NEUTRAL ATHLETES REGULATIONS

(Approved by Council 29 November 2022,
effective from 16 December 2022)
1. Participation of Neutral Athletes Support Personnel

1.1 Neutral Athlete Support Personnel

All Neutral Athlete Support Personnel approved by the Chief Executive Officer shall be eligible to participate to competitions, whether held under the World Athletics Rules or the rules of an Area or a Member notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 3 of the Eligibility Rules.

2. Conduct of Neutral Athletes

2.1 General

Neutral Athletes and their accompanying persons are expected at all times to demonstrate the highest standards of behaviour at the World Athletics Championships both on and off the field of play.

Neutral Athletes and their accompanying persons shall act at all times with the utmost good faith towards World Athletics, the LOC, officials, other athletes and athlete support personnel and each other.

Neutral Athletes and their accompanying persons shall comply with the Advertising Regulations for the whole duration of the Competition, including the events, the laps of honour, all ceremonies (victory, opening and closing) interviews and press conferences.

Clause 3.1.1(b) of the Advertising Regulations shall be amended as follows for the Neutral Athletes:

No national colours, flag, name (in any language or format) national emblem or other national symbol of the country of the Neutral Athlete shall appear on their body (including without limitation hair colouring, skin colouring, tattoos, jewellery, hair shaving and nail varnishes), apparel (including without limitation clothing, jewellery, hairbands, shoes and bags - as an exception to Clause 3.1.6 of the Advertising Regulations), equipment or medical supports (including without limitation bandages and tapes) at any time whilst in the Host City or in the vicinity of any venue associated with the event, including but not limited to the competition venue, Warm-up Area, Call Room, training grounds and hotels.

No flags, banners or posters bearing the national colours, name or flag of the country of the Neutral Athlete shall be taken into the vicinity of any venue associated with the event, including but not limited to the competition venue, warm-up area, call room, training grounds and hotels.

No statements shall be given, written, broadcast, posted or distributed in any format during the event by any Neutral Athlete or his/her accompanying person on behalf of anyone other than themselves as individuals.

2.2 Sanctions
Neutral Athletes and their Support Personnel who act in breach of the Advertising Regulations as amended hereby shall be reported to the Advertising Commissioner and/or other relevant official who may impose sanctions in accordance with the Advertising Regulations.

Neutral Athletes and their Support Personnel who act in breach of the Technical Regulations or the Competition Rules as amended hereby shall be reported to the relevant Referee and/or other relevant official who may impose sanctions in accordance with the Technical Regulations or Competition Rules.