



**222nd World Athletics Council Meeting
29-30 July 2020, Video Conference
Information and Decisions**

The Council of World Athletics chaired by President Sebastian Coe met on 29 and 30 July 2020 by videoconference due to the ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic.

1. REPORTS

Council received the following:

- President's Introduction
- Executive Board update
- CEO and Operations Report, including proposed appointments to the Screening Panel and the Human Rights Working Group, the Competition & Events report with new dates proposals for World Athletics Series events and proposed options for cross country in the Olympic Games
- Report from the Athletes' Commission, Competition Commission, Development Commission and Governance Commission
- 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

The Council received a report from the World Athletics Russia Taskforce chaired by Rune Andersen. Following its decision at the March Council meeting to sanction the Russian Athletic Federation's (RusAF) admitted breaches of the Anti-Doping Rules during the Lysenko investigation with a \$US10 million fine, with \$US5 million (and related due costs) to be paid by 1 July 2020 and the other \$US5 million suspended, and the RusAF's failure to make the payment, the Taskforce recommended to Council to expel the RusAF from membership of World Athletics if it does not make the outstanding payments of the overdue amounts before 15 August 2020.

Council unanimously approved the Russia Taskforce recommendations as follows:

8.1 Expulsion decision:

- 1) To recommend to Congress that it resolves to expel RusAF from membership of World Athletics, in accordance with Article 14.1 of the Constitution, on the basis that the matters that led Congress to suspend RusAF from membership pursuant to Art 13.7 have not been satisfactorily addressed.
- 2) To recommend that a Special Congress meeting be convened as soon as possible to allow Congress to consider and vote on the proposal to expel RusAF. In the circumstances of the ongoing and worsening pandemic, that Special Congress meeting should if possible be held virtually, to avoid delay.



- 3) That pending Congress's decision, the 'Neutral Athlete' mechanism will not be made available to Russian athletes.

8.2 The expulsion decision at paragraph 8.1 is suspended, but will come into effect immediately and automatically if any of the following conditions is not met:

- 1) Payment in full of the two outstanding RusAF invoices to be received on or before close of business in Monaco on 15 August 2020.
- 2) The RusAF Reinstatement Commission to provide the draft plan referenced in the third paragraph of the Council's decision of 12 March 2020 – of suitable scope and depth, with an implementation plan and progress indicators – to the Taskforce on or before 31 August 2020.
- 3) Any changes required by the Taskforce to the draft plan to be incorporated to the Taskforce's satisfaction on or before 30 September 2020.
- 4) The plan to be brought into effect and satisfactory progress achieved against the plan (as determined by the Taskforce, based on the input of the international experts appointed by World Athletics), as reported to the Taskforce to Council at each of its subsequent meetings.

In relation to Authorised Neutral Athletes ('ANAs'):

- i. Athletes may apply for ANA status for 2020 competitions in accordance with the process specified by the Doping Review Board.
- ii. No ANA status will be granted to any athlete for 2020 competitions unless and until conditions (1) to (3) above are met.
- iii. If conditions (1) to (3) are met then, in accordance with Council's March decision, (1) no more than 10 athletes (in total, not per event) will be granted ANA status for World Athletics Series events. (The only such event scheduled for 2020 is the World Athletics Half Marathon Championships in Gdynia); (2) there is no cap on ANAs for other international competitions in 2020.
- iv. Council's March 2020 decision to allow up to 10 Authorised Neutral Athletes for World Athletics Series events and the Tokyo Olympics will be reviewed no earlier than December 2020, based on an assessment of the progress made by RusAF against the reinstatement plan.

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

2.2 RULES

2.2.1 Governance Rules

Council approved the amendments to the Governance Rules as proposed by the Executive Board (in force from 29 July 2020) to allow for a more realistic timeline for the Annual Plan and Budget (Rule 4.20.2 Annual Plan and Budget). The amended Rules are available [here](#) on the World Athletics website (Book B: Organisation – B3.1).

2.2.2 Technical Rules

Rule 30.1.1 of the Technical Rules – Long Jump

Upon the recommendation of the Competition Commission, Council approved to delay the enforcement of the amendments to Rule 30.1.1 (Rule 30 – Long Jump) of the Technical Rules from 1 November 2020 to 1 November 2021 i.e., after the Olympic Games, to allow for further clarification on the implementation and interpretation of the amended Rule (current edition is Rules 185.1(a) of the 2018-2019 Competition Rules). The amended Rule is available [here](#) on the World Athletics website (Book C: Competition – C2.1).



Rule 5 of the Technical Rules – Athletic Shoes

Circular M/30/20 regarding the decision made by Council on 15 July to amend Technical Rule 5 outlined that the rule came into force with immediate effect. The notification and publication of the amendment was made on 28 July 2020, which in practice, is the relevant in force date given it is not fair to have an 'in force' date that pre-dates the notification and publication of the amendments. Accordingly, the 'in force' date on the rule has been amended to 28 July 2020 to reflect when the rule was notified and published.

2.3 APPOINTMENTS

2.3.1 Screening Panel

Upon the recommendation of the Nominations Panel and following a vacancy in the membership of the Screening Panel, Council approved the appointment of Parth Goswami (IND) as a Member of the Screening Panel through to the conclusion of the 2023 Election Congress.

2.3.2 Human Rights Working Group

Council established a Human Rights Working group with the scope of undertaking an assessment of World Athletics' operations, policies and rules in terms of human rights, and developing a specific framework for World Athletics.

2.4 WORLD ATHLETICS SERIES COMPETITIONS

2.4.1 World Athletics U20 Championships Nairobi 2021

Council approved new dates for the World Athletics U20 Championships in Nairobi, which were postponed from 2020 to 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The World U20 Championships will now be held in Nairobi, Kenya from 17 to 22 August 2021, one week after the Tokyo Olympic Games.

It was also agreed to hold it as an U20 competition (not U21). Therefore, under the competition's rules, athletes aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December 2021 will be eligible to compete.

2.4.2 World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships Minsk 2020

Council approved the proposed new dates for the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships, Minsk 2022 as 23-24 April 2022.

2.4.3 World Athletics Half Marathon Championships Yangzhou 2022

Council approved to change the date of the World Athletics Half Marathon Championships Yangzhou 2022 from 20 March 2022 to 27 March 2022.

2.4.4 World Athletics Cross Country Championships Bathurst 2021

At the request of the Local Organising Committee and Australian Government, Council approved to postpone the World Athletics Cross Country Championships Bathurst 2021 from 20 March 2021 to a later date beyond 2021. This is due to the ongoing travel and gathering restrictions resulting from the global COVID-19 pandemic and the measures currently implemented within Australia to contain it, including closure of Australia's international borders. A new date will be identified in collaboration with all stakeholders.

2.4.5 World Athletics Relays Silesia 2021

Upon the recommendation of the Competition Commission, Council approved the Timetable and Qualification System including Entry Standards for the World Athletics Relays Silesia 2021, as detailed in Appendix A and Appendix B respectively.

2.4.6 World Athletics Indoor Championships Nanjing 2021

Council approved the revised Qualification System and Entry Standards for the World Athletics Indoor Championships Nanjing 2021 as proposed by the Competition Commission and as set out in Appendix C.



2.4.7 Aggregated Road Championships

Upon the recommendation of the Competition Commission, Council approved to:

- change the name of the World Athletics Half Marathon Championships to the World Athletics Road Championships
- include the 5km race in the programme of the World Athletics Road Championships
- switch the cycle of the World Athletics Half Marathon Championships (World Athletics Road Championships) and the World Athletics Cross Country Championships, with the former staged in even years instead of odd years.

The rationale for this change is to increase the overall value for World Athletics and the local organising committees by combining several events into an aggregated championship and therefore evolve the one-day World Athletics Half Marathon Championships into a multi-day World Athletics Road Championships creating greater impact and offering for athletes and spectators.

In further developing the proposal for the World Athletics Road Championships, the frequency of the championships, and potential for an annual event, as well as inclusion of reference to 'Running' or 'Race' in the name, will be considered.

2.5 ONE-DAY MEETINGS

Upon the recommendation of the Competition Commission, Council approved the creation of 2 global lower tiers of the World Indoor Tour (WIT) – Silver & Bronze – based on the current Area Permit system as per the structure of the Continental Tour of events, with the aim of broadening the geographical spread of the circuit and including additional Area level competitions.

2.6 OLYMPIC GAMES

2.6.1 2024 Olympic Programme

Council approved to request to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) the inclusion of Cross Country in the Athletics programme for the 2024 Olympic Games.

The proposed Cross Country event format is an alternate mixed team relay to be contested by 15 teams. Each team would be composed of two men and two women. Each member of the team would run two legs of a 2.5km course, alternating between male and female athletes.

In addition, Council recommended that the IOC include four race walk events, namely men's and women's events in both the long and short race walks, in the Olympic programme from 2024 onwards (rather than the three currently in the programme for Tokyo 2020) to ensure gender equality.

Discussions will be ongoing with the IOC regarding the detail around the Cross Country proposal and the existing athlete quota for Athletics. A decision on the final programme for the 2024 Olympic Games will be made by the IOC in December 2020.

2.7 COMMISSIONS

2.7.1 Commissions' Terms of Reference and 4-year Plan

Council received the reports from the Athletes' Commission, Competition Commission, Development Commission and Governance Commission. Under the new governance structure, the newly established World Athletics Commissions developed and finalised their Terms of Reference detailing their roles and responsibilities and scope of work. In addition, each Commission has developed a 4-year plan, aligned with the World Athletics Strategic Plan, which sets out detail of the specific actions and outcomes to be achieved during their term.



Council approved the Terms of Reference and 4-year Plan for each of the four Commissions, which will be available on the World Athletics website by the end of the month ([here](#)).

2.7.2 Athletes' Commission elections

In order to maintain the Athletes' Commission (AC) elections at the time of the World Athletics Championships in 2022 when the athletes will be present to elect their peers, Council approved the following concerning these elections:

- The postponement of the AC elections until 2022;
- The extension of the term of office for the six (6) affected AC Members until the confirmation by Council of the newly elected AC Members (at the first Council Meeting post the 2022 elections at the WCH Oregon22); and
- In principle amendments to the Candidacy Rules and Governance Rules to reflect the above changes.

Related Press Releases

<https://www.worldathletics.org/news/press-releases/new-dates-world-u20-championships>

<https://www.worldathletics.org/news/press-releases/world-athletics-olympic-cross-country-format>



APPENDIX A

World Athletics Relays Silesia 21
Timetable

DAY 1 – Saturday, 1 May 2021			
18:30	Shuttle Hurdle R	X	R1
19:00	4 x 400m R	W	R1
19:35	4 x 400m R	M	R1
20:08	4 x 100m R	W	R1
20:39	4 x 100m R	M	R1
21:08	2 x 2 x 400m R	X	F
21:22	4 x 400m Mixed R	X	R1
21:58	Shuttle Hurdle R	X	F

DAY 2 – Sunday, 2 May 2021			
18:30	4 x 200m R	W	R1
18:55	4 x 200m R	M	R1
19:20	4x 400m Mixed R	X	F
19:35	4 x 100m R	M	F
19:46	4 x 100m R	W	F
19:59	4 x 200m R	W	F
20:13	4 x 200m R	M	F
20:26	4 x 400m R	W	F
20:42	4 x 400m R	M	F
<i>20:52</i>	<i>Ceremonies</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>MC</i>

MC = Medal Ceremony



World Athletics Relays, Silesia 21 Qualification System and Entry Standards

Entry Rules

Age Categories

Any athlete aged at least 16 on 31 December 2021 (born in 2005 or earlier) may compete. Athletes younger than 16 on 31 December 2021 (born in 2006 or later) may not compete.

Entries by Event

A maximum of one team from any one Member can compete in each relay event and a maximum of eight athletes may be entered for each Relay Team. Any four athletes among those entered for the competition, may then be used in the composition of the team.

In the 2x2x400m a maximum of four athletes may be entered for each Relay Team. Any two athletes among those entered for the competition, may then be used in the composition of the team.

Entry Standards

Entry Standards are established for the 4x100m and 4x400m as follows:

Women:	4 x 100m	43.90	Men	4 x 100m	38.80
	4 x 400m	3:31.50		4 x 400m	3:03.80

These Standards will target an ideal number of approximately 20 Teams to qualify. Performances will have to be achieved during the **qualification period** 1 January 2019 to 11 April 2021 (with the exception of the suspended period 6 April – 30 November 2020). The remaining Teams (up to 24) will be determined through the Top Lists in the same qualification period.

There will be no Entry Standards for the other relay events (4x200m, Mixed 4x400m, 2x2x400m and Shuttle Hurdles).

The Host Country may enter one team in each event regardless of any Entry Standard.

Conditions for Validity of Performances

- All performances must be achieved during the period **1 January 2019 to 11 April 2021** (with the exception of the suspended period 6 April – 30 November 2020).
- All performances must be achieved during an official competition organised in **conformity with World Athletics Rules**.
- At least **two different international teams, representing at least two countries, must compete in the race**.
- 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.
- **Indoor performances** will be accepted.
- **Hand-timed performances** for the 4x100m will not be accepted.
- Performances achieved on **over-sized tracks** will not be accepted.



The proposed Qualification System set out above is no different than the previous one and is based on the following principles:

- Entry Standards only for the 4x100m and 4x400m (Men and Women)
- No Entry Standard for the other Relays
- Qualification period *normally* starting on 1 January of the previous year and running until three weeks before the competition
- Targeted numbers by event as follows:

• 4x100m, 4x400m and Mixed 4x400m	24 teams
• 4x200m and 2x2x400m	16 teams
• Shuttle Hurdles (3 heats)	12 teams

Given the exceptional circumstances in 2020 (little competition and qualification suspended in the period 6 April – 30 November 2020), the main difference we are proposing for 2021 is to start the qualification period on 1 January 2019.

Silesia (Poland) will be the fifth edition of the World Athletics Relays after Nassau (Bahamas) in 2014, 2015 and 2017 and Yokohama (Japan) in 2019. The past participation figures are:

World Athletics Relays	MFs	Men	Women	Officials	Total
Nassau 2014	41	276	194	274	744
Nassau 2015	42	329	255	271	855
Nassau 2017	34+ART	238	181	215	634
Yokohama 2019	42+ART	270	259	317	846

In the last edition in Yokohama the participation by event was:

MEN			WOMEN			MIXED		
4X100	4X200	4X400	4X100	4X200	4X400	4X400	2X2X400	Shuttle Hurdles
25	13	18	23	9	21	18	8	7

As in the past, the World Athletics Relays will offer automatic qualification to the next edition of the World Athletics Championships (Oregon) and, with the Olympic Games moved to 2021, they will also qualify for Tokyo 2020. Details are as follows:

Tokyo 2020 Top 8 in the 4x100m, 4x400m and Mixed 4x400m automatically qualify. If the country is already qualified from Doha 2019, the place is NOT awarded to the next best (Top Performance Lists will be used).

Oregon 22 Top 10 in the 4x100m and 4x400m and Top 12 in the Mixed 4x400m automatically qualify.



World Athletics Indoor Championships, Nanjing 21

Qualification System and Entry Standards

(Changes from the previous version approved by Council are highlighted in yellow)

ENTRY RULES

- **Individual Events** (except CE – see later)
 - Each Member will be allowed to participate with a maximum of two qualified athletes (three in case of a Wild Card) in each event, subject to the below.
 - A third (fourth in case of a Wild Card) qualified athlete can be entered as a reserve.
- **Relays**
 - There is no entry standard and each Member Federation will be able to enter one team of up to eight athletes in each event.
- **Unqualified Athletes**
 - Members who have **no male and/or no female qualified athletes** (eligible by Entry Standard) in any event may enter one unqualified male athlete OR one unqualified female athlete in a running event (except the 800m).
 - In exceptional cases, and as agreed by the Technical Delegates, entry of unqualified athletes in the 800m, Long Jump, Triple Jump or Shot Put may be accepted. Applications for such entries must be submitted to World Athletics (events@worldathletics.org) by no later than **1 March 2021**.
 - If the **host country** does not have a qualified athlete in an event, it may enter one athlete in this event regardless of any Entry Standard (except for the Combined Events). For the Field Events and 800m, the entry is at the discretion of the Technical Delegates and must be submitted to World Athletics (events@worldathletics.org) by no later than **1 March 2021**.
- **Age Requirements**
 - U20 Athletes: any athlete aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December **2021** (born in **2003** or **2002**) may compete in any event.
 - U18 athletes: any athlete aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December **2021** (born in **2005** or **2004**) may compete in any event except the Shot Put.
 - Athletes younger than 16 years on 31 December **2021** (born in **2006** or later) may not compete in any event.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

- **Individual athletes (except Combined Events) can qualify in one of three ways:**
 - By achieving the Entry Standard within the qualification period in accordance with the conditions detailed below.
 - By World Indoor Tour Wild Card
 - The individual overall winner of each event of the World Indoor Tour **2019** and **2020** will automatically qualify for the World Athletics Indoor Championships by Wild Card.
 - The Member Federation of the World Indoor Tour winner will have the ultimate authority to enter the athlete or not, based on its own criteria or qualification system.
 - If a Member Federation has three athletes qualified as a result, all three will be permitted to compete.
 - By virtue of their position in the **World Rankings published on 9 March 2021** to complete, where necessary, the target number of athletes in each event and once places have been allocated to the accepted unqualified athletes.
- **Qualification in Combined Events**
 - 12 athletes will be invited in the **Heptathlon** and in the **Pentathlon** as follows:
 - the winner of the **2019** Combined Events Challenge



- the five best athletes from the 2019 Outdoor Lists (as at 31 December 2019), limited to a maximum of one per country
 - the six best athletes from the 2021 Indoor Lists (as at 1 March 2021)
 - In total no more than two male and two female athletes from any one Member will be invited. Upon refusals or cancellations, the invitations will be extended to the next ranked athletes in the same lists respecting the above conditions.
- **Athletes qualified by World Rankings**
 - Following the end of the qualification period and the submission of Final Entries, World Athletics shall, for each event (except relays and combined events), assess the number of athletes entered based on:
 - Qualification by entry standard
 - Qualification by Wild Card
 - Accepted unqualified entries (including host country)
 - In those events where the target number of entries (see below) has not been reached, World Athletics shall invite the athletes with the next best World Rankings position (based on list issued on 9 March) in order to reach the established target number while respecting the maximum quota by Member Federation by event.

NB: In order to pro-actively identify those athletes who would be available to compete at the WIC and therefore help with the invitation process, MF are asked to inform World Athletics of any athletes in the World Rankings as at 31 December 2020 who would not be competing at the WIC even if qualified.
 - Upon refusals or cancellations, invitations shall be extended to the next eligible athlete at the sole and exclusive discretion of World Athletics.
 - In case of ties, these will be broken in favour of the athlete with the best Performance score.
 - Invitations shall be sent by email to the official email address of the Member Federation (xxx@mf.worldathletics.org) and replies shall be expected within 24 hours, otherwise the invitation shall be understood as declined and the next ranked athlete shall be invited.
 - Where required, amendments to the Final Entries will be made directly by World Athletics

TARGET NUMBER OF ATHLETES/TEAMS BY EVENT

The target number of athletes/teams by event will be as follows:

Events	Target Number
60m	56
400m	30
800m	18
1500m	18
3000m (Men's)	24
3000m (Women's) – straight final	15
60m hurdles	48
High Jump, Pole Vault	12
Long Jump, Triple Jump, Shot Put	16
Combined Events	12
Relays	n/a



ENTRY STANDARDS AND CONDITIONS

The Entry Standards were approved by the Council in March 2019 and are as follows:

WOMEN		Event	MEN	
Indoor	Outdoor		Indoor	Outdoor
7.30	11.15 (100m)	60m	6.63	10.10 (100m)
52.90	51.00	400m	46.50	45.00
2:01.50	1:58.00	800m	1:46.70	1:44.00
4:09.00 / 4:28.50 (Mile)	4:02.00	1500m	3:40.00 3:55.00 (Mile)	3:33.00
8:49.00	8:30.00 / 14:50.00 (5000)	3000m	7:50.00	7:40.00 / 13:10.00 (5000m)
8.16	12.85 (100mH)	60m H	7.70	13.40 (110mH)
No Standard		4x400 R	No Standard	
1.95		HJ	2.34	
4.70		PV	5.80	
6.75		LJ	8.20	
14.30		TJ	16.90	
18.30		SP	20.95	

CONDITIONS FOR THE VALIDITY OF PERFORMANCES:

- Performances must be achieved during the qualification period of **1 January 2019 to 5 April 2020** and from **1 December 2020 to 7 March 2021**, except for the Combined Events (see below)
- Performances must be achieved during **competitions organised or authorised by World Athletics**, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations. Thus, results achieved at university or school competitions must be certified by the National Federation of the country in which the competition was organised.
- Performances must be achieved during an official competition organised in **conformity with World Athletics Rules**.
- 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 the 5000m event 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 under specific circumstances and conditions (see TR9).
- **Wind-assisted performances** will not be accepted.
- **Hand-timed performances** in 60m, 100m, 400m, 800m, 60m Hurdles, and 100m/110m Hurdles will not be accepted.
- For the running events of 400m and over, performances achieved on **oversized tracks** will NOT be accepted.