

IAAF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
DOHA, QAT
28 SEPTEMBER – 6 OCTOBER 2019



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

(As approved by the IAAF Council in March 2018)

AGE CATEGORIES

Under 20 Athletes	Athletes aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December 2019, (i.e. born in 2001 or 2000), may compete in any event except the Marathon and 50km Race Walk.
Under 18 Athletes	Athletes aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December 2017 (born in 2003 or 2002), may compete in any event except the throwing events, the Combined Events, 10,000m, Marathon and the Race Walks.
Athletes younger than 16	No athlete younger than 16 years of age on 31 December 2017 (born in 2004 or later) may be entered.

QUALIFICATION PERIOD

- For the 10,000m, Marathon, Race Walks, Relays and Combined Events: from 7 March 2018 to midnight 6 September 2019 (regardless of the time zone)
- For all other events: from 7 September 2018 to midnight 6 September 2019 (regardless of the time zone)
- To be noted that, regardless of their date, the last Area Championships will always count towards the IAAF World Rankings (if among the athlete's best scores).

INDIVIDUAL ATHLETES

Each Member Federation will be allowed to participate with up to a maximum of three qualified athletes in each event, subject to the below. A fourth qualified athlete can be entered as a reserve.

Individual Athletes can qualify in one of three ways:

1. Be among the best ranked athletes at the end of the qualification period as per the **IAAF World Rankings**
2. By achieving the **Entry Standard** within the qualification period in accordance with criteria decided by IAAF.
3. By **Wild Card** as:
 - Reigning World Outdoor Champion
 - Winner of the 2019:
 - IAAF Diamond League
 - IAAF Hammer Throw Challenge
 - IAAF Race Walk Challenge
 - IAAF Combined Events Challenge

If both are from the same country, only one of the two can be entered with this Wild Card. If a Member Federation has four athletes in one event as a result of this regulation, all four will be permitted to compete.

Unqualified Athletes

The participation of **unqualified athletes** (including host country) shall be administered as follows:

- Members who have no male and/or no female qualified athletes or qualified relay team, may enter one unqualified male athlete OR one unqualified female athlete in one event of the Championships (except the Road Events and Field Events [see below], Combined Events, 10,000m and 3000m Steeplechase).
- Members whose best athlete excels in a **Field Event or Road Event**, may submit to the IAAF the name of their athlete whom they would like to enter together with their best performance during the

qualification period. The Technical Delegates will decide whether or not to accept such entry and, to do so, may seek the opinion of the relevant Area Association.

- If the **Host Country** does not have a qualified athlete in an event, or a qualified Relay Team, it may enter one athlete (or Relay Team) in that event, with the exception of the Combined Events and Field Events, where the above shall apply.
- The names and events of the unqualified athletes must be submitted to the IAAF by no later than **26 August 2019**.

IAAF World Rankings Qualification Process

At the end of the qualification period, the IAAF will publish the IAAF World Rankings as at 6 September 2019. Based on the target numbers, the athletes qualified through the IAAF World Rankings in each event will be determined as follows:

- Target number
- *Unqualified Athletes entered*
 - *Wild Cards entered*
 - *Qualified by Entry Standard entered*
 - = Qualified by World Ranking

If a Member Federation does not confirm a qualified athlete for entry, the next eligible athlete(s) will be identified at the discretion of the IAAF.

Where there are more than three qualified athletes from any one Member Federation, the Member Federation will have the right to enter any three athletes of their choice based on their own selection criteria.

RELAY TEAMS

Each Member Federation will be allowed to enter one qualified team in each relay event, subject to the below. A total of six athletes may be entered and these must include the individual athletes (up to four) entered in the respective individual event (100m and 400m). This does not apply to the Mixed 4x400m.

Relay Teams can qualify in one of two ways:

1. First ten (twelve in the Mixed 4x400m) placed teams at the **2019 IAAF World Relays in The Bahamas**.
2. Be one of the best ranked teams at the end of the qualification period to fill the remaining places (six or four). For the purpose of being ranked, the results of relay races shall be valid only on condition that they are part of a competition staged in compliance with IAAF Rules and that at least two different international teams, representing at least two countries, compete in the race.

Relays Ranking Process

Following the end of the qualification period, and knowing the Relay Teams that have qualified from the IAAF World Relays 2019 and those eventually entered by the Host Country, the IAAF shall identify the teams qualified by virtue of their ranking position (according to the best performances in the whole qualification period). The IAAF shall, within 24 hours of the closing of the Final Entries, notify the Member Federations concerned by email to the official email address (xxx@mf.iaaf.org) and replies shall be expected within 24 hours. Upon refusals or cancellations, the next eligible relay team will be identified at the sole and exclusive discretion of the IAAF.

TARGET NUMBER OF ATHLETES / TEAMS BY EVENT

Events	Target Number
100m (<i>after Preliminary Round for unqualified athletes</i>)	56
200m	56
400m, 800m	48
1500m, 3000mSC	45
5000m	42
10,000m	27
100mH, 110mH, 400mH	40
Field Events	32

Combined Events	24
Marathons	100
20km Race Walk	60
50km Race Walk (Men and Women combined total)	60
Relays	16

ENTRY STANDARDS

Entry Standards are set for the sole purpose of qualifying athletes with exceptional performances unable to qualify through the IAAF World Rankings pathway and will be determined by the IAAF on 1 November 2018.

CONDITIONS FOR THE VALIDITY OF PERFORMANCES

- All performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by the IAAF, its Area Associations or its National Federations and conducted in conformity with IAAF Rules.
- For Marathons and Race Walks, IAAF publishes on its website a list of courses and competitions that comply with the below.
 - Marathons
 - Performances for qualifying purposes may only be achieved on a course measured by an IAAF/AIMS Grade “A” or “B” International Road Race Course Measurer with the measurement certificate established no more than 5 years before the date of the race.
 - The overall decrease in elevation between the start and the finish shall not exceed 1:1000, i.e. 1m per km.
 - Race Walks
 - Performances for qualifying purposes may only be achieved on a course measured by an IAAF/AIMS Grade “A” or “B” International Road Race Course Measurer with the measurement certificate established no more than 5 years before the date of the race.
 - A minimum of 3 International or Area Race Walking Judges must be on duty.
 - For International Competitions defined under IAAF Rule 1.1 (i), or at National Competitions, Member Federations concerned must submit a specific application to the IAAF (Application Form available from the IAAF) before the race is conducted.
- Special conditions for validity of performances:
 - Performances achieved in mixed competitions in track events will not be accepted. Exceptionally, in accordance with IAAF Rule 147, performances achieved in events of 5000m and 10,000m may be accepted in circumstances where there were insufficient athletes of one or both genders competing to justify the conduct of separate races and there was no pacing or assistance given by an athlete(s) of one gender to an athlete(s) of the other gender.
 - Wind-assisted performances will not be accepted for Entry Standard purposes (but will be valid for the IAAF World Rankings with the appropriate adjustments).
 - Hand timing performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 110m/100m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles and 4x100m Relay will not be accepted.
 - Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 200m and longer, will be accepted.
 - For the running events of 200m and over (including combined events), performances achieved on oversized tracks shall not be accepted.
 - For the Race Walks, track performances (20,000m or 50,000m) shall be accepted.
 - For the Combined Events at least one of these conditions must be met:
 - The wind velocity in any individual event shall not exceed plus 4 metres per second.
 - The average wind velocity (based on the algebraic sum of the wind velocities, as measured for each individual event, divided by the number of such events) shall not exceed plus 2 metres per second.