

**IAAF RACE WALKING CHALLENGE**  
**2009 REGULATIONS**  
**(Updated 1 April)**

**1 General Principles**

- 1.1 The IAAF organises the “IAAF Race Walking Challenge” every year.
- 1.2 Each year, the IAAF Race Walking Challenge will consist of:
- qualified scoring events contested at competitions that have been designated as part of the “IAAF Race Walking Challenge” (see 1.3)
  - a Race Walking Challenge Final where the athletes that have participated in at least four Challenge events during the year will compete for a share of the overall prize money (see 5)
- 1.3 For 2009, the competitions designated as part of the Challenge are divided into three categories as follows:
- Category A Race Walk events contested at the 12<sup>th</sup> IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Berlin (GER), 15-23 August
  - Category B Six IAAF Permit Race Walking Meetings
    - Chihuahua (MEX), 14 & 15 March
    - Rio Maior (POR), 4 April
    - Wuxi City (CHN), 18 & 19 April
    - Sesto San Giovanni (ITA), 1 May
    - Krakow (POL), 30 May
    - La Coruna (ESP), 20 June
  - Category C Designated Area Permit Race Walking Meetings (see 3)
- 1.4 The events may take place on road or track, but must be over standard distances:

	<b>Road</b>			<b>Track</b>		
<b>Men</b>	10km	20km	50km	10,000m	20,000m	50,000m
<b>Women</b>	10km	20km		10,000m	20,000m	

For road events, the Organisers must abide by IAAF Rules 230.10 and 240.3.

- 1.5 These Regulations may be amended every year by the IAAF.

**2 Obligations of the Organisers of Category B Competitions and the Challenge Final**

- 2.1 Organisers must send a Permit Application Form to the IAAF. All applications to hold a meeting must be endorsed by the relevant IAAF Member Federation.
- 2.2 For each event contested, a selected panel of 15 athletes, based on the agreed criteria, shall be entitled to receive financial support from the Organisers as detailed below. The panel with the full list of athletes for each event is attached in Appendix A.
- For the Challenge Final however, the 15 athletes (8 + 7) entitled to financial support shall be identified according to the ranking of the Challenge established after the IAAF World Championships in Berlin. In addition, the organisers of the Final shall provide full financial support (travel and accommodation) to a maximum of 3 other invited athletes (wildcards) identified by the IAAF in cooperation with the LOC.

**2.2.1 Travel and Accommodation**

Organisers shall accept the entry of and provide economy class travel and full board accommodation (for a maximum of 4 nights) for 8 athletes in each event contested,

on condition that the entry is received no later than 2 weeks before the day of the competition.

#### 2.2.2 Accommodation only

Organisers shall accept the entry of and provide full board accommodation (for a maximum of 4 nights) for 7 athletes in each event contested, on condition that the entry is received no later than 4 weeks before the day of the competition.

- 2.3 Organisers may conduct negotiations for the appearance and promotion of athletes as follows:
- through the Athletes' National Federation
  - directly with the Athletes (formal invitations shall be made through relevant National Federations)
  - through duly authorised Athletes' Representatives
- 2.4 Organisers must not deal with unauthorised ARs.
- 2.5 If the event takes place on the road, the Organisers must provide an IAAF measurement certificate established by an IAAF/AIMS grade "A" or "B" International Road Race Course Measurer. Furthermore, the same measurer should be on site during the competition to certify that the course used by the athletes is the one that was measured.
- 2.6 At least 6 judges (representing 5 countries) including the Chief Judge must be on duty. Whatever the final number of acting race walking judges, all must be chosen from either the International (IRWJ) or Area (ARWJ) Race Walking Judges Panels. This list must be made known to the IAAF. For the Final, the IAAF will appoint the Chief Judge.
- 2.7 For all judges, the travel and accommodation shall be paid by the Organisers.
- 2.8 Organisers are responsible for the travel and accommodation of the IAAF Delegate appointed for the competition. This Delegate is the official representative of the IAAF and will have the required technical knowledge. He will submit a report to the IAAF within two weeks after the competition.
- 2.9 Organisers are responsible for the accommodation costs of one IAAF Staff Member.
- 2.10 Organisers will organise doping controls under the following conditions
- a) They guarantee that they will respect the IAAF Rules and Regulations
  - b) There will be a minimum of 6 tests in total
  - c) Research on EPO will be conducted
  - d) The analyses shall be conducted at the WADA Accredited Laboratory appointed by the IAAF
  - e) All costs related to the doping controls will be borne by the Organisers
- 2.11 Organisers shall provide the following Medical Services:
- On site emergency assistance
  - Minor stitching
  - Emergency Ambulance Service
- 2.12 Organisers must take out an appropriate insurance policy for their public liability but also to cover any accident which might occur to athletes and officials.
- 2.13 Organisers should make their best efforts in order to arrange TV coverage of the competition and provide IAAF with a tape and the right to use up to 5 minutes for promotional purposes.
- 2.14 Media and TV facilities should be set up in accordance with the IAAF Guidelines.
- 2.15 Organisers must submit to the IAAF
- within 2 hours, the full results of the competition

- within two weeks after the competition, a post event report

The results will be posted on the IAAF website no later than 24 hours after the competition

- 2.16 Organisers will display, at their cost, at least one IAAF board (or banner) (6m x 1m) in the finish line area (exact layout to be requested from the IAAF HQ).
- 2.17 Organisers will also display the IAAF's name and logo on all printed material (bulletin, leaflet, starts list, results, etc.).

### 3 Area Permit Race Walking Meetings

- 3.1 Participation at selected Area Permit Race Walking Meetings can also award points towards the Challenge rankings.
- 3.2 In order for such Area Meetings to be considered for inclusion in the Race Walking Challenge, the following conditions apply:
- the IAAF must receive the relevant Application Form by 31 December 2008
  - there must be no clash of date with existing Category A or B events
  - the course must be measured by an IAAF/AIMS Grade "A" or "B" International Road Race Course Measurer
  - a minimum of 3 International or Area Race Walking Judges (representing at least 2 countries) must be on duty
  - a minimum of 4 doping control tests must be carried out
  - athletes from at least 4 different countries must compete in each race
- 3.3 The IAAF reserves the right to accept or reject the application.
- 3.4 The list of Area Permit Race Walking Meetings included in the Race Walking Challenge will be published on the IAAF website by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

### 4 Ranking

- 4.1 Athletes will be able to score points depending on the Category of the competition and the ranking will be established according to the following scoring system:

Position	Points		
	Category A	Category B	Category C
1 <sup>st</sup>	20	12	6
2 <sup>nd</sup>	16	10	5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	14	8	4
4 <sup>th</sup>	12	7	3
5 <sup>th</sup>	10	6	2
6 <sup>th</sup>	8	5	1
7 <sup>th</sup>	6	4	
8 <sup>th</sup>	5	3	
9 <sup>th</sup>	4	2	
10 <sup>th</sup>	3	1	
11 <sup>th</sup>	2		
12 <sup>th</sup>	1		

- 4.2 To be considered as a "scoring event", the following minimum number of "qualified walkers" must have taken part in the event:

#### 4.2.1 Category B

- For competitions held in Europe: 10 "qualified walkers" coming from at least 5 countries

- For competitions outside Europe: 7 “qualified walkers” coming from at least 4 countries

#### 4.2.2 Category C

- For competitions held in Europe: 6 “qualified walkers” coming from at least 4 countries
- For competitions outside Europe: 4 “qualified walkers” coming from at least 3 countries

4.3 For the purpose of clause 4.2, a “qualified walker” is defined as being:

- either ranked in the Top 50 of the previous year’s IAAF official performance list in the standard walking events (20km Road or 50km Road Men – 20km Road Women)
- or Top 8 finishers of the 2007 IAAF World Championships, 2008 IAAF World Race Walking Cup or 2008 Olympic Games

4.4 If an event cannot be considered as “scoring” (in accordance with clause 4.2), the points defined in clause 4.1 will nevertheless be awarded to the athletes having achieved the “A” standard for the 2009 World Championships in Berlin (20km Men: 1:22:30 – 50km Men: 3:58:00 – 20km Women: 1:33:30). For the 10km events the performances to be achieved shall be 40:30 for the Men and 46:00 for the Women. In case of competitions held at an altitude of 1500m or over, the “B” standard shall be taken as reference (20km Men: 1:24:20 – 50km Men: 4:09:00 – 20km Women: 1:38:00).

4.5 In order to be ranked, an athlete must participate in at least four events listed under 1.3. Athletes that are disqualified (DQ), will NOT be considered as having participated in that event. Although he may compete in as many competitions listed under 1.3 as he wishes, the athlete will be ranked only according to his best four scoring results.

4.6 Any athlete achieving a new World Record (on track or road) will be awarded 4 bonus points in addition to the ones he will receive as a result of his finishing position.

4.7 In the case of a tie for the ranking, this will be resolved in favour of the walker with the highest finishing position in any of his best 4 scoring events. In case of further tie(s), the other finishing positions will determine the ranking. If a tie cannot be broken, the prize money will be equally divided between the tied athletes.

## 5 Challenge Final – Participation and Eligibility for Overall Prize Money

5.1 The 2009 Race Walking Challenge Final will take place in Saransk (RUS) on 19 September.

5.2 One men’s and one women’s race will be contested, both on road, over a distance of 10km.

5.3 Participation in the Challenge Final is open to all athletes but only those that have participated in at least four Challenge events during the year are eligible for the overall prize money.

5.4 The overall prize money shall be awarded only at the Challenge Final on the basis of the eligible athletes’ finishing positions.

## 6 Awards

6.1 **Awards at the IAAF World Championships** provided by the IAAF (\$150,000 for each race):

1 <sup>st</sup> place:	\$60,000	5 <sup>th</sup> place:	\$10,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> place:	\$30,000	6 <sup>th</sup> place:	\$6,000
3 <sup>rd</sup> place:	\$20,000	7 <sup>th</sup> place:	\$5,000
4 <sup>th</sup> place:	\$15,000	8 <sup>th</sup> place:	\$4,000

6.2 **Awards at all B Category competitions** provided by the organisers (\$7,500 for each race):

1 <sup>st</sup> place:	\$2,000	5 <sup>th</sup> place:	\$700
2 <sup>nd</sup> place:	\$1,500	6 <sup>th</sup> place:	\$600
3 <sup>rd</sup> place:	\$1,000	7 <sup>th</sup> place:	\$500
4 <sup>th</sup> place:	\$ 800	8 <sup>th</sup> place:	\$400

6.3 **Awards at the Challenge Final** provided by the IAAF (\$101,000 for each race):

1 <sup>st</sup> place:	\$30,000	7 <sup>th</sup> place:	\$4,500
2 <sup>nd</sup> place:	\$20,000	8 <sup>th</sup> place:	\$4,000
3 <sup>rd</sup> place:	\$14,000	9 <sup>th</sup> place:	\$3,000
4 <sup>th</sup> place:	\$ 9,000	10 <sup>th</sup> place:	\$2,000
5 <sup>th</sup> place:	\$ 7,000	11 <sup>th</sup> place:	\$1,000
6 <sup>th</sup> place:	\$ 6,000	12 <sup>th</sup> place:	\$ 500

6.4 Any athlete who renders himself ineligible due to infringement of IAAF Regulations will not receive any award. In this case, the money will be paid to the next ranked athlete.

6.5 Awards from IAAF will be distributed in accordance with IAAF Rules and Regulations.

## 7 **Disputes**

All disputes and protests related to the competition will be resolved by the IAAF Council in collaboration with the IAAF Race Walking Committee.

**Panel of 15 athletes entitled to receive financial support from the Organisers****Men's 20km (or 10km)**Travel and Accommodation

Family Name	Given Name	Country	Criteria	
			Position	Competition
Tallent	Jared	AUS	1	Challenge
Sánchez	Eder	MEX	3	Challenge
Tysse	Erik	NOR	4	Challenge
Borchin	Valery	RUS	1	Olympic G.
Fernandez	Francisco J.	ESP	3	Top Lists
Molina	Juan Manuel	ESP	5	Challenge
Saquipay	Rolando	ECU	6	Challenge
Heffernan	Robert	IRL	7	Challenge

Accommodation only

Family Name	Given Name	Country	Criteria	
			Position	Competition
Garcia	Jesus Angel	ESP	8	Challenge
Adams	Luke	AUS	9	Challenge
Ghoula	Hatem	TUN	10	Challenge
Vieira	João	POR	11	Challenge
Höhne	André	GER	12	Challenge
Flores	Mario Iván	MEX	13	Challenge
Vieira	Sergio	POR	14	Challenge

**Men's 50km**Travel and Accommodation

Family Name	Given Name	Country	Criteria	
			Position	Competition
Schwazer	Alex	ITA	1	Olympic G.
Tallent	Jared	AUS	2	Olympic G.
Nizhegorodov	Denis	RUS	3	Olympic G.
Garcia	Jesus Angel	ESP	4	Olympic G.
Tysse	Erik	NOR	5	Olympic G.
Nava	Horacio	MEX	6	Olympic G.
Yamazaki	Yuki	JPN	7	Olympic G.
Fedaczynski	Rafal	POL	8	Olympic G.

Accommodation only

Family Name	Given Name	Country	Criteria	
			Position	Competition
Sudol	Grzegorz	POL	9	Olympic G.
Adams	Luke	AUS	10	Olympic G.
Pereira	Antonio	POR	11	Olympic G.
Höhne	André	GER	12	Olympic G.
Odriozola	Mikel	ESP	13	Olympic G.
Li	Jianbo	CHN	14	Olympic G.
Kinnunen	Jarkko	FIN	15	Olympic G.

## **Women's 20km (or 10km)**

### Travel and Accommodation

<b>Family Name</b>	<b>Given Name</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	
			<b>Position</b>	<b>Competition</b>
Plätzer	Kjersti	NOR	<b>1</b>	Challenge
Stef	Claudia	ROU	<b>3</b>	Challenge
Zimmer	Sabine	GER	<b>4</b>	Challenge
Kaniskina	Olga	RUS	<b>1</b>	Olympic G.
Rigaudo	Elisa	ITA	<b>3</b>	Olympic G.
Kirdyapkina	Anisya	RUS	<b>2</b>	Top Lists
Santos	Vera	POR	<b>5</b>	Challenge
Henriques	Inês	POR	<b>6</b>	Challenge

### Accommodation only

<b>Family Name</b>	<b>Given Name</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	
			<b>Position</b>	<b>Competition</b>
Loughnane	Olive	IRL	<b>7</b>	Challenge
Liu	Hong	CHN	<b>4</b>	Olympic G.
Vasco	Maria	ESP	<b>5</b>	Olympic G.
Pascual	Beatriz	ESP	<b>6</b>	Olympic G.
Cabecinha	Ana	POR	<b>8</b>	Olympic G.
Turava	Ryta	BLR	<b>11</b>	Olympic G.
Sibileva	Tatyana	RUS	<b>12</b>	Olympic G.