



## GENERALLY APPLICABLE DEFINITIONS

These Generally Applicable Definitions, are the definitions of certain commonly used terms, that apply to the Constitution and all Rules and Regulations (whether issued before or after these Generally Applicable Definitions come into effect), unless specifically stated otherwise in the Constitution or any specific Rule or Regulation.

**“Anti-Doping Rules”** has the same meaning as defined in the Constitution.

**“Area Association”** has the same meaning as defined in the Constitution.

**“Athlete”** means, unless specified otherwise, any Person who is entered for, or participating in, an Athletics event or competition of World Athletics, its Members or Area Associations by virtue of their agreement, membership, affiliation, authorisation, accreditation, entry or participation.

**“Athlete Support Personnel”** means, unless specified otherwise, any coach, trainer, manager, authorised Athlete Representative, agent, team staff, official, medical or para-medical personnel, parent or any other Person working with, treating or assisting an Athlete participating in, or preparing for, an Athletics event or competition.

**“Athletics”** has the same meaning as defined in the Constitution.

**“Athletics Integrity Unit”** has the same meaning as defined in the Constitution.

**“CAS”** has the same meaning as defined in the Constitution.

**“Constitution”** has the same meaning as defined in the Constitution.

**“Country”** means a self-governing geographical area of the world recognised as an independent state by international law and international governmental bodies.

**“Integrity Code of Conduct”** has the same meaning as defined in the Constitution.

**“Integrity Unit”** has the same meaning as defined in the Constitution.

**“International Competitions”** has the same meaning as World Rankings Competitions.’

**“International-Level Athlete”** means, unless stated otherwise, an Athlete who is entered for or is competing in an International Competition.

**“IOC”** has the same meaning as defined in the Constitution.

**“Major Event Organisation”** means any international multi-sport organisation (e.g. the IOC) that acts as the ruling body for any continental, regional or other World Rankings Competition.

**“Member Federation”** has the same meaning as defined in the Constitution.

**“Person”** means any natural person (including any Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel) or an organisation or other entity.

**“Regulations”** has the same meaning as defined in the Constitution.

**“Rule”** means a principle, instruction, direction, standard or procedure approved from time to time by Council within its powers and responsibilities, which shall not be inconsistent with the Constitution. A reference to 'a' Rule (singular) means the Rule in which the reference to the Rule is made, unless stated otherwise.

**“Rules”** has the same meaning as defined in the Constitution.

**“Territory”** means a geographical area of the world which is not a Country, but which has aspects of self-government, at least to the extent of being autonomous in the control of its sport, and which is recognised as such by the World Athletics.

**“WADA”** has the same meaning as defined in the Constitution.

**“World Athletics Global Calendar”** means the calendar of competitions published on the World Athletics website from time to time.

**“World Athletics Series” or “WAS”** means the competitions in World Athletics' four-yearly official competition programme such as the World Athletics Championships, World Athletics Indoor Championships, World Athletics U20 Championships, World Athletics Relays, World Athletics Road Running Championships, World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships, and World Athletics Cross Country Championships, and *World Athletics Series Event* or *WAS Event* means any one of these events.

**“World Rankings Competitions”** means:

1. Competitions held or sanctioned by World Athletics:
  - a. World Athletics Series.
  - b. Olympic Games.
  - c. The athletics programme of Games and other Athletics Competitions with participants from different Areas.
  - d. Invitation meetings / circuits and label road races.
  - e. International Matches with participants from different Areas.
2. Competitions held or sanctioned by an Area Association:
  - a. Area Championships (of all types and disciplines).
  - b. Intra-Area Competitions.
  - c. The athletics programme of Games and other Athletics Competitions with participants from a single Area.

- d. Invitation meetings / circuits and road races.
  - e. International Matches with participants from a single Area.
3. Competitions held or sanctioned by a National Member Federation:
- a. National Senior Championships (in the disciplines included in the World Athletics Championships and World Athletics Indoor Championships competition programme).
  - b. Other selected domestic competitions as identified by the Member Federation held in compliance with the World Athletics Competition and Technical Rules for which an application is submitted within the terms and conditions established by World Athletics and with its approval.

### Amendments

| Approval date by Council | Effective date    | Definitions Amended  | Subject  |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| 29 November 2022         | 01 December 2022  | International Competitions   | Amended definition to cross refer to World Rankings Competitions.                      |
| 29 November 2022         | 01 December 2022  | World Rankings Competitions and World Athletics Global Calendar                      | Inserted new definitions.  |
| 21-23 March 2023         | 01 September 2023 | Updated to reflect consequential amendments arising from changes to the Constitution | Implementation of changes arising from the Constitution approved at the 2023 Congress. |