



Authorised Neutral Athletes

2021 Guidance Note

1. Following the World Athletics Council's decision on 18 March 2021 to reinstate the Authorised Neutral Athlete ("ANA") process¹, this note is issued to provide guidance to athletes from Russia who are seeking, or who intend to seek, to compete as ANAs in International Competitions taking place in 2021.
2. The note should be read in conjunction with the latest version of the Guidelines for Applications under Eligibility Rule 3.2 that were approved by the Doping Review Board in March 2021: [2021 Guidelines](#)² ("the Guidelines").
3. Athletes who wish to apply for ANA status in 2021 should submit their applications on the following form: [2021 Application Form](#)³.
4. All applications should be submitted to the following e-mail address: applications.neutralathletes2021@worldathletics.org
5. No application will be processed unless the applicable application fee⁴ has been received to the account listed below. Applicants must make sure when paying the application fee that the accompanying bank reference specifies that the payment is for ANA purposes and includes the athlete's name (in English). For example, "ANA: Name".

Account name:	World Athletics
Account number:	76521220411/USD
Bank:	Barclays Bank PLC Monaco
IBAN number:	MC58 1244 8610 1776 5212 2041 120
BIC number:	BARCMCMX
Currency:	USD

6. In accordance with paragraph 2 of the Guidelines, the application must be accompanied by an official letter from RusAF certifying (i) that the application form (and any accompanying documentation) is complete and accurate to the best of the federation's information and belief, (ii) that the applicant has paid the applicable application fee, and (iii) whether RusAF endorses the application. In addition, the application must be accompanied by an official letter from the Russian Anti-Doping Agency (RUSADA) confirming details of the athlete's inclusion in the international or domestic registered testing pool for

¹ <https://www.worldathletics.org/news/press-releases/rusaf-authorized-neutral-athletes-2021>

² Scroll down to section 'Authorised Neutral Athletes – Forms and Guidelines'.

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⁴ The application fee to compete in U20 competitions is USD100 per application. For all other applications, the application fee is USD250 per application.



the last 12 months, the athlete's ADAMS ID under which RUSADA's testing data can be retrieved in ADAMS, any past anti-doping rule violations prosecuted by RUSADA and their outcomes, and any ongoing investigations or result management procedures, including any provisional suspensions currently imposed.

7. In accordance with paragraphs 7.5 and 8 of the Guidelines, the following additional guidance is provided:
 - a. Any athlete seeking to compete as an ANA athlete in the **World U20 Championships** to be held in Nairobi, Kenya from 17 to 22 August 2021 must have been in a domestic registered testing pool and subject to fully WADA Code-compliant drug-testing for a period of 4 continuous months prior to the competition.
 - b. In all other cases, the Relevant Period i.e., the period under paragraph 7.5 of the Guidelines for which the applicant must have been in an international or domestic registered testing pool and subject to fully WADA Code-compliant drug-testing shall be 12 continuous months prior to the competition for which approval is sought, consistent with the Doping Review Board's practice in previous years.

Note: any applicant who is granted ANA status to compete in the World U20 Championships on the basis set out in paragraph 7a. above must apply separately to compete in other International Competitions in 2021 and be able to establish a Relevant Period of 12 months for such purpose.

8. In accordance with the Guidelines, World Athletics will not process applications if they are submitted less than 4 weeks before the entry deadline for the International Competitions for which eligibility is sought. The relevant deadlines for submitting ANA applications to compete in Championship events in 2021 are as follows:

Competition	Date of competition	Deadline for Final Entries	Deadline for submitting ANA applications	Relevant Period (para 7.5)
European Athletics U23 Championships	8-11 July 2021	28 June 2021	31 May 2021	12 months
Olympic Games	23 July – 8 August 2021	5 July 2021	7 June 2021	12 months
World Athletics U20 Championships	17-22 August 2021	2 August 2021	5 July 2021	4 months

9. For International Competitions for which there are no entry deadlines (e.g., Diamond League and other invitational one-day meetings), applications should be submitted as early as possible to ensure that they can be processed in time. If an applicant is granted ANA status to compete in a one-day meeting, it is still for the relevant Meeting Director to decide if the applicant is invited to the meeting.



10. Applications that meet all the relevant requirements under the Guidelines shall be processed by the World Athletics Secretariat (or their delegate) and referred to the Doping Review Board. The Doping Review Board shall conduct its review of the application in accordance with the Guidelines as soon as practicable but it cannot guarantee doing so by any particular deadline. In particular, and without limitation, the Doping Review Board reserves the right not to approve individual applications for ANA status for 2021 until such time as any stored samples for the applicant have been submitted to re-analysis (at RusAF's cost) and it has thereby been able to satisfy itself that the applicant is not implicated (knowingly or unknowingly) in RusAF's failure to put in place adequate systems to protect and promote clean athletes, fair play, integrity and authenticity of sport.

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