

## General Principles

- 1.1 Every year, World Athletics shall grant a Permit according to World Athletics Rule 2.5 (a) to a limited number of top Cross-Country meetings around the world.
- 1.2 Regulations governing the conduct of World Athletics Cross-Country Permit meetings shall be issued to the Cross-Country Permit Meeting Organisers (Organisers) and may be amended every year by World Athletics.

## 2. Calendar of Events

- 2.1 The Calendar of Events shall be coordinated by World Athletics each year.
- 2.2 The approved 2019-2020 Calendar is listed on the World Athletics Website.
- 2.3 Organisers shall be required to stage at least a Senior Men's and a Senior Women's race over the following distances:

Senior Men:	9-12 km
Senior Women:	5-8 km

And at least one Under-20 Race, which may be at national level, over the following distances:

Under-20 Men:	5-8 km
Under-20 Women:	4-6 km

## 3. Applications / Permits

- 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 endorsed by the World Athletics' Member Federation of the country where the World Athletics Cross-Country Permit Meeting shall be 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 Cross-Country Permit Regulations were not met in the previous season or are not guaranteed in the Application.

## 4. Organisers Obligations/Requirements

### 4.1 Athletes

- For each Senior Race, Organisers shall ensure the participation of at least 6 runners from:
  - a) the TOP 30 World Athletics Ranking Lists established as at 31 October in the year of the first competition for the following distances: 1,500m, 3000m, 5000m, 10,000m, 3000m Steeplechase, Half Marathon and Marathon;

- b) the first 30 finishers at the previous World Athletics Cross-Country Championships;
- c) the top 3 finishers at the last edition of an Area Championships.
- Athletes from at least three different countries shall be represented from the above-mentioned lists.
- Organisers shall pay full board accommodation for the athletes listed above according to the agreements established between the parties. Food and accommodation standards shall be at least equivalent to international \*\*\* (3 stars) rating.
- 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 National 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://www.worldathletics.org/athletes/athlete-representatives/directory>
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#### 4.2 World Athletics Delegates / World Athletics Staff

- World Athletics may appoint a Delegate with the required technical knowledge to attend the event, who will serve as its official representative.
- Organisers shall be responsible for the travel and full board accommodation costs of the World Athletics Delegate, if relevant.
- The World Athletics Delegate shall submit a report on the conduct of the competition to World Athletics within two weeks after the competition.
- Organisers shall also be responsible for accommodation costs of one World Athletics Staff Member for a maximum of two nights.
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#### 4.3 Medical and Doping Control

- Organisers shall provide adequate Medical Services and Emergency Services on site.
- Organisers shall carry out doping controls in accordance with the AIU Rules and Regulations as follows:
  - a) a minimum of 5 doping control tests in total for athletes in the Senior Races, of which a minimum 2 tests shall include EPO analysis.
  - b) the analyses shall be conducted at the WADA Accredited Laboratory appointed by the AIU;
  - c) all costs relating to doping control shall be borne by the Organisers.

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

#### 4.4 **General Requirements**

- Organisers shall take out an appropriate insurance policy covering their Public Liability and accidental injury to athletes and officials.
- Media and Television facilities shall be set up in accordance with World Athletics' Guidelines.
- The meeting shall be televised at least within the host country on the same weekend it is taking place, for a minimum of 30 minutes. The TV signal shall be made available to all foreign broadcasters, and wherever possible should be broadcast through Internet.
- Organisers are encouraged to create a challenging course with numerous hills and obstacles which truly represents the spirit of Cross-Country Running.
- Organisers shall display on the home page of their event website the World Athletics Cross-Country Permit logo (to be provided by World Athletics).
- Organisers shall display, at their own cost, at least two World Athletics boards (or banners) in the Finish Line area (exact layout to be provided by World Athletics).
- Organisers shall display the World Athletics Cross-Country Permit logo on all printed and promotional 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).
- Organisers shall submit to World Athletics:
  - a) at least the top 20 results in the Senior Races, immediately following the conclusion of the competition (and at the latest one hour after the end of the last race);
  - b) a completed Event Report on a form provided by World Athletics including full results, within two weeks after the competition.

#### 5. **Awards**

5.1 For each Senior Race, Organisers shall provide a minimum financial awards structure of USD 7,500:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	\$2500	4 <sup>th</sup> place	\$1000
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	\$1500	5 <sup>th</sup> place	\$750
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	\$1250	6 <sup>th</sup> place	\$500

5.2 An athlete who renders himself/herself ineligible due to infringement of World Athletics Rules and Regulations shall not receive any award. In this case, the money will be paid to the next ranked athlete.

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### 6. Disputes

All disputes and protests related to World Athletics Cross-Country Permit Meetings will be considered by World Athletics.