

**AMENDMENTS TO THE IAAF COMPETITION RULES 2016-2017**

***Approved by the IAAF Council on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016, in force with immediate effect  
(Amendments in bold, with double lines in the margin)***

**CHAPTER TWO: ELIGIBILITY**

**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;
  - (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 suspended or banned by the ethics Commission for a violation of the Code of ethics, pursuant to the Statutes of the Ethics Commission;
  - (g) who has been declared ineligible as a result of conduct specified in Rule 23.
  
- 1A. Notwithstanding Rule 22.1(a), upon application, the Council (or its delegate(s)) may exceptionally grant eligibility for some or all International Competitions, under conditions defined by the Council (or its delegate(s)), to an athlete whose National Federation is currently suspended by the IAAF, if (and only if) the athlete is able to demonstrate to the comfortable satisfaction of the Council **(or its delegate(s))** that:
  - (a) the suspension of the National Federation was not due in any way to its failure to protect and promote clean athletes, fair play, and the integrity and authenticity of the sport; or
  - (b) if the suspension of the National Federation was due in any way to its failure to put in place adequate systems to protect and promote clean athletes, fair play, and the integrity and authenticity of the sport, **(i) the athlete is not directly implicated in any way (knowingly or unknowingly) by that failure; and (ii) he has been** subject to other, fully adequate, systems **(including fully WADA Code-compliant drug-testing)** for a sufficiently long period to provide substantial objective assurance of integrity; or
  - (c) that the athlete has made a truly exceptional contribution to the protection and promotion of clean athletes, fair play, and the integrity and authenticity of the sport.

The more important the International Competition in question, the more corroborating evidence the athlete must provide in order to be granted special eligibility under this Rule 22.1A. Where such eligibility is granted, the athlete shall not represent the suspended National Federation in the International Competition(s) in question, but rather shall compete **only** in an individual capacity, as a 'Neutral Athlete'. **The Council (or its delegate(s)) may reconsider a decision to grant or deny an application for eligibility under this Rule 22.1A where it deems it appropriate to do so (e.g., if new facts or new evidence emerge).**