



# ***IAAF Certification System***

## ***Procedures***

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## INTRODUCTION

The IAAF Certification System has been developed in response to the need for better quality products in top level competitions and the rapid developments in athletics equipment. It also recognises the growing trend towards international standardisation of product specifications, as well as the need to prevent unauthorised usage of the IAAF name. The IAAF has a world-wide responsibility to guarantee validity and accuracy of performances and to support any initiative to improve athletics goods. Not only will the Certification System serve and protect athletics manufacturers around the world but the innovation will also give vital support to IAAF's mission in helping and protecting athletes at the top levels of the sport world-wide. This will encourage a higher standard of improving technique through the use of better quality equipment and implements in international competitions.

Designations such as “IAAF Approved”, “Authorised by IAAF” or “IAAF Official Equipment” have been used to advertise products which may or may not have been submitted for testing by IAAF. Despite ongoing checks at competitions, many products still appear on the market which do not meet the precise requirements laid down by the International Association of Athletics Federations.

The IAAF has introduced a certification programme based upon the goal that all facilities, implements and equipment marketed for use in athletics competitions conform to IAAF specifications which includes:

- the specific definition of testing requirements;
- tighter controls on the use of the designation “IAAF Certified” or “Officially Authorised by IAAF” for athletics products, as well as in promotions and advertising;
- limiting the duration of agreements for the use of such IAAF designations.

Following the decisions taken by the IAAF Council in November 1996 and the amendments to the Rules 140 and 187.1, IAAF introduced compulsory testing and registering of competition implements, equipment, synthetic surface products and athletics facilities eligible for use in IAAF competitions.

The system is administered by the IAAF Competitions Department in co-operation with the IAAF Technical Committee. The IAAF Technical Committee shall decide on all test and tests procedures and, in co-operation with the IAAF Office, continuously monitor compliance with IAAF Competition Rules and Regulations of certified products.

Certificates issued for products affected by changes to IAAF Competition Rules will only continue to be acceptable until the date when the changes come into effect.

Where Rule changes affecting products occur, products still qualifying after those changes will automatically, without charge, be issued with a supplementary certificate to cover the period of validity of the certificate remaining.

Where products are affected by Rule changes, it will be necessary to make a new application for modified, altered or changed product.

For the purpose of this system, the Rules and Regulations of the IAAF shall be those contained in the current edition of the IAAF Competition Rules, IAAF Track and Field Facilities Manual and the IAAF Advertising Rules and Regulations.

In accordance with IAAF Rules, all matters of doubt will be a matter for decision by the IAAF Council.

In the case of a refusal to grant certification or withdrawal or suspension of a current certificate, the applicant shall be entitled to appeal to the IAAF Council who may appoint an examiner or panel of examiners to report to the IAAF Council on the matter. The decision of the IAAF Council shall be final.

The manufacturer or supplier holding a valid IAAF Product Certificate may use the below IAAF Certification Logo (no other IAAF logo may be used) and market an IAAF Certified Product as “Certified by IAAF - Certification Number....” The certification number must be quoted. The certified facilities and accredited laboratories may also use the respective logo shown below. (Guidelines on the use of the logo are available from IAAF.)



This document explains how the IAAF manages the Certification System.

## CHAPTER 1

### CERTIFICATION OF SYNTHETIC TRACK AND RUNWAY SURFACING PRODUCTS (“SYNTHETIC SURFACE PRODUCTS”)

#### 1.1 APPROVAL OF MATERIALS AND BRANDED PRODUCTS

- 1.1.1 IAAF may, on application by any manufacturer or supplier, and, subject to such tests and certification which IAAF at its discretion require, grant a certificate of product approval (“Product Certificate”) in the terms hereinafter described and with such conditions or time limitations as are deemed by IAAF to be appropriate.
- 1.1.2 All costs associated with the product approval including but not limited to costs of transport of samples, laboratory tests fees, cost of storage of control samples, cost of processing of applications together with a fee to be set by IAAF will be met by the manufacturer or supplier.
- 1.1.3 No Product Certificate will be valid for more than four years from the date of issue.  
Certificates may be limited to shorter periods.
- 1.1.4 Manufacturers or suppliers shall inform IAAF of any proposed change of formulation or of raw materials which may affect the performance standard of any certified product and shall supply such information as is deemed necessary by IAAF to IAAF or to any test institute(s) nominated by IAAF for the purpose of ensuring that the product still complies with IAAF Track and Runway Synthetic Surface Testing Specifications.
- 1.1.5 In the case where a supplier wishes to market the same product under any trade name or description other than that of the manufacturer to whom the original certificate belongs then a separate Product Certificate (“Private Label”) is required with the written consent of both parties. This certificate will keep the original certification number and validity.
- 1.1.6 If a manufacturer is taken over or bought by another organisation the IAAF must be advised so that the Product Certificate may be transferred and listed under the new owner.
- 1.1.7 IAAF will regularly publish an updated list of all certified synthetic surface products. This list will be available on the IAAF website and, on request, from IAAF.
- 1.1.8 All products with an expired certificate will be removed from the list without notice, thirty (30) days after the expiry date of the respective certificate.

#### 1.2 METHOD OF APPLICATION

- 1.2.1 Each application shall be on IAAF Application Form (Appendix 1) and shall give full details of the product including materials specifications for tracks cast on site. Where it is deemed necessary for evaluation of materials, details of suppliers must be supplied. Two reference samples of 10cm x 10cm shall be enclosed with the application. For the purpose of full technical evaluation, applicants shall

provide, at their cost, all additional product and/or information requested by IAAF or any person or body designated by IAAF.

Applications must be accompanied by certification fees as set out in 1.6.

1.2.2 Before each application, four sample pieces of the product, each at least 0.5m x 0.5m shall be sent directly to the IAAF accredited test institute (“IAAF Accredited Laboratory”). (One sample for testing and three samples for retention by the laboratory under the direct control of the IAAF.) In the event of subsequent dispute over any matter concerning a product alleged to be covered by an IAAF Product Certificate, these samples will be reference samples.

1.2.3 Product Certificates may be renewed if applied for on the IAAF Certification Renewal Form (Appendix 2) and on payment of the appropriate fee in any case where the applicant certifies that the product is unchanged and where this is confirmed by monitoring during the four previous years. A less than one year old full laboratory test report and a list of facilities using the product in the previous four years shall be attached to the application.

### 1.3 APPROVAL PROCEDURE

1.3.1 The IAAF Accredited Laboratory will assess and test a control sample (see 1.2.2) reporting directly to IAAF. All tests will be conducted in the laboratory under normal laboratory conditions and at varied temperatures, and on the apparatus specified in the IAAF Track and Runway Synthetic Surface Testing Specifications. Any changes or proposed changes in procedures will be notified to all participating companies and shall only be effective ninety (90) days after the date of issue of such notification by IAAF.

An IAAF standard report form should be used by the laboratory to ensure that all relevant measurements are made and data collected.

1.3.2 In the event of any product failing to meet the required standard, the applicant will be afforded the opportunity of a hearing and of a further test. All costs will be discharged by the applicant.

1.3.3 From time to time, IAAF may require the applicant to supply samples from facilities under construction for the purpose of monitoring the continuing conformity with the approvals granted.

1.3.4 List of IAAF Accredited Laboratories for synthetic surface testing:

The following laboratories have been accredited by IAAF for the purposes of testing and certifying conformity with the IAAF Track and Runway Synthetic Surface Testing Specifications.

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## 1.4 CONTROL AND MONITORING PROCEDURE

- 1.4.1 Each item approved would be allocated a unique approval number (“IAAF Certification Number”), which should be used in all materials relating to that item and to that item only.
- 1.4.2 IAAF will monitor all facilities for which compliance with the IAAF performance standards is obligatory (IAAF Rule 140) and will ensure that any Product Certificate issued for the synthetic surface used is consistent with the in-situ test results.
- 1.4.3 Any test results submitted to IAAF in support of any facility certification will be compared with Product Certificate issued to ensure continuing conformity with that product certification. If the test results indicate that the particular facility does not comply with the IAAF Track and Runway Synthetic Surface Testing Specifications, the IAAF may indicate the action to be taken to bring the facility into compliance or request the testing laboratory and/or the holder of the Product Certificate to propose remedial action.
- 1.4.4 A product meets the technical requirements for use in all international athletics competitions if installed to at least the absolute thickness nominated for the product in the Product Certificate. If a product is supplied for an outdoor facility at a lesser absolute thickness than the Product Certificate absolute thickness then the purchaser will be advised in writing by the supplier that the thickness will not meet IAAF certification requirements and the purchaser cannot claim that the facility has been surfaced with an IAAF Certified Product.
- 1.4.5 In any case where the monitoring procedures indicate that a product no longer matches the Product Certificate, description and/or the properties, the holder of the Product Certificate will be notified and will have the opportunity within thirty (30) days of the date of the notification to show reason why the certificate should not be withdraw by IAAF.
- 1.4.6 Any holder of a Product Certificate may be required to supply samples for the purpose of round robin test of IAAF Accredited Laboratories at no cost to the IAAF.

## 1.5 ROLE OF IAAF

- 1.5.1 The purpose of the IAAF Accreditation System is to ensure compliance with IAAF requirements for competition surfaces and thereby to safeguard the health of the athletes and to guarantee the integrity of the performances in so far as it is

related to the track and runway surface. The IAAF Product Certificate is not intended as a product endorsement beyond one of suitability and acceptability for competitions under IAAF Rules.

- 1.5.2 IAAF accepts no responsibility or liability for any damage or injuries caused or alleged to have been caused in any manner whatsoever by any product for which an IAAF Product Certificate has been issued.

## **1.6 FEE**

- 1.6.1 The cost of certification for a synthetic surface product has been set at USD 30,000 for each of the first three products of the same company, the next three products are charged at USD 25,000 and then USD 20,000 thereafter.
- 1.6.2 If a renewal is applied for by the manufacturer, a fee of USD 7,500 for the renewal of a synthetic surface Product Certificate will be charged every four years.
- 1.6.3 For the “Private Label” Product Certificate described in 1.1.5, a fee of USD 7,500 is charged.

## CHAPTER 2

### CERTIFICATION OF TRACK AND FIELD FACILITIES

#### 2.1 SCOPE OF THE SCHEME

- 2.1.1 IAAF Rule 140 requires that the synthetic surface of competition facilities intended for use for competitions under IAAF Rule 1.1(a) comply with the IAAF Track and Runway Synthetic Surface Testing Specifications and the facility hold an IAAF Class 1 Facility Certificate.
- 2.1.2 It is also recommended that when such facilities are available, competitions under IAAF Rule 1.1(b) to (j) should also be held on such facilities.
- 2.1.3 IAAF Rule 140 also imposes that all facilities intended for use for competition under Rule 1.1(b) to (j) must conform to the stringent requirements for accurate measurement contained in IAAF Rules and, more specifically, in the IAAF Track and Field Facilities Manual and must hold an IAAF Class 2 Facility Certificate.
- 2.1.4 Some IAAF Member Federations have already put technical certification procedures in place that regulate and certify facilities in their own countries. Where these procedures are considered adequate, IAAF may recognise certificates issued by these Member Federations as adequate for issue of certificates but IAAF reserves the right to re-evaluate such facilities.
- 2.1.5 IAAF will regularly publish an updated list of Certified Athletics Facilities. This list will be available on the IAAF website and, on request, from IAAF.

#### 2.2 THE CERTIFICATION

- 2.2.1 IAAF will issue three types of Certificates:

##### **IAAF Class 1 Athletics Facility Certificate**

For competition technical facilities conforming in all respects with the requirements of Rules 140.

##### **IAAF Class 2 Athletics Facility Certificate**

For competition technical facilities in which the in-situ tests for compliance with the IAAF Track and Runway Synthetic Surface Testing Specifications have not been performed but where the synthetic surface has a valid IAAF Product Certificate and where the facility conforms to the stringent requirements for accurate measurement contained in IAAF Rules.

##### **IAAF Indoor Athletics Facility Certificate**

For competition technical facilities conforming in all respects with the requirements of Rules 211.

In each certificate, reference to the synthetic surface product and measurement report will be listed.

- 2.2.2 Certificates are issued only for full facilities complete with all athletics event sites as indicated in the IAAF Track and Field Facilities Manual for the particular Construction Category.

- 2.2.3 For facilities which are not up to international standards, for individual event sites or for temporary facilities according to Rule 149.2, IAAF may issue a confirmation of compliance with the IAAF technical requirements so that the validity of performances could be recognised.
- 2.2.4 For the purpose of certification, the minimum kerb radius for an outdoor track oval is 33.50m and the maximum is 41.26m (8-lane track). (Double bend tracks excepted.)

## 2.3 APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION

2.3.1 All applications for IAAF certification of technical facilities shall be on IAAF Application Forms (Appendix 3) and shall be accompanied by the relevant reports:

- **IAAF Class 1 Athletics Facility:** Measurement Report Outdoor, in-situ Field Test Report of the surface by an IAAF Accredited Laboratory
- **IAAF Class 2 Athletics Facility:** Measurement Report Outdoor
- **IAAF Indoor Athletics Facility:** Measurement Report Indoor

The synthetic surface must hold a current valid Product Certificate the IAAF number of which must be quoted in the documents submitted.

Applications must be accompanied by certification fees as set out in 2.5.

- 2.3.2 Application for all classifications may be made by an agent on behalf of the facility owner but should be signed by the facility owner as IAAF will require an undertaking that any changes, (relining etc.) will be immediately notified to IAAF.
- 2.3.3 Each Measurement Report shall be on the form approved by IAAF. The measuring apparatus used shall be stated and current, valid certificates as to its accuracy shall be provided.
- 2.3.4 The full names, addresses and qualifications of all persons signing the form shall be provided.
- 2.3.5 Where official National Standards exist, these shall be included with the application and the persons providing the certificates shall be required to provide evidence that their certificates are acceptable under those National Standards.
- 2.3.6 Certificates of conformity with the IAAF Track and Runway Synthetic Surface Testing Specifications shall only be accepted from IAAF Accredited Laboratories.
- 2.3.7 The IAAF Member Federation in the country in which the facilities are located will be supplied with a copy of the Certificate.

## 2.4 CERTIFICATION

2.4.1 Certificates issued under this scheme will normally be valid until the facility is resurfaced and/or remarked. In the event of full or partial resurfacing and/or remarking, IAAF shall be notified and new testing and measuring must be undertaken.

2.4.2 Certificates may be withdrawn, revoked or suspended by the IAAF if

- there is reasonable doubt as to the accuracy of any application (e.g. there is evidence that some or all of the report were falsified),
- the facility is altered in any way which materially affects the accuracy of the facility, or
- the facility is severely damaged such that the earlier reports (measurement and/or in-situ field test) are open to question.

2.4.3 Certificates issued under these procedures shall apply only to the technical suitability of the track and field competition. The requirements of specific Technical Regulations, where appropriate, must be met for those competitions.

2.4.4 All removable competition equipment such as hurdles, steeplechase barriers, landing mats, stop boards, throwing cages have to be inspected before a competition and are not part of the Certification.

2.4.5 The IAAF recognises that renovation of facilities may, in appropriate circumstances, involve re-topping of the existing synthetic surface if sound with the same product or a different IAAF approved product. The advice of a testing laboratory might be necessary to determine the appropriate additional thickness of synthetic and compatibility of the products so as to still meet the IAAF Track and Runway Synthetic Surface Testing Specifications. The approval of the IAAF should not be assumed and if in doubt, the IAAF should be consulted before renovation is undertaken.

Further advice on renovating synthetic surfaces is contained at sub-sections 3.1.4 and 7.2.1.9 of the IAAF Track and Facilities Manual.

## **2.5 FEE**

2.5.1 The cost of certification for an athletics facility has been set as follow:

- Class 1 Facility: USD 10,000
- Class 2 Facility: USD 1,500
- Indoor Facility: USD 1,500

## CHAPTER 3

### CERTIFICATION OF COMPETITION IMPLEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT

#### 3.1 APPROVAL OF COMPETITION IMPLEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT

- 3.1.1 Only certified implements may be used at all international competitions (See IAAF Rule 187.1). For identification as an IAAF certified implement, each piece must be marked with the product name and/or catalogue number and/or IAAF certification number.
- 3.1.2 IAAF may, on application by any manufacturer or supplier, and, subject to such tests and certification which IAAF at its discretion require, grant a Product Certificate for the competition implement or equipment in the terms hereinafter described and with such conditions or time limitations as are deemed by IAAF to be appropriate.
- 3.1.3 All costs associated with the approval including but not limited to costs of transport of samples, laboratory tests fees, cost of processing of applications together with a fee to be set by IAAF will be met by the manufacturer or supplier.
- 3.1.4 No Product Certificate will be valid for more than four years from the date of issue.  
Certificates may be limited to shorter periods.
- 3.1.5 Manufacturers or suppliers shall inform IAAF of any proposed changes which may affect the approval of any certified product and shall supply such information as is deemed necessary by IAAF to IAAF or to any test institute(s) nominated by IAAF for the purpose of ensuring that the product still conforms with IAAF specifications. The IAAF shall also be advised of any changes in the product name or catalogue number.
- 3.1.6 In the case where the marketed product is clearly that of another manufacturer and is identified as such then the Product Certificate issued to that manufacturer could be validly used in the supplier's catalogue and marketing materials.  
Where, however, the supplier wishes to market the product under any name or description other than that of the manufacturer to whom an approval has been given then a separate and distinct approval is necessary.
- 3.1.7 If a manufacturer is taken over or bought by another organisation the IAAF must be advised so that the Product Certificate may be transferred and listed under the new owner.
- 3.1.8 Competition implements and equipment will be subject to periodic testing by Federation, Area and IAAF Technical Delegates to verify weights, accuracy, etc. Implements and equipment supplied should be checked for compliance with the IAAF technical rules before being accepted from the supplier. It is for the purchaser to determine the item's fitness for the purpose based on his knowledge of the local conditions and use.
- 3.1.9 IAAF will regularly publish an updated list of all certified competition implements and equipment. This list will be available on the IAAF website and, on request, from IAAF.

- 3.1.10 All products with an expired certificate will be removed from the list without notice, thirty (30) days after the expiry date of the respective certificate.

### **3.2 METHOD OF APPLICATION**

- 3.2.1 Each application shall be on IAAF Application Forms (Appendix 4) and shall give full details of the product including materials and technical drawings. Applications must be accompanied by certification fees as set out in 3.6.
- 3.2.2 Each application for implement approval shall be accompanied by two samples of the implement. Hammer handles are not certified separately but need a separate approval. A minimum of four samples shall be sent for testing to the IAAF accredited test institute accompanied by a product data sheet (Appendix 6).  
Each application for competition equipment approval shall be accompanied by detailed technical description and full technical scale drawings. Hammer Throw cages require an in-situ inspection by an IAAF nominated inspector whose reasonable expenses will be paid for by the applicant for certification. IAAF may, at its discretion, require samples of certain pieces of equipment as well.  
In the event of subsequent dispute over any matter concerning implement alleged to be covered by an IAAF Product Certificate, these samples and/or drawings will be reference material.
- 3.2.3 Product Certificates may be renewed if applied for on the IAAF Certification Renewal Application Form (Appendix 5) and on payment of the appropriate fee in any case where the applicant certifies that the product is unchanged and where this is confirmed by monitoring during the four previous years.

### **3.3 APPROVAL PROCEDURE**

- 3.3.1 IAAF will assess and test products according to the IAAF Rules and Regulations in force.
- 3.3.2 IAAF could, at the applicant's cost, arrange inspection of equipment and/or implements at the manufacturer's premises bearing in mind, of course, that reference samples of implements must be transported to IAAF.
- 3.3.3 In the event of any product failing to meet the required standard, the applicant will be afforded the opportunity of a hearing and of a further test. All costs will be discharged by the applicant.
- 3.3.4 From time to time IAAF may require the applicant to supply additional samples for the purpose of monitoring the continuing conformity with the approvals granted.

### **3.4 CONTROL AND MONITORING PROCEDURE**

- 3.4.1 Each item approved would be allocated a unique approval number ("IAAF Certification Number"), which should be used in all materials relating to that item and to that item only.
- 3.4.2 In any case where the monitoring procedures indicate that a Product Certificate is no longer appropriate to the product, the holder of the Product Certificate will

be notified and will have the opportunity within thirty (30) days of the date of the notification to show reason why the certificate should not be withdraw by IAAF.

3.4.3 Any holder of a Product Certificate may be required to supply samples for the purpose of verifying continuing conformity with IAAF regulations.

### 3.5 ROLE OF IAAF

3.5.1 The purpose of the IAAF Certification System is to ensure compliance with IAAF requirements for implements and competition equipment and thereby to guarantee the integrity of the performances. The IAAF Product Certificate is not intended as an implement endorsement beyond one of suitability and acceptability for competitions under IAAF Rules.

3.5.2 IAAF accepts no responsibility or liability for any damage or injuries caused or alleged to have been caused in any manner whatsoever by any implement / equipment for which an IAAF Product Certificate has been issued.

### 3.6 FEES

3.6.1 The cost of certification for competition implements and equipment has been set as follow:

- Implements:

|                            | <b>1<sup>st</sup> certification</b> | <b>Renewal</b> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Implements per type</b> | USD 700                             | USD 350        |

- Equipment:

|                         | <b>1<sup>st</sup> certification</b> | <b>Renewal</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Landing area</b>     | USD 2,800                           | USD 1,400      |
| <b>Throwing cage</b>    | USD 1,400                           | USD 700        |
| <b>Uprights</b>         | USD 1,400                           | USD 700        |
| <b>Hurdles</b>          | USD 1,400                           | USD 700        |
| <b>Steeple barriers</b> | USD 700                             | USD 350        |
| <b>Starting block</b>   | USD 700                             | USD 350        |
| <b>Fixed equipment</b>  | USD 350                             | USD 175        |
| <b>Cross-bar</b>        | USD 140                             | USD 70         |
| <b>Other Equipment</b>  | USD 70                              | USD 35         |

3.6.2 Fixed equipment consists of the take-off board, Pole Vault box, Shot Put stop board, throwing circle and track inside kerb.

3.6.3 The certification fee covers one model of implement or equipment only. Different weights, sizes, material or names of implements / equipment are considered as different types therefore will require another certificate. Different colours of the same implement / equipment will obviously be identical and no fee will be charged. The IAAF shall be advised of colour changes to any approved implement / equipment.