

Authorised Neutral Athletes

2022 Guidance Note

1. Following the World Athletics Council's decision on 1 December 2021 to maintain the Authorised Neutral Athlete (“**ANA**”) process in 2022, this note is issued to provide guidance to athletes from Russia who are seeking, or who intend to seek, to compete as ANAs in International Competitions taking place in 2022.
2. The note should be read in conjunction with the latest version of the Guidelines for Applications under Eligibility Rule 3.2 that were approved by the Doping Review Board in December 2021: [2022 Guidelines](#) ("the Guidelines").
3. Athletes who wish to apply for ANA status in 2022 should submit their applications on the following form: [2022 Application Form](#).
4. All applications should be submitted to the following e-mail address: applications.neutralathletes2022@worldathletics.org.
5. No application will be processed unless the applicable application fee¹ has been received to the account listed below. Applicants must make sure when paying the application fee that the accompanying bank reference specifies that the payment is for ANA purposes and includes the athlete's name (in English). For example, "ANA: Name".

Account name: WORLD ATHLETICS
Account number: 0592469.0001.USD
Bank: CMB MONACO
IBAN number: MC58 1756 9000 0105 9246 9000 173
BIC number: CMBMMCMXXXX
Currency: USD

6. In accordance with paragraph 2 of the Guidelines, the application must be accompanied by an official letter from RusAF certifying (i) that the application form (and any accompanying documentation) is complete and accurate to the best of the federation's information and belief, (ii) that the applicant has paid the applicable application fee, and (iii) whether RusAF endorses the application. In addition, the application must be accompanied by an official letter from the Russian Anti-Doping Agency (RUSADA) confirming details of the athlete's inclusion in the international or domestic registered testing pool for the last 12 months (including whether the athlete is included in RUSADA's RTP or TP and the dates the athlete was entered into each testing pool), the number of no notice out-of-competition tests that the athlete has undergone in such

¹ The application fee to compete in U18 and U20 competitions is USD100 per application. For all other applications, the application fee is USD250 per application.

period, the athlete's ADAMS ID under which RUSADA's testing data can be retrieved in ADAMS, any past anti-doping rule violations prosecuted by RUSADA and their outcomes, and any ongoing investigations or result management procedures, including any provisional suspensions currently imposed.

7. In accordance with paragraphs 7.5 and 8 of the Guidelines, the following additional guidance is provided:
 - a. Any athlete seeking to compete as an ANA athlete in U18 or U20 events, including the European Athletics U18 Championships to be held in Jerusalem, Israel from 4 to 7 July 2022, World Athletics U20 Championships Cali 22 to be held in Cali, Colombia from 1 to 6 August 2022, and the 28th SPAR European U20 Cross Country Championships to be held in Torino, Italy on 1 December 2022, must have been in a domestic registered testing pool and subject to fully WADA Code-compliant drug-testing for a period of 4 continuous months prior to the competition.
 - b. In all other cases, the Relevant Period i.e., the period under paragraph 7.5 of the Guidelines for which the applicant must have been in an international or domestic registered testing pool and subject to fully WADA Code-compliant drug-testing shall be 12 continuous months prior to the competition for which approval is sought, consistent with the Doping Review Board's practice in previous years.

Note: any applicant who is granted ANA status to compete in the European U18 Championships, World U20 Championships or European U20 Cross Country Championships on the basis set out in paragraph 7a. above must apply separately to compete in senior International Competitions in 2021 and be able to establish a Relevant Period of 12 months for such purpose.

8. In accordance with the Guidelines, World Athletics will not process applications if they are submitted less than 4 weeks before the entry deadline for the International Competition for which eligibility is sought. The relevant deadlines for submitting ANA applications to compete in Championship events in 2022 include the following:

Competition	Date of competition	Deadline for Final Entries	Deadline for submitting ANA applications	Relevant Period (para 7.5)
World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships Muscat	4-5 March 2022	14 February 2022	17 January 2022	12 months
World Athletics Indoor Championships Belgrade	18-20 March 2022	7 March 2022	7 February 2022	12 months
European Athletics U18 Championships	4-7 July 2022	24 June 2022	27 May 2022	4 months
World Athletics Championships Oregon22	15-24 July 2022	4 July 2022	6 June 2022	12 months
World Athletics U20 Championships Cali	1-6 August 2022	17 July 2022	19 June 2022	4 months

9.	European Athletics Championships Munich 2022	15-21 August 2022	8 August 2022	11 July 2021	12 months
	World Athletics Half Marathon Championships Yangzhou	13 November 2022	24 October 2022	26 September 2022	12 months
	28th SPAR European Cross Country Championships, Torino	11 December 2022	1 December 2022	3 November 2022	12 months
	28th SPAR European U20 Cross Country Championships, Torino	11 December 2022	1 December 2022	3 November 2022	4 months

International Competitions for which there are no entry deadlines (e.g., Diamond League and other invitational one-day meetings), applications should be submitted as early as possible to ensure that they can be processed in time. If an applicant is granted ANA status to compete in a one-day meeting, it is still for the relevant Meeting Director to decide if the applicant is invited to the meeting.

10. The DRB may require an applicant to undergo additional testing prior to granting him or her ANA status. In those circumstances, the DRB will advise RusAF of the specifics of the additional testing required. The DRB will only take a decision whether to grant ANA status once RusAF advises World Athletics that the additional testing has been carried out and the corresponding test results are recorded in the ADAMS database and are available for the AIU to consult.
11. In exceptional circumstances (e.g., if an upcoming competition is taking place less than four weeks after the DRB reviews the application) the DRB may decide to grant ANA status, subject to additional testing. In the event that an athlete is granted ANA status subject to additional testing, RusAF is required to:
 - a. Inform World Athletics within **five days** of receipt of the DRB's decision to grant ANA status, of the name and date of the first competition at which the athlete intends to compete; and
 - b. Confirm to World Athletics **two days** before the entry deadline for the event in question, that the additional testing has taken place and the corresponding test results are recorded in the ADAMS database and are available for the AIU to consult.
12. **Testing Requirements:** for applicants seeking to compete in a senior World Championship or European Championship event, the Doping Review Board shall consider whether the applicant has, in the ten months prior to the competition, undergone at least three no notice out-of-competition tests, including (if they compete in any middle distance event from 800m upwards, a long distance event, a combined event or a race walk event) at least one ABP and one EPO test, all such tests to be conducted no less than three weeks apart. For applicants seeking to compete in any other competition, the Doping Review Board shall consider whether the applicant has, in the twelve months prior to the competition, undergone at least three no notice out-of-competition tests, all such tests to be conducted no less than three weeks apart. As

regards applicants competing in U18 or U20 competitions, the Doping Review Board expects a minimum of two no notice out-of-competition tests to have been conducted on applicants, all such tests to be conducted no less than three weeks apart.

13. Applications that meet all the relevant requirements under the Guidelines shall be processed by the World Athletics Secretariat (or their delegate) and referred to the Doping Review Board. The Doping Review Board shall conduct its review of the application in accordance with the Guidelines as soon as practicable, but it cannot guarantee doing so by any particular deadline. In particular, and without limitation, the Doping Review Board reserves the right not to approve individual applications for ANA status for 2022 until such time as any stored samples for the applicant have been submitted to re-analysis (at RusAF's cost) and it has thereby been able to satisfy itself that the applicant is not implicated (knowingly or unknowingly) in RusAF's failure to put in place adequate systems to protect and promote clean athletes, fair play, integrity and authenticity of sport.

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