximum of eight (8) nights.
- X To pay travel costs in economy class and full board accommodation for the IAAF Delegates (thirty two (32) people maximum).
- X To pay travel and accommodation for preliminary site visits of the appointed IAAF Delegates.
- X To pay full-board accommodation for the Timing company staff (approximately thirty-two (32) staff for thirteen (13) nights maximum).
- X To pay full-board accommodation for the Results and Information company staff (approximately twenty-one (21) staff for fourteen (14) nights maximum)

- X To charge not more than US\$100 per person, per night for bed and breakfast accommodation in single rooms for members of the IAAF Family.
- X To provide equipped offices for the IAAF in both the hotel and the stadium.
- X To provide free, live TV broadcast signal via a Host Broadcaster.
- X To pay insurance policies requested by the IAAF.
- X To pay the registration of any event marks for a limited number of countries.
- X To pay the costs of one hundred and twenty (120) urine tests including EPO analysis requested by the IAAF.

Bidding summary

Frequency	Duration	Number Athletes /	Bidding Timelines Candidatures		
		Officials	Open	Deadline	Decision
Every even year	6 days	2,200	3 years prior	2.5 years prior	2.5 years prior

IAAF World Race Walking



The IAAF Race Walking Cup is a two-day festival celebrating one of the sport's most punishing disciplines. With five races (Men's 50km and 20km; Women's 20km; and Junior Men's and Women's 10km), the Cup provides the best race walkers in the world with an opportunity to shine on the world athletics stage. Around 500 athletes from 60 countries take part in the biennial event, generally held in May every even year.



History of host cities

2014 TAICANG, CHINA 2012 SARANSK, RUSSIA 2010 CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO 2008 CHEBOKSARY, RUSSIA 2006 LA CORUÑA, SPAIN 2004 NAUMBURG, GERMANY 2002 TURIN, ITALY 1999 DEAUVILLE, FRANCE 1997 PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC 1995 BEIJING, CHINA 1993 MONTEREY, USA 1991 SAN JOSE, USA 1989 HOSPITALET, SPAIN

Host city requirements

- 🗡 2-2.5km loop course
- × Trails for training
- X At least 650 beds in 3/4-star hotels for team accommodation
- X International airport within a two-hour bus ride

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) is responsible for overall management of the event budget. The following are the main financial obligations of the Organising Committee:

- X To bear the costs of the organisation and staging of the competition including local transportation, accreditation, security, promotion, facilities, competition officials, hospitality, volunteers etc.
- X To pay full board accommodation in twin rooms for the quota athletes (approximately three hundred (300)).
- X To charge not more than US\$100 per person, per night for full board accommodation in twin rooms for the non quota athletes and officials for a maximum of three (3) nights.
- X To pay travel in economy class and full board accommodation for the IAAF Delegates (approximately twenty six (26) people maximum).
- X To pay travel and accommodation for preliminary site visits of the appointed delegates.
- X To pay full-board accommodation for the Timing company staff (approximately twelve (12) staff and ten (10) nights maximum) and for one preliminary site visit.
- To pay full-board accommodation for the Results and Information company staff (approximately four (4) staff and five (5) nights maximum).

- X To charge not more than US\$100 per person, per night for bed and breakfast accommodation in single rooms for members of the IAAF Family.
- X To provide equipped offices for the IAAF in both the hotel and the competition venue.
- X To provide free, live TV broadcast signal via a Host Broadcaster.
- X To pay 50 per cent of the costs of the start and finish gantries and the costs of advertising boards for National Partners.
- X To pay insurance policies requested by the IAAF.
- X To pay the registration of any event marks for a limited number of countries.
- X To pay any tax levied by the government on prize money awarded to the athletes.
- X To pay the costs of approximately 30 doping controls requested by the IAAF.

Bidding summary

Frequency	Duration	Number Athletes /	Bidding Timelines Candidatures		datures
		Officials	Open	Deadline	Decision
Every even year	2 days	600-650	3 years prior	2.5 years prior	2.5 years prior







The IAAF World Youth Championships are the premier competition for the world's best 16 and 17-year old athletes. More than 1,200 athletes from 170 countries can be expected to take part, competing for medals in 40 events. The Championships draws average crowds of up to 10,000 a day and have been staged every odd year since 1999, generally in July.

History of host cities

2013 DONETSK, UKRAINE 2011 LILLE, FRANCE 2009 BRESSANONE, ITALY 2007 OSTRAVA, CZECH REPUBLIC 2005 MARRAKESH, MOROCCO 2003 SHERBROOKE, CANADA 2001 DEBRECEN, HUNGARY 1999 BYDGOSZCZ, POLAND

Host city requirements

- X Minimum population of 100,000
- X Minimum 10,000-seat stadium
- Category 1 stadium certificate
- Eight-lane synthetic surface
- Warm-up track including a separate area for long throws
- × Two training venues
- X At least 2,000 beds for team accommodation
- X International airport within a two-hour bus ride

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) is responsible for overall management of the event budget. The following are the main financial obligations of the Organising Committee:

- X To bear the costs of the organisation and staging of the competition including local transportation, accreditation, security, promotion, facilities, competition officials, hospitality, volunteers etc.
- X To bear the difference between the real price of accommodation and US\$85 (eight (8) nights maximum) for all athletes and officials.
- X To pay travel costs in economy class and full board accommodation for the IAAF Delegates (approximately twenty seven (27) people).
- X To pay travel and accommodation for preliminary site visits of the appointed delegates.
- X To pay full-board accommodation for the Timing company staff (approximately twenty two (22) staff for thirteen (13) nights maximum).
- X To pay full-board accommodation for the Results and Information company staff (approximately fifteen (15) staff for fourteen (13) nights maximum)

- X To charge not more than US\$100 per person, per night for bed and breakfast accommodation in single rooms for members of the IAAF Family.
- X To provide equipped offices for the IAAF in both the hotel and the stadium.
- X To provide free, live TV broadcast signal via a Host Broadcaster.
- X To pay insurance policies requested by the IAAF.
- X To pay the registration of any event marks for a limited number of countries.
- X To pay the costs of approximately 50 doping controls requested by the IAAF.

Bidding summary

Frequency	Duration	Number Athletes /	Bidding Timelines Candidatures		
		Officials	Open	Deadline	Decision
Every odd year	5 days	1,800-1,900	3 years prior	2.5 years prior	2.5 years prior