REQUIREMENTS TO COMPETE IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS RULES

(In force from 1 November 2019)
1. Requirements to Compete in International Competitions

1.1 No athlete may take part in an International Competition unless they:

   1.1.1 are a member of a Club affiliated to a Member; or
   1.1.2 are themselves affiliated to a Member; or
   1.1.3 have otherwise agreed to abide by the rules of a Member; or
   1.1.4 have been granted special eligibility by the Council to compete in that
       International Competition as a Neutral Athlete, and have satisfied any
       conditions to such eligibility specified by the Council; and
   1.1.5 for International Competitions at which World Athletics is responsible for
       doping control, have signed an agreement in a form set by World Athletics
       by which they agree to be bound by the Rules and Regulations (as
       amended from time to time) and to submit all disputes they may have with
       World Athletics or a Member to arbitration only in accordance with these
       Rules, accepting not to refer any such disputes to any Court or authority
       which is not provided for in these Rules.

1.2 Members may require that no athlete or Club affiliated to the Member may take part
in an International Competition in a foreign Country or Territory without the Member’s
written approval. In such a case, no Member hosting a competition shall allow any
foreign athlete or Club of the Member in question to take part without evidence of
such permit certifying that the athlete or Club is eligible and permitted to compete in
the Country or Territory concerned. Members shall notify World Athletics of all such
permit requirements. To facilitate compliance with this Rule, World Athletics shall
maintain on its website a list of Members with such requirements. This Rule does not
apply to Neutral Athletes.

1.3 No athlete affiliated to a Member Federation may be affiliated to another Member
without previous authorisation from their Member Federation of origin, if the Rules of
that Federation require such authorisation. Even then, the Member Federation of the
Country or Territory in which the athlete is residing cannot enter any athlete's name
for competitions in another Country or Territory without previous authorisation from
the Member Federation of origin. In all cases under this Rule, the Member Federation
of the Country or Territory in which the athlete is residing shall send a written request
to the athlete's Member Federation of origin, and the Member Federation of origin
shall send a written reply to that request within 30 days. Both of these
communications shall be by a means that generates an acknowledgement of receipt.
E-mail that includes a receipt function is acceptable for this purpose. If the response
of the athlete's Member Federation of origin is not received within the 30-day period,
the authorisation shall be deemed to have been given.

In the event of a negative response to a request for authorisation under this Rule,
which response must be supported by reasons, the athlete or the Member Federation
of the Country or Territory in which the athlete is residing may appeal against any
such decision to the Chief Executive Officer. To facilitate compliance with this Rule,
World Athletics shall maintain on its website a list of Member Federations with such
authorisation requirements as notified by the Member Federation.

Note: Rule 1.3 concerns athletes aged 18 or over as at the 31st of December of the
year in question. The Rule does not apply to athletes who are not Citizens of a
Country or Territory or to political refugees or to Neutral Athletes.