



IAAF RACE WALKING CHALLENGE

2008 REGULATIONS

1 General Principles

- 1.1 Starting in 2003, the IAAF organises every year the “IAAF Race Walking Challenge”.
- 1.2 For each year, it will consist of qualified scoring events contested at competitions that have been designated as part of the “IAAF Race Walking Challenge”.
- 1.3 All events of the IAAF World Championships in Athletics, the IAAF Race Walking Cup as well as the Olympic Games will be part of the “IAAF Race Walking Challenge”.
- 1.4 In addition, the IAAF Council will nominate each year, from six to eight further competitions (not more than one per country and a maximum of five European competitions).
- 1.5 For 2008, the competitions part of the IAAF Race Walking Challenge, will be
 - a) the 23rd IAAF World Race Walking Cup, Cheboksary, Russia, 10th & 11th May
 - b) the Games of the XXIX Olympiad, Beijing, China, 8th – 24th August
 - c) six IAAF Race Walk Permit Meetings
 - Chihuahua, Mexico, 8th & 9th March
 - Rio Major, Portugal, 5th April
 - Beijing, China, 18th & 19th April
 - Sesto San Giovanni, Italy, 1st May
 - Krakow, Poland, 24th May
 - La Coruna, Spain, 7th June
 - d) the IAAF Race Walking Challenge Final, 20th or 21st September (venue and date tbc)
- 1.6 The events may take place on road or track, but must be over standard distances:
 - Men: road: 20km or 50km
track: 20,000m or 50,000m
 - Women: road: 20km
track: 20,000mFor road events, the Organisers must abide by IAAF Rules 230.10 and 240.3.

Only one male event and one female event will be contested at the Challenge Final. The distances are to be confirmed.
- 1.7 These Regulations may be amended every year by the IAAF.

- 2. Obligations of the Organisers of the competitions held under clauses 1.5 c) & 1.5 d)**
- 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 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 Final of the Challenge however, the 15 athletes (8 + 7) entitled to financial support shall be identified according to the standings of the Challenge established after the last competition, i.e. the Olympic Games in Beijing.
- 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:
- a) through the Athletes' National Federation;
 - b) directly with the Athletes (formal invitations shall be made through relevant National Federations);
 - c) 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 "A" or "B" 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 Organisers must have on site at least **6 judges** (representing 5 countries) including the Chief Judge. Whatever the final number of acting race walking judges, all must be chosen from the IAAF International Race Walking Judges Level II (ARWJ) or Level III (IRWJ) 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
- They guarantee that they will respect the IAAF Rules and Regulations
 - There will be a minimum of 6 tests in total
 - Research on EPO will be conducted
 - The analyses shall be conducted at the WADA Accredited Laboratory appointed by the IAAF
 - 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 24 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 48 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 on all **printed material** (bulletin, leaflet, starts list, results ...)

3. Ranking

- 3.1 The Ranking will be established according to the following system: for each "scoring event" **the first 10 athletes will score points**:
- for competitions listed under clause 1.5 c):
 - 10 for the winner
 - 9 for 2nd place
 - 8 for 3rd place etc.
 - for the competitions listed under 1.5 a), 1.5 b) and 1.5 d):
 - 14 points for the winner
 - 12 for 2nd place
 - 10 for 3rd place
 - 8 for 4th place
 - 6 for 5th place
 - 5 for 6th place etc.

- 3.2 To be considered as a “scoring event”, the following minimum number of “**qualified walkers**” must have taken part in the event:
- competitions held in Europe: 10 “qualified walkers” coming from at least 5 countries
 - competitions outside Europe: 7 “qualified walkers” coming from at least 4 countries
- 3.3 For the purpose of the rule 3.2, a “**qualified walker**” is defined as being
- either ranked in the Top50 of the last year’s official list in the standard walking events (20km and 50km road Men – 20km road women)
 - or finalist (Top8) of the last World Championships, IAAF Race Walking Cup and Olympic Games
- 3.4 If an event cannot be considered as “scoring” (in accordance with clause 3.2), the points defined in clause 3.1 will nevertheless be awarded to the athletes having achieved the “A” standard for the 2008 Olympic Games (20K Men: 1:23:00 - 50K Men: 4:00:00 - 20K Women: 1:33:30).
- 3.5 A walker may compete in as many competitions (listed under 1.5 a), b) and c)) as he / she wishes, however a minimum of **four scoring results** will be required in order to be eligible for the overall ranking and overall prize awards, and only the **best four scoring results will be counted**. Athletes that do not finish a race (DNF) or are disqualified (DQ) will NOT be considered as having participated in that event.
- 3.6 Participation in the Final is open to all athletes, however only athletes that have achieved a **minimum of four scoring results** during the other competitions of the Challenge shall earn the right to score points in the Final and add these to the overall ranking.
- 3.7 The overall ranking, separate for men (combining scores from 20km and 50km) and women, will be determined by adding the points achieved in the Challenge competitions (counting only the best 4 scores) and those achieved in the Challenge Final.
- 3.8 Athletes that fail to compete in the Challenge Final (for whatever reason) will still be ranked according to the points accumulated before the Final (requiring a minimum of four scoring results) and will still be eligible for overall prize money.
- 3.9 Any athlete achieving a new World Record (on track or road) will be awarded 4 bonus points in addition to the ones he/she will receive as a result of his/her finishing position.
- 3.10 In the case of a tie, this will be resolved in favour of the walker with the highest finishing position in any of his 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.

4. Awards

- 4.1 **Awards at the IAAF World Race Walking Cup:** the IAAF is providing 70,000\$ per senior race:

1 st place	30,000\$	4 th place	7,000\$
2 nd place	15,000\$	5 th place	5,000\$
3 rd place	10,000\$	6 th place	3,000\$

4.2 **Awards at all competitions listed under 1.5 c) & 1.5 d):** the organisers will provide a minimum financial awards structure of 7,500\$:

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

4.3 **Overall Awards:** Every year, the IAAF will provide financial awards to the Top 8 ranked Men and Women in the Challenge. These awards will amount to 202,000\$ (101,000\$ for men and women):

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

4.4 Any athlete who renders himself/herself 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.

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

5. **Disputes**

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

Panel of 15 athletes entitled to receive financial support from the Organisers**Men's 20km**

Travel and Accommodation

1	Luke Adams	AUS
2	Erik Tysse	NOR
3	Francisco J. Fernández	ESP
4	Eder Sánchez	MEX
5	Jefferson Perez	ECU
6	Hatem Ghoula	TUN
7	Vladimir Kanaykin	RUS
8	Ivano Brugnetti	ITA

Accommodation only

9	Joao Vieira	POR
10	Jared Tallent	AUS
11	Robert Hefferman	IRL
12	Giorgio Rubino	ITA
13	Ilya Markov	RUS
14	Koichiro Morioka	JPN
15	Rolando Saquipay	ECU

Men's 50km

Travel and Accommodation

1	Nathan Deakes	AUS
2	Yohan Diniz	FRA
3	Alex Schwazer	ITA
4	Denis Nizhegorodov	RUS
5	Erik Tysse	NOR
6	Vladimir Kanaykin	RUS
7	Mikel Odriozola	ESP
8	Sun Chao	CHN

Accommodation only

9	Trond Nymark	NOR
10	Horacio Nava	MEX
11	Jarko Kinnunen	FIN
12	Antti Kempas	FIN
13	Donatas Skarnulis	LTU
14	Eddy Riva	FRA
15	David Boulanger	FRA

Women's 20km

Travel and Accommodation

1	Ryta Turava	BLR
2	Kjersti Platzer	NOR
3	Sabine Zimmer	GER
4	Elisa Rigaud	ITA
5	Olga Kaniskina	RUS
6	Anisya Kournikova	RUS
7	Maria Vasco	ESP
8	Elena Ginko	BLR

Accommodation only

9	Claudia Stef	ROM
10	Jane Saville	AUS
11	Susana Feitor	POR
12	Ines Henriques	POR
13	Tatyana Sibileva	RUS
14	Mayumi Kawasaki	JPN
15	Vera Santos	POR