



# **COMBINED EVENT CHALLENGE REGULATIONS**

*(In force from 1 November 2019)*



## **1 General Principles**

- 1.1 World Athletics Combined Events Challenge shall be organised every year and shall comprise two events: Decathlon Men and Heptathlon Women.
- 1.2 Regulations governing the conduct of World Athletics Combined Events Challenge Meetings shall be issued to the Combined Events Challenge Meeting Organisers (Organisers) and may be amended from year to year by World Athletics.

## **2 Calendar of Events**

- 2.1 Meetings to be included in the World Athletics Combined Events Challenge and the calendar of events shall be decided by World Athletics each year and confirmed to the Organisers.
- 2.2 Meetings in the World Athletics Combined Events Challenge will be divided into two categories:
  - 2.2.1 Specific Combined Events meetings held annually;
  - 2.2.2 Heptathlon and Decathlon events organised as part of major competitions on the International Calendar.
- 2.3 Organisers of competitions listed under 2.2.1 must respect all the conditions of these Regulations.
- 2.4 Organisers of competitions listed under 2.2.2 must guarantee that sections 4.3 and 4.4 of these guidelines are respected.
- 2.5 The approved Calendar of Events is found on the World Athletics website.

## **3 Applications/ Permits for meetings under 2.2.1**

- 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 the indicated date, duly completed and countersigned by the World Athletics Member Federation of the country where the Combined Events Challenge Meeting is organised.
- 3.3 World Athletics shall have sole right to approve or reject the Application.
- 3.4 An Application may not be approved if the World Athletics Combined Events Regulations were not met in the previous season or are not guaranteed in the Application.

## **4 Meeting Organisers Obligations/ Requirements for meetings under 2.2.1**

### **4.1 Athletes**

- 4.1.1 Organisers shall be free to accept or turn down the entry of any athlete.
- 4.1.2 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 the relevant Member Federations);
- c. through duly authorised Athletes' Representatives. Organisers shall not deal with unauthorised ARs. A complete listing of authorised ARs is available from the World Athletics website or from World Athletics HQ: <https://worldathletics.org/athletes/athlete-representatives>

4.1.3 Sanctions may be applied to the Organisers if they do not abide by the above.

## **4.2 World Athletics Delegates/ World Athletics Staff**

4.2.1 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 Organisers shall be responsible for the Delegates travel costs based on economy class for flights of 2500km or less and business class for flights of more than 2500km.

4.2.3 Organisers shall be responsible for full-board accommodation at the Meeting hotel for a maximum four nights for the World Athletics Technical Delegate.

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

4.2.5 Organisers shall be responsible for the full board accommodation costs of one World Athletics Staff Member for a maximum of four nights.

4.2.6 The Organiser shall provide World Athletics with a minimum of 5 VIP tickets to the event.

## **4.3 Technical Requirements**

4.3.1 The stadium hosting the event shall hold a current Class 1 or 2 World Athletics Track certificate.

4.3.2 A Fully Automatic Timing and Photo Finish System shall be used during the competition.

4.3.3 At least three days before the Meeting, the Organiser shall provide World Athletics with the provisional Entry List and the Timetable.

4.3.4 The Organiser is recommended to stage a Technical Meeting on the eve of the competition. Immediately following the Technical Meeting, Organisers must send the final Start Lists to World Athletics HQ by email.

4.3.5 Organisers should send the official results to World Athletics at the end of each event by email: [meetingresults@worldathletics.org](mailto: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 and 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 in total, including EPO analysis;
- b. the analyses shall be conducted at the WADA Accredited Laboratory appointed by World Athletics;
- c. all costs related to doping control shall be borne by the Organisers.

4.4.3 World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules and Regulations are available for downloading from the following web address:

<https://www.worldathletics.org/about-iaaf/documents/book-of-rules>

## 4.5 General Requirements

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

4.5.2 Media and Television facilities shall be set up in accordance with World Athletics Guidelines.

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

4.5.4 If there is television coverage, the Organiser shall provide World Athletics with a professional quality videotape or DVD of the competition and allow World Athletics to use up to five minutes of footage for promotional purposes, free of charge.

4.5.5 Organisers shall display on the home page of their event website the World Athletics Combined Events Challenge logo (provided by World Athletics).

4.5.6 Organisers shall display, at their own cost, at least one perimeter board (or banner) displaying the World Athletics Combined Event Permit logo (exact layout to be provided by World Athletics).

4.5.7 Organisers shall display the World Athletics Combined Events Challenge logo on all printed and promotional material (bulletin, leaflet, starts list, results, etc.), and shall provide at no cost a one-page advertisement in the official programme (logo and advertisement to be provided by World Athletics).

## 5 Ranking and Scoring

5.1 Ranking shall be based on the total of the best three scores achieved by an athlete in competitions listed in the approved calendar, at least one of which must be achieved at an event as specified on the calendar.

5.2 In case of a tie, the athlete having the highest score in a meeting shall be ranked first.

5.3 Scores achieved with wind assisted performances shall count towards the ranking.

## **6 Awards**

- 6.1 The financial awards structure is up to the organisers (prize money, bonus for records, appearance fees, etc.).
- 6.2 World Athletics shall provide financial awards to the Top 8 Men and the Top 8 Women in the final Combined Events Challenge Standings based on the points achieved according to paragraph 5 above.

1 <sup>st</sup> place:	\$30,000	5 <sup>th</sup> place:	\$8,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> place:	\$20,000	6 <sup>th</sup> place:	\$7,000
3 <sup>rd</sup> place:	\$15,000	7 <sup>th</sup> place:	\$6,000
4 <sup>th</sup> place:	\$10,000	8 <sup>th</sup> place:	\$5,000

- 6.3 The awards shall be distributed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations.
- 6.4 An athlete who renders him/herself ineligible due to infringement of the Rules and Regulations shall not receive any award. In this case, payment of prize money will be made to the next ranked athlete.
- 6.5 Prize Money will be paid within 30 days upon receipt of doping control results from the Athletics Integrity Unit.
- 6.6 At World Athletics' request and within two weeks, Organisers shall provide proof of the payments made to the athletes as well as any payment which resulted from a particular athlete or his/her AR.

## **7 Disputes**

All disputes and protests arising from the World Athletics Combined Events Challenge will be considered by World Athletics.