

# Qualification System and Entry Standards

## Entry conditions

- **Individual Events**
  - Each Member Federation will be allowed to participate with up to a maximum of three qualified athletes (four in case of a Wild Card) in each event, subject to the below. A fourth (fifth in case of a Wild Card) qualified athlete can be entered as a reserve.
- **Relay Events**
  - Each Member Federation will be allowed to enter one qualified team in each relay event, subject to the below. A total of six athletes may be entered and these must include the individual athletes (up to four) entered in the respective individual event (100m and 400m). This does not apply to the Mixed 4x400m.
- **Unqualified athletes**
  - Members who have no:
    - male and/or no female athletes who have achieved the Entry Standard or considered as having achieved the Entry Standard (see below);
    - male and/or no female athletes qualified by World Rankings;
    - qualified relay team;may enter one unqualified male athlete OR one unqualified female athlete in one individual event of the Championships (except the Road Events and Field Events [see below], Combined Events, 10,000m and 3000m Steeplechase).
  - Members whose best athlete excels in a Field Event or Road Event, may submit to World Athletics the name of their athlete whom they would like to enter together with their best performance during the qualification period<sup>1</sup>. The Technical Delegates will decide whether or not to accept such an entry and, to do so, may seek the opinion of the relevant Area Association.
  - If the Host Country does not have an athlete who has achieved the Entry Standard in an event, or a qualified Relay Team, it may enter one athlete (or Relay Team) in that event, with the exception of the Combined Events and Field Events where the above will apply.
  - Unqualified athletes will be added to the quota of qualified athletes.
  - Where the approval by the Technical Delegates is required, preference will be given to the athletes in the best world rankings position as at the closing date for applications (to be sent to [teamservices@worldathletics.org](mailto:teamservices@worldathletics.org)):
    - **30 May 2023** for the Marathon and 35km Race Walk
    - **30 July 2023** for the 20km Race Walk and Field Events
- **Age categories**
  - Under 20 Athletes – Athletes aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December 2023, (i.e., born in 2004 or 2005), may compete in any event except the Marathon and 35km Race Walk.
  - Under 18 Athletes – Athletes aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December 2023 (born in 2006 or 2007), may compete in any event except the throwing events, the Combined Events, 10,000m, Marathon and the Race Walks.
  - Athletes younger than 16 – No athlete younger than 16 years of age on 31 December 2023 (born in 2008 or later) may be entered.

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<sup>1</sup> In the Triple Jump a Season´s Best of at least 15.50m (men) / 12.75m (women) is required for the Technical Delegate to consider accepting an entry. However, these marks do not guarantee acceptance.

## Qualification System

- **Qualification period valid for Entry Standards and World Rankings**
  - For the Marathon and 35km Race Walks: 18 months from 1 December 2021 to midnight 30 May 2023 (regardless of the time zone).
  - For the 10,000m, 20km Race Walks and Combined Events: 18 months from 31 January 2022 to midnight 30 July 2023 (regardless of the time zone).
  - For all other events: 12 months from 31 July 2022 to midnight 30 July 2023 (regardless of the time zone).
- **Qualification in Individual Events**
  - Athletes can qualify in one of four ways
    - By achieving the **Entry Standard** within the qualification period in accordance with the criteria detailed below.
    - By virtue of the **Finishing Position** at designated competitions as follows (in these cases the athletes shall also be considered as having achieved the Entry Standard):
      - The Area Champions in all the individual events (except for the Marathons) on condition that there is no better entry (by World Rankings) of another athlete from the same Area in the same event. The Member Federation of the Area Champion will have the ultimate authority to enter the athlete or not, based on its own selection criteria. See specific additional conditions below.
      - The top 5 finishers at the Platinum Label Marathons held during the qualification period and the winners of the Gold Label Marathons held on 2023.
    - By **Wild Card** as:
      - Defending World Champion from 2022
      - Winner of the 2022
        1. Diamond League
        2. World Race Walking Tour (to participate in the 20km OR 35km)
        3. World Combined Events Tour
        4. Leading hammer performers on the Continental Tour

If two athletes from the same country would qualify for a Wild Card, only one of the two can be entered with this Wild Card. If a Member Federation has four athletes in one event as a result of this regulation, all four will be permitted to compete.
    - By virtue of the **World Rankings Position** achieved at the end of the qualification period according to the respective Event Ranking Rules (and ranking periods). In case of ties, athletes with the next best Performance Score will prevail.
  - For the 10,000m, a quota of 8 athletes will be assigned to the top positioned athletes, not otherwise qualified through entry standards or other ways, in the senior Men's and Women's World Ranking for Cross Country at the end of the qualification period.
  - World Athletics will keep a regularly updated running list of the qualification situation for each event in the lead up to the World Athletics Championships. This will be published in due course on the Stat Zone section of the World Athletics Website ([www.worldathletics.org/stats-zone](http://www.worldathletics.org/stats-zone)).
  - Individual Athletes Ranking Process
    - Following the end of the qualification period, based on the target numbers, for each event World Athletics will determine:
      - the number of athletes having achieved the entry standard (either directly or by finishing position at the selected competitions, including approved Area Champions);
      - the eligible wild cards;
      - the athletes subsequently qualified by virtue of their World Ranking position to complete the target number in each event – should the target number of athletes in any event be reached (or surpassed) through entry standards and wild cards, no athletes would qualify by virtue of their World Rankings position;
      - the athletes in the next best World Ranking position.

- The list so determined will be published on 02 August 2023
  - Member Federations shall be invited to pre-submit their entries by 4 August 2023 (midnight Monaco time) and to include, in addition to the qualified athletes, also the next best by World Rankings they would be willing to enter.
  - Based on the pre-entries submitted, World Athletics shall determine the number of next best athletes by World Rankings proposed for entry to be accepted and shall notify the respective Member Federation accordingly by 5 August 2023 (midnight Monaco time).
  - Member Federations shall review and complete their final entries by the entry deadline of 7 August 2023 (midnight Monaco time).
- **Qualification in Relay Events**
    - Relay Teams can qualify in one of two ways
      - First twelve placed teams at the **2023 World Relays**.
      - Be one of the best ranked teams at the end of the qualification period to fill the remaining places (three or four). For the purpose of being ranked, the results of relay races will be valid only on the condition that they are part of a competition staged in compliance with World Athletics Rules and that at least two different international teams, representing at least two countries, compete in the race.
    - Relays Ranking Process
      - Following the end of the qualification period and knowing the Relay Teams that have qualified from the 2023 World Relays and those eventually unqualified but entered by the Host Country, World Athletics will identify the teams qualified by virtue of their position in the World Athletics Top Lists (according to the best performances in the whole qualification period). World Athletics will, within 48 hours of the closing of the Qualification Period, notify the Member Federations concerned by email to their official email address (xxx@mf.worldathletics.org) and replies will be expected within 24 hours. Upon refusals, cancellations or no reply, the next eligible relay team will be identified and invited. The invitation process will end on 3 August 2023, midnight Monaco time.

### Target number of athletes / teams by event (not including the unqualified athletes)

Events	Target Number
100m	48
200m 400m	48
800m	56
1500m	56
3000mSC	36
5000m	42
10,000m	27
100mH, 110mH, 400mH	40
Field Events	36
Combined Events	24
Marathon	100
20km Race Walk	50
35km Race Walk	50
Relays	16

## Entry Standards

Men	Event	Women
10.00	100m	11.08
20.16	200m	22.60
45.00	400m	51.00
1:44.70	800m	1:59.80
3:34.20 (3:51.00/3:51)	1500m (mile standard)	4:03.50 (4:22.00/4:22)
13:07.00 /13:07	5000m / 5km road	14:57.00 /14:57
27:10.00 /27:10	10,000m / 10 km road	30:40.00 /30:40
2:09:40	Marathon	2:28:00
8:15.00	3000m SC	9:23.00
13.28	110m H / 100m H	12.78
48.70	400m H	54.90
2.32	High Jump	1.97
5.81	Pole Vault	4.71
8.25	Long Jump	6.85
17.20	Triple Jump	14.52
21.40	Shot Put	18.80
67.00	Discus Throw	64.20
78.00	Hammer Throw	73.60
85.20	Javelin Throw	63.80
NA	Heptathlon	6,480
8,460	Decathlon	NA
1:20:10	20km Race Walk	1:29:20
2:29:40	35km Race Walk	2:51:30
Top 12 at WRE + 4 from Top Lists	4x100m	Top 12 at WRE + 4 from Top Lists
Top 12 at WRE + 4 from Top Lists	4x400m	Top 12 at WRE + 4 from Top Lists
Top 12 at WRE + 4 from Top Lists	4x400m Mixed	Top 12 at WRE + 4 from Top Lists

## Conditions for the validity of performances

- All performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by World Athletics, its Area Associations or its National Federations and conducted in conformity with World Athletics Rules and for which (starting from 1 January 2023) an application has been submitted in advance (see below).
- For Road Races and Race Walks, World Athletics publishes on its website a list of courses and competitions that comply with the below.
  - Road Races (Marathons, Half Marathons, 10km, 5km and road Mile)
    - Performances for qualifying purposes may only be achieved on a course measured by a World Athletics/AIMS Grade “A” or “B” International Road Race Course Measurer with the measurement certificate established no more than 5 years before the date of the race.
    - For Entry Standards the overall decrease in elevation between the start and the finish will not exceed 1:1000, i.e., 1m per km.

- For World Rankings in case of performances achieved on courses with a drop in elevation which exceeds 1:1000, a correction will be made in the result score from which points will be deducted depending on the drop.
- The contact email address for any matters related to qualifying marathon courses is [alessio.punzi@worldathletics.org](mailto:alessio.punzi@worldathletics.org).
- Race Walks
  - Performances for qualifying purposes may only be achieved on a course measured by a World Athletics/AIMS Grade “A” or “B” International Road Race Course Measurer with the measurement certificate established no more than 5 years before the date of the race.
  - A minimum of 3 International or Area Race Walking Judges must be on duty.
  - For International Competitions defined under World Athletics’ Table of Contents- International Competitions Definition – point 1.9 or at National Competitions, Member Federations concerned must submit a specific application to World Athletics before the race is conducted. Applications submitted for the World Athletics Championships Oregon 2022 do not need to be submitted again.
  - The contact email address for any matters related to qualifying race walk competitions is [competition@worldathletics.org](mailto:competition@worldathletics.org).
- Starting **1 January 2023**, in the case of National Permit competitions, in addition to compliance with the above, all performances must be achieved in a competition for which an application has been submitted to World Athletics (see World Rankings Competitions framework). The list of such competitions will be published on the Global Calendar pages of the World Athletics website.
- Special conditions for validity of performances:
  - Performances achieved in mixed competitions in track events will not be accepted. Exceptionally, in accordance with Rule 9 of the World Athletics Technical Rules, performances achieved in events of 5000m and 10,000m 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. If applicable, Member Federations must submit a specific request to the World Athletics Competitions department ([competition@worldathletics.org](mailto:competition@worldathletics.org)) providing the documentation as required.
  - Performances which are wind assisted or for which a wind reading is not available will not be accepted for Entry Standards purposes (but will be valid for the World Rankings with the appropriate adjustments).
  - Hand timing performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 110m/100m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles and 4x100m Relay will not be accepted.
  - Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 200m and longer, will be accepted.
  - Performances in events conducted indoors or in an otherwise fully or partly covered venue where the length or other specifications of the facility do not comply with the rules for indoor competition, shall be valid and recognised as if they were achieved outdoors, if they are made subject to all of the following conditions:
    - the relevant governing body as provided in Rules 2 to 3 of the Competition Rules has issued a permit for the event;
    - a qualified panel of National Technical Officials are appointed to and officiate at the event;
    - where applicable, equipment and implements in conformity with the Rules are used;
    - in the case of an oval track, its length is greater than 201.2m (220 yards) but no greater than 400m; and the event is conducted in a competition area or facility in conformity with the Rules and in respect of which, if held on a temporary facility, a survey has been made in accordance with Rule 10 of the Technical Rules.

In practice when a result is achieved on a complying facility with no advantage gained and all related rules observed, the fact that it happened at a covered competition site does not prevent a result being listed among the outdoor equivalent distances (and scored according to the outdoor scoring tables) and used for any statistical purpose.
- For the Race Walks
  - Track performances (20,000m or 35,000m) will be accepted.
  - Performances achieved in competitions conducted with the penalty zone rule will be accepted.

- For the Combined Events at least one of these conditions must be met:
  - The wind velocity in any individual event will not exceed plus 4 metres per second.
  - The average wind velocity (based on the algebraic sum of the wind velocities, as measured for each individual event, divided by the number of such events) will not exceed plus 2 metres per second.

## Area Champions

The following regulations shall apply for Automatic Qualification to the World Athletics Championships (not applicable for relays and marathon):

1. The Area Champion (in each individual event to be contested at the World Championships) automatically qualifies for the World Championships, irrespective of whether his performance has reached the Entry Standard, on condition that there is no better entry (by World Rankings) of another athlete from the same Area in the same event.
2. The Area Champion shall be the one who won the title either in 2021, 2022 or 2023.
3. The Member Federation of the Area Champion will have the ultimate authority to enter the athlete or not, based on its own domestic standard or qualification system.
4. If the Member Federation of the Area Champion enters the athlete, he will be considered as having achieved the Entry Standard.
5. If the Area Champion, for whatever reason, is not entered, his quota will not be delegated to the second placed athlete and the normal entry rules and conditions apply.
6. For those Area Championships that do not have certain events, the Area Associations can organise alternate Area-specific event Championships with conditions conforming to Area Championships Regulations. World Athletics shall be notified of such alternative Championships at least one month in advance of the events' being held.

## Competition Manipulation Watchlist

The World Athletics Council, in July 2022, has established a Competition Manipulation watchlist of Member Federations.

For the purpose of qualification to Budapest 2023, whether by Entry Standard or by World Rankings, starting from 2 August 2022, World Athletics will only recognise results achieved at the following competitions hosted by such Member Federations:

- Official International or Area Championships;
- Competitions which form part of the following International Competition structures:
  - Diamond League
  - Continental Tour
  - World Indoor Tour
  - World Race Walking Tour
  - World Combined Events Tour
  - World Cross Country Tour
  - World Athletics Label Road Race
  - National Senior Championships subject to a specific application to be submitted to World Athletics at least 30 days in advance ([competition@worldathletics.org](mailto:competition@worldathletics.org))

World Athletics reserves the right, at its sole discretion and if it so requires, to appoint up to a maximum of three International Technical Officials (World Athletics Referees) to officiate at any of these competitions at the cost of the host Member Federation.