



RACE WALKING CHALLENGE REGULATIONS

(In force from 1 November 2019)

1. General Principles

- 1.1. Every year, World Athletics shall organise the “World Athletics Race Walking Challenge” which shall consist of scoring events contested at competitions that have been designated as part of the “World Athletics Race Walking Challenge” and divided into the following categories:

Category A: World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships, World Athletics Championships, Olympic Games

Category B: World Athletics Permit Race Walking Meetings

Category C: Area Championships and Cups

- 1.2. Regulations governing the conduct of World Athletics Race Walking Challenge shall be issued to World Athletics Race Walking Challenge Permit Meeting Organisers and may be amended from year to year by World Athletics.

2. Calendar of Events

- 2.1. There shall be a maximum of five Category B Meetings. These shall normally be held in the period March-May.
- 2.2. The Calendar of Events shall be coordinated by World Athletics each year.
- 2.3. The Calendar of competitions designated as part of the Challenge is found on the World Athletics website.

3. Applications/ Permits for Category B Competitions

- 3.1. An Application for a Permit shall be sent by World Athletics to the Organisers prior to the season.
- 3.2. Organisers shall return the Application to World Athletics by **15 January** duly completed and countersigned by World Athletics Member Federation of the country where the competition is to be organised.

4. Obligations of the Organisers of Category B Competitions

4.1. Athletes

- 4.1.1. Organisers must ensure the participation in each senior race of at least 6 athletes representing 4 different countries from the list of Qualified Athletes otherwise the World Athletics Grant shall be reduced (see 4.6). This obligation does not apply to the Men’s/Women’s 50km.
- 4.1.2. Organisers shall pay full-board accommodation for Qualified Athletes according to the agreements established between the parties. Food and accommodation standards shall be at least equivalent to international *** (3 stars) rating.

- 4.1.3. Organisers may conduct negotiations for the appearance and promotion of athletes as follows:
- a. through the Athletes' Member Federation
 - b. directly with the Athletes (formal invitations shall be made through relevant Member Federations)
 - c. through duly authorised Athletes Representatives (ARs). Organisers shall not deal with unauthorised ARs. A complete listing of authorised ARs is available from World Athletics website or from World Athletics HQ: <https://worldathletics.org/athletes/athlete-representatives>

*Note: **Qualified Athletes** - A list of 30 athletes from World Athletics Race Walking Challenge, World Athletics Championships, Olympic Games or World Athletics Race Walking Cup placings and previous year's rankings will be published on the World Athletics Website.*

4.2. World Athletics Delegates / World Athletics Staff

4.2.1. Delegates and Staff

- a. A World Athletics/AIMS grade "A" or "B" International Road Race Course Measurer should be on site during the competition to certify that the course used is the one that was measured.
- b. At least 6 International Race Walking Judges (representing 5 countries) including the Chief Judge must be on duty. Notwithstanding their final number, all acting Judges must be chosen from either the International or Area Race Walking Judges Panels. This list must be sent to World Athletics before the start of the competition.
- c. World Athletics shall appoint a Delegate with the required technical knowledge to attend the event, who will serve as its official representative.

4.2.2. Travel and Accommodation

- a. Organisers are responsible for the travel and full-board accommodation of all Judges and of the Course Measurer.
- b. Organisers are responsible for the travel and full-board accommodation of World Athletics Delegate appointed to the competition for a maximum of 3 nights.
- c. Organisers are responsible for the accommodation costs of one World Athletics Staff Member for a maximum of 2 nights.

4.2.3. Responsibilities

World Athletics Delegate shall submit a report on the conduct of the competition to World Athletics within two weeks after the end of the competition.

4.3. Technical Requirements

4.3.1. The events may take place on road or on the track, but must be over the following standard distances: 10,000m, 10km, 20km and 50km

4.3.2. For Road Events, the Organisers must abide by World Athletics Rules 54 and 55 of the Technical Rules (previously Rules 230 and 240 of the Competition Rules).

4.3.3. A transponder service must be in place for the timing and the lap counting.

4.3.4. At least three days before the Meeting, the Organiser shall provide World Athletics with the provisional Entry List (to: meetingresults@worldathletics.org).

4.4. Medical and Doping Control

4.4.1. Organisers shall provide adequate Medical and Emergency Services on site; including emergency assistance, ambulance service, and minor stitching.

4.4.2. Organisers shall carry out doping controls in accordance with World Athletics Rules and Regulations as follows:

- a. a minimum of 6 doping control tests, all including EPO analysis;
- b. the analyses shall be conducted at the WADA Accredited Laboratory appointed by World Athletics;
- c. all costs relating to doping control shall be borne by the Organisers.

4.5. World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules and Regulations are available for downloading from World Athletics website: <https://www.worldathletics.org/about-iaaf/documents/book-of-rules>

4.6. General Requirements

4.6.1. Organisers shall take out an appropriate insurance policy covering Public Liability and accidental injury to athletes and officials.

4.6.2. Organisers shall make every effort to arrange Television coverage of the competition, at least in the host country.

4.6.3. Each Meeting shall provide World Athletics with a broadcast quality videotape (DVcam, XDcam, HDcam or DigiBeta) of the entire coverage of the competition and allow World Athletics to use up to five minutes of footage for promotional purposes, free of charge. The tape should be received by World Athletics within two weeks of the competition.

- 4.6.4. Media and television facilities shall be set up in accordance with World Athletics Guidelines.
- 4.6.5. Organisers must provide World Athletics with the following:
- a. within two hours, the full results of the competition (sent to meetingresults@worldathletics.org) so they can be posted on World Athletics website, with the updated standings, no later than 24 hours after the competition
 - b. within two weeks after the competition, a post event report.
- 4.6.6. Organisers shall display, at their own cost, at least one World Athletics board or banner (6m x 1m) in the Finish Line area (exact layout to be provided by World Athletics).
- 4.6.7. Organisers shall also display World Athletics name and logo on all printed material (bulletin, leaflet, starts list, results, etc.) and shall provide, at no cost to World Athletics, a one page World Athletics advertisement in the official programme (logo and advertisement to be provided by World Athletics).
- 4.6.8. World Athletics strongly encourages Race Walk Challenge organisers to include a mass participation walking event in the programme. Such activities are becoming increasingly popular and World Athletics believes they can significantly help to promote their competition as well as fitness and become a key factor for the worldwide development of Race Walking in the future. World Athletics is ready to provide further information and ideas upon request.
- 4.7. World Athletics Grant
- 4.8. World Athletics shall pay a Grant to each Category B Organiser to support the organisation of the competition and the participation of the qualified athletes. The Grant shall be paid after the competition and on condition that all Obligations are met. If the required number of qualified athletes is not met, World Athletics grant shall be reduced by 50%.
- 5. Area Race Walking Championships/ Cups (Category C)**
- 5.1. Participation at the Area's Official Race Walking Championships or Cup shall also award points towards the Challenge rankings without the need for any application to be submitted.
- 5.2. Points to the Top 6 finishers shall be awarded according to Category C. In the case of "open" Area Championships or Cups, points shall be awarded according to the best times recorded by ALL athletes, including those from other Areas, starting in the same race and even if several races should be conducted simultaneously under different titles.
- 5.3. The list of designated Official Area Competitions will be included in the calendar (found on the World Athletics Website).

6. Ranking

- 6.1. Athletes shall be able to score points depending on the Category of the competition and regardless of the number of qualified athletes (see 4.1.1). The points shall be awarded according to the following scoring system:

Position	Points	
	Categories A and B	Category C
1 st	12	6
2 nd	10	5
3 rd	8	4
4 th	7	3
5 th	6	2
6 th	5	1
7 th	4	
8 th	3	
9 th	2	
10 th	1	

- 6.2. To be ranked, an athlete must participate in at least three scoring events of the Challenge, at least one of which must be from Category B. Disqualified athletes (DQ), will NOT be considered as having participated in that event. Although he may compete in as many competitions as he wishes, the athlete shall be ranked only according to his best three scoring results.
- 6.3. Any athlete achieving a new World Record (on tracks or road) shall be awarded 4 bonus points in addition to the ones he shall receive as a result of his finishing position.
- 6.4. The Final standings of the Challenge shall be established after the last event of the Challenge. The 8 men and 8 women with the highest number of points (subject to clauses 6.2 and 6.5) shall be eligible for the Overall Challenge Awards (see 7.2).
- 6.5. In case of a tie for the final standings of the Challenge, this shall be resolved in favour of the Race Walker with the highest finishing position in any of his best three scoring events. In case of further tie(s), the other finishing positions shall determine the ranking.

7. Awards

7.1. Organisers at all Category B competitions shall provide a minimum awards structure for senior races as follows (\$10,500 for each race):

1st place: \$ 4,000

2nd place: \$ 2,500

3rd place: \$ 1,500

4th place: \$ 1,000

5th place: \$ 800

6th place: \$ 700

7.2. Overall Challenge Awards provided by World Athletics (\$80,000 for the Men and for the Women):

1st place: \$ 25,000

2nd place: \$ 15,000

3rd place: \$ 10,000

4th place: \$ 8,000

5th place: \$ 7,000

6th place: \$ 6,000

7th place: \$ 5,000

8th place: \$ 4,000

7.3. Any athlete who renders him/herself ineligible due to any infringement of the Regulations will not receive any award. In this case, the prize money shall be paid to the next ranked athlete.

7.4. Awards from World Athletics shall be distributed in accordance with World Athletics Rules and Regulations.

8. Disputes

All disputes and protests related to the competition shall be resolved by World Athletics Council.