

U18 NEUTRAL ATHLETES REGULATIONS

Incorporating amendments to the Technical Regulations for IAAF World U18 Championships in relation to the participation of neutral athletes (as defined in the amendments to the IAAF Competition Rules 2016-2017)

All athletes, including athletes who have been granted Neutral Athletes status in accordance with IAAF Rule 22.1A, are subject to all IAAF Rules and Regulations (including without limitation as amended by the Neutral Athletes Regulations). However, due to the specificities of their status, the Technical Regulations for IAAF World U18 Championships are amended as follows in relation to the participation of Neutral Athletes to the IAAF World U18 Championships.

1 PARTICIPATION OF NEUTRAL ATHLETES TO THE IAAF WORLD U18 CHAMPIONSHIPS

1.1 Principles

Article 403.1 of the Technical Regulations for IAAF World U 18 Championships does not apply to Neutral Athletes. Instead, athletes who have been granted Neutral Athlete status in accordance with IAAF Rule 22.1A may apply to the IAAF to participate in the IAAF World U18 Championships via the Liaison person (as described in 1.7 below), by email at the latest by the entry deadline. Neutral Athletes may only apply to compete in individual events and provided they have achieved the Entry Standard for the event within the Qualification Period.

1.2 Age Categories

Article 403.2 of the Technical Regulations for IAAF World U 18 Championships shall be amended as follows in respect of Neutral Athletes:

Neutral Athlete's Official must present athletes' passports upon arrival, or other official documents indicating the year of birth, to confirm ages in order for them to be photocopied by the organisers.

1.3 Entry Rules

Article 403.4 of the Technical Regulations for IAAF World U 18 Championships shall be amended as follows in respect of Neutral Athletes:

403.4.1 A maximum of two Neutral Athletes from the same suspended Federation can compete in each event.

403.4.2 Three Neutral Athletes can initially be entered per event, provided each has achieved the Entry Standard but only two will be allowed to compete.

403.4.3 The maximum number of events that a Neutral Athlete can compete in is two individual events. If the two individual events are Track Events, only one of these two individual races may be longer than 200m.

403.4.4, 403.4.5 and 403.4.7 do not apply to Neutral Athletes.

Article 403.5 of the Technical Regulations for IAAF World U 18 Championships does not apply to Neutral Athletes.

1.4 Final Entries

Article 403.6 of the Technical Regulations for IAAF World U 18 Championships shall be amended as follows in respect of Neutral Athletes:

Final Entries of Neutral Athletes must be submitted by email to event@iaaf.org. The submission of Final Entries for the competition will be possible the final entry deadline which is not later than two Mondays before the first day of competition (e.g. Monday, 26 June for a competition starting on Wednesday, 12 July), midnight Monaco time. The IAAF may request a copy of the official results of the event where the performances have been achieved.

1.5 Uniform

Article 403.8 of the Technical Regulations for IAAF World U 18 Championships shall be amended as follows in respect of Neutral Athletes:

Neutral Athletes may participate in the competition and related ceremonies in any neutral uniform of their choice provided that it conforms to IAAF Rules and Regulations (including without limitation the IAAF Advertising Regulations) as amended by the Neutral Athletes Regulations and does not contain any colour(s) of, or otherwise bear any resemblance to, the team uniform and/or flag of the Neutral Athlete's suspended National Federation/country.

All Neutral Athletes must bring their team uniform to the accreditation centre for inspection, during the accreditation procedures and shall abide by any direction or ruling by the IAAF in its discretion at any time concerning the uniform to be worn. A failure to wear the uniform approved by the IAAF or to abide by any direction or ruling of the IAAF concerning the uniform to be worn will be referred to the Advertising Commissioner and/or the relevant Referee and may result in sanctions as set forth under Article 11.1.1 of the Advertising Regulations.

1.6 Neutral Athletes Officials

Article 403.9 of the Technical Regulations for IAAF World U 18 Championships shall be amended as follows in respect of Neutral Athletes:

The number of officials who may be entered and/or accommodated with the Neutral Athletes from the same suspended Federation is limited and will be in accordance with the total number of athletes entered. See Appendix A of the Technical Regulations for World U18 Championships.

1.7 Neutral Athlete Liaison person

An Article 103.6 (b) shall be added to the Technical Regulations for IAAF World U18 Championships which should read as follows:

To assist in the registration of Neutral Athletes, the IAAF may designate a single person to act on behalf of all Neutral Athletes seeking to participate from the same suspended National Federation. If designated, the Neutral Athlete Liaison will be responsible for:

- co-ordinating all aspects of the Neutral Athletes' participation at the World U18 Championships (including the participation of any accompanying persons – see below);
- submitting the Neutral Athletes' visa requests and entry information for the Neutral Athletes and any accompanying persons (including their travel information and accommodation needs) directly to events@iaaf.org;
- co-ordinating the Neutral Athletes and accompanying persons' travel with events and the IAAF Travel Office;

- co-ordinating all administrative procedures on site at the World U18 Championships, including the payment of any due amount and the processing of final confirmations;

1.8 Neutral Athlete Support personnel

Each Neutral Athlete is entitled to be accompanied by one person who is accredited for the period of the World Championships.

Neutral Athletes shall submit the name of the person whom they wish to accompany them at the World Championships by the same deadline as their application to compete in 1.1. All Neutral Athletes Support personnel shall be approved by the IAAF and the IAAF may at its discretion require further information to be provided about any nominated person before it gives its approval. All Neutral Athlete Support Personnel approved by the IAAF shall be eligible to participate to competitions, whether held under the IAAF Competition Rules or the rules of an Area or a Member notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 22.1 (a).

The IAAF's decision whether or not to approve Neutral Athletes' Support Personnel shall be final and not subject to review or appeal. In confirming the participation of any accompanying person, the IAAF may impose such conditions on their participation at the IAAF World Championships as it sees fit, including but not limited to the signature of a Neutral Athlete Support Personnel Agreement.

2 FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

Article 404.1 of the Technical Regulations for IAAF World U18 Championships shall be amended as follows in respect of Neutral Athletes:

The Quota corresponds to the number of athletes for whom the IAAF and/or the LOC will provide financial support as detailed below. Neutral Athletes will have a quota of one athlete.

Article 404.2 of the Technical Regulations for IAAF World U18 Championships shall be amended as follows in respect of Neutral Athletes:

All Neutral Athletes in the quota will benefit from return economy class travel and full-board accommodation.

Article 404.4 does not apply to Neutral Athletes.

3 PROTOCOL MATTERS

Article 408.2.3. of the Technical Regulations for IAAF World U18 Championships shall be amended as follows in respect of Neutral Athletes:

In respect of Neutral Athletes, the IAAF anthem should be played if the first placed athlete is a Neutral Athlete, together with the raising of the IAAF flag for the Neutral Athlete.

4. FINAL PROVISIONS

The IAAF Council shall have discretion to decide on any matters not provided for in these Regulations and the Council's decision on such matters shall be final and binding.