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To: **MEMBER FEDERATIONS**

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Executive Board Members  
Commission Chairpersons  
Area Associations  
Dentsu Athletics

Re: **World Rankings Competitions – Update after World Athletics Council**

Dear all,

As communicated at the MF Info Session on 7 December, World Athletics Council has formally approved the rule changes required to implement the World Rankings Competitions framework and we wish to confirm the implications in terms of results processing on behalf of World Athletics. We also want to provide some clarifications on the operation of the Global Calendar platform (<https://globalcalendar.worldathletics.org/>) and timelines.

World Athletics will NOT recognise results for any of its statistics purposes (Entry Standards, World Rankings, Top Lists, Records, etc.) unless they are achieved at a competition, and in the specific events, listed on the Global Calendar (<https://www.worldathletics.org/competition/calendar-results?isSearchReset=true>).

Since 1 November 2022, World Athletics has made available the Global Calendar Platform for Member Federations to submit applications for national permit competitions to be part of the World Rankings Competitions framework. We remind you that it is the duty of the Member Federation to populate the platform either directly or by sharing access with its organisers. **You are welcome to send us your National Calendars by email if you so wish, but please do also upload them on the Global Calendar platform as we cannot do it for you.**

Many of you have already started to populate it but we take this opportunity to remind you of some key principles.

#### **Timelines and what competitions must be submitted**

- Starting with competitions taking place from 1 March 2023, applications must be submitted 60 days in advance – for competitions until 28 February 2023, this advance notice is not mandatory. In case of changes, amendments can be submitted through the same platform.
- Applications must be submitted ONLY for national permit competitions, including national championships (so NOT for competitions which already have a World Athletics or Area permit: Indoor or Continental Tours, Label Races, Race Walking and Combined Events Tours, Area Permit Meetings). If competitions are held on an Indoor oversized track, please specify this in the comments section.
- Upgrades to E category must be requested through the platform by whoever is submitting the application (organiser or MF) and respecting the 60 days advance notice. The MF will always have the ultimate decision on whether to validate the request and an internal counter will help keep track of the upgrades available and/or remaining (see quotas for 2023 in Appendix A). If an MF wishes to reject an upgrade request by an



organiser, it must ask the organiser to amend the application without indicating the upgrade, and submit it again.

- A limited number of U16 competitions (but not younger than 14) can be submitted through the platform but only if judged relevant and with the understanding that we will only process the results which are within our performance lists limits (<https://www.worldathletics.org/records/toplists/sprints/100-metres/outdoor/women/senior/2022>).
- For Cross Country, we only process National Senior Championships (no results from age group championships will be processed so no need to submit applications for them).

### **National Championships**

- National Championships must be submitted separately for each age group because they are awarded different world ranking points and because it is important for us to identify the national champion in each age group.
- Available age groups are: Senior, U23, U20, U18 and U16. If you hold national championships in age groups different from these (e.g. U19, U17), then indicate this in the competition name and in the comments.
- If National Championships are held within another competition (e.g. label road race, race walking tour event, etc.) they must still be submitted through the platform and explanations provided in the comments section. If this is not possible (e.g. if the other competition is in another country), please notify us separately by email so that we can manage the results appropriately.
- To help us with our planning and to process the results and ranking points correctly, it is very important that dates of National Championships for all age groups are submitted as soon as possible for the whole year.

### **Race Walking**

- Senior Race Walking competitions will still need to be officiated by a minimum of three international or area race walking judges (to be indicated in the application) and, if on road, require the course to be internationally certified (certificate to be provided in the application).
- It will no longer be necessary to send a separate application to Pierce O'Callaghan. For age group race walking competitions, these conditions are not mandatory for the results to be processed.

### **Member Federation access to the platform and publication on Global Calendar**

- It will be possible to create up to three different Member Federation accounts to access the Global Calendar platform – please input the details (names and email addresses) in the World Athletics Family Extranet/Annual Report/MF Data/MF Administration/Global Calendar and World Rankings Competitions Liaison (<https://family.worldathletics.org/>).
- The competitions will be published on the World Athletics' Global Calendar & Results page, including the listed events, links to the competition website/results/live streaming pages, and the main contact person (the latter only for open/invitational competitions so should, ideally, be someone who can deal with athletes' enquiries).

### **Terms and amount of the Administration Fee**

- It is due to be paid annually for each application submitted through the platform
- It is waived (and will not be charged) for the following competitions:
  - Official annual National Championships (of all age groups and for any event)
  - Other competitions organised and funded directly or indirectly (e.g. through its regional branches) by the Member Federation – please liaise with our team ([calendar@worldathletics.org](mailto:calendar@worldathletics.org)) to determine the criteria for exemption
- The amount of the fee for each application is 25 EUR (equivalent to 25 USD) and payments will be processed as follows:



- Starting with competitions taking place from 1 March 2023 onwards
- When an application is submitted or validated by the MF, the MF will have to indicate whether the payment will be settled by the MF or the organiser
- Two payment methods will be offered:
  - Bank transfer
  - Online payment with PayPlug platform
- It will be possible to make payments starting Monday 16 January 2023, when a new menu item “payments” will be available. This will list all applications for which a fee is due, and which has not yet been settled (so will also include previously submitted applications).
- Upon selecting the payment method, an invoice will be generated and instructions for payment provided
- As already mentioned, it is also possible for MFs to collect payments from their organisers and then make bulk payments to World Athletics – in this case please liaise with our team in order to make the necessary arrangements
- To ensure equivalency with the 25 USD, the exchange rate and the amount charged in EUR will be reviewed every 3 months and amended if necessary.

For more information, please refer to World Athletics Circular Letter M/51/22 and/or contact our Global Calendar support team on [calendar@worldathletics.org](mailto:calendar@worldathletics.org).

Kind regards,

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Appendix:      Appendix A – Upgrading National Permit Competitions – 2023 quotas