

IAAF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
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QUALIFICATION SYSTEM AND ENTRY STANDARDS

(As approved by the IAAF Council in March and November 2016)

QUALIFICATION PRINCIPLES

Individual Athletes

Individual Athletes can qualify in one of four ways:

1. Automatically by achieving the **Entry Standard** within the qualification period in accordance with criteria decided by IAAF
2. Based on the **finishing position at designated competitions** as follows (in these cases the athletes shall also be considered as having achieved the Entry Standard):
 - The **Area Champions** in all the individual events (except for the Marathons). However, in the case of **field events**, the entry will be subject to the approval of the Technical Delegates. The Member Federation of the Area Champion will have the ultimate authority to enter the athlete or not, based on its own selection criteria. For details see Appendix B.
 - For the **10,000m**, the top 15 athletes finishing in the senior Men's and Women's races at the IAAF World Cross Country Championships Kampala 2017.
 - For the **Combined Events**, the top three in the 2016 Men's and Women's IAAF Combined Events Challenge.
 - For the **20km Race Walk**, the top three in the 2016 Men's and Women's IAAF World Race Walking Challenge.
 - For the **50km Race Walk**, the top three in the 2016 IAAF World Race Walking Team Championships.
 - For the **Marathons**, the top 10 finishers at the IAAF Gold Label Marathons held in the qualification period.
3. The IAAF will accept the participation of the current Reigning World Outdoor Champion and that of the Winner of the 2016 IAAF Diamond League (in the corresponding World Championships event) and Hammer Throw Challenge, as **Wild Cards**, in each individual event, on the condition that the athlete in question is entered by his Federation. 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.
4. As a result of being one of the **best ranked athletes** at the end of the qualification period to fill the remaining quota places by event. **This does not apply to the 5000m, 10,000m, Marathons and Race Walks** where entries will continue to be administered by Entry Standards only.

Relay Teams

Relay Teams can qualify in one of two ways:

1. **Automatically** as being one of the first eight placed teams at the 2017 IAAF World Relays in The Bahamas.

2. As a result of being one of the **best ranked teams** at the end of the qualification period to fill the remaining quota places. 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.

Unqualified Athletes

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

- Members who have no male and/or no female athletes who have achieved the Entry Standard or considered as having achieved the Entry Standard (see above) 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). In all cases the name and event of the unqualified athlete must be submitted no later than **10 July 2017** to events@iaaf.org.
- 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 an athlete who has achieved the Entry Standard 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.

Qualification Period

- For the 10,000m, Marathon, Race Walks, Relays and Combined Events: from 1 January 2016 to midnight Sunday, 23 July 2017 (regardless of the time zone)
- For all other events: from 1 October 2016 to midnight Sunday, 23 July 2017 (regardless of the time zone)

Ranking Process

- **Individual Athletes:** Following the end of the qualification period, the IAAF shall assess the number of athletes having qualified in accordance with the Individual Athletes – Qualification principles (§ 1, 2 and 3) above, plus the unqualified athletes. In order to reach the established ideal number of athletes by event, respecting the maximum quota by Member Federation, the IAAF shall then identify the athletes qualified by virtue of their ranking position (according to the best performances in the whole respective 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 athlete will be identified at the sole and exclusive discretion of the IAAF. Where required, amendments to the Final Entries will be made directly by the IAAF.
- **Relays:** following the end of the qualification period, and knowing the Relay Teams that have qualified from the IAAF World Relays 2017, the IAAF shall identify the eight teams (seven in case the host country enters an unqualified relay team) 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. Where required, amendments to the Final Entries will be made directly by 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, 100mH, 110mH, 400mH	40
Field Events, Combined Events	32
Relays	16
10,000m, Marathon, Race Walks	Entries administered by Entry Standard only

ENTRY STANDARDS

Men	Event*	Women
10.12	100m	11.26
20.44	200m	23.10
45.50	400m	52.10
1:45.90	800m	2:01.00
3:36.00 (3:53.40)	1500m (<i>Mile</i>)	4:07.50 (4:26.70)
13:22.60	5000m	15:22.00
27:45.00	10,000m	32:15.00
2:19:00	Marathon	2:45:00
8:32.00	3000m SC	9:42.00
13.48	110m H / 100m H	12.98
49:35	400m H	56.10
2.30	High Jump	1.94
5.70	Pole Vault	4.55
8.15	Long Jump	6.75
16.80	Triple Jump	14.10
20.50	Shot Put	17.75
65.00	Discus Throw	61.20
76.00	Hammer Throw	71.00
83.00	Javelin Throw	61.40
	Heptathlon	6200
8100	Decathlon	
1:24:00	20km Race Walk	1:36:00
4:06:00	50km Race Walk	4:06:00
Top 8 at IWR + 8 from Top Lists	4x100m	Top 8 at IWR + 8 from Top Lists
Top 8 at IWR + 8 from Top Lists	4x400m	Top 8 at IWR + 8 from Top Lists

CONDITIONS FOR THE VALIDITY OF PERFORMANCES

- Performances must be achieved during competitions **organised or authorised by the IAAF, its Area Associations or its Member Federations** (for Race Walks and Marathons see hereunder).
- Performances must be achieved during an official competition organised in **conformity with IAAF Rules**.
- 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. If applicable, Member Federations must submit a specific request to the IAAF Competitions Department (events@iaaf.org) providing the documentation as required.
- **Performances** which are **wind assisted** or for which a **wind reading is not available** shall not be accepted.
- **Hand-timed performances** in 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 110m/100m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles and 4x100m relay shall not be accepted.
- **Indoor performances** shall be accepted.
- For the running events of 200m and longer, performances achieved on **oversized tracks** shall not be accepted.
- In the case of **race walks**, track performances (20,000m or 50,000m) shall be accepted.
- **Marathons**
 - a) Marathon races conducted at competitions held under IAAF Rule 1.1(a), (b), (c), (f) and (g) will not necessarily be listed. However, the results will be valid for the purpose of entry standards.
 - b) For all other Marathon races, only performances achieved on courses that respect the following criteria are valid towards the achievement of the Entry Standards:
 - the course is (or will be) measured prior to the race by an IAAF/AIMS Grade “A” or “B” International Road Race Course Measurer
 - the measurement certificate must have been established no more than 5 years before the date of the race;
 - the overall decrease in elevation between the start and finish shall not exceed 1:1000, i.e., 1m per km.The list of marathon courses that meet the above criteria can be found on the IAAF website. It is the responsibility of Member Federations and Organisers to make sure that a proper measurement is conducted by an IAAF/AIMS approved Grade A or B International Measurer and that the measurement report is sent to the relevant Area Measurement Administrator for the certificate to be issued, **before the race is conducted**.
 - c) In addition, the top 10 finishers at the IAAF Gold Label Marathons (in 2016 and in 2017) held within the qualification period will also be considered as having achieved the Entry Standard (the list of the Gold Label Marathons for 2016 and 2017 is published on the IAAF Website).
The contact email address for any matters related to qualifying marathon courses is labelraces@iaaf.org.

- **Race Walk Events**

- a) Performances achieved at Race Walk Events staged at International Competitions defined under IAAF Rule 1.1(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) or (j) are valid towards the achievement of the Entry Standards providing the following conditions (where applicable) are respected:
 - the course is (or will be) measured by an IAAF/AIMS Grade “A” or “B” International Road Race Course Measurer;
 - a minimum of 3 International or Area Race Walking Judges are on duty.
- b) Performances achieved at International Competitions defined under IAAF Rule 1.1 (i), or at National Competitions, are valid towards the achievement of the Entry Standards ONLY if the Member Federation concerned submits a specific application to the IAAF. The application letter, indicating the date, venue and programme of events of the Competition, must confirm that the above conditions will be respected. The 2016 list of current qualifying race walk competitions can be found on the IAAF website. Member Federations who want their national permit competitions to be added to the list for 2017, and qualify for the World Championships, must make sure that a proper measurement is conducted by an IAAF/AIMS approved Grade A or B International Measurer and that minimum three International or Area Race Walking Judges are on duty. This information must be provided to the IAAF by submitting the application form provided (IAAF Circular letter M/24/16 – appendix G) **before the race is conducted.**

The contact email address for any matters related to qualifying race walk courses is luis.saladie@iaaf.org

AREA CHAMPIONS

Regulations for Automatic Qualification to the IAAF World Championships (not applicable for relays and marathon)

1. The Area Champion (in each individual event to be contested at the World Championships) automatically qualifies for the World Championships, irrespective of whether his performance has reached the Entry Standard. This does not apply to Field Events where the entry of the athlete will be subject to the approval of the Technical Delegates.
2. The Area Champion shall be the one who has achieved the title either in 2016 or 2017. If an Area does not have Area Championships in that period, then the Area may organise an alternate event to select the Area Champion. This designation shall be made before the alternate event, and the IAAF shall be notified of that designation at least one month before the event.
3. The Member Federation of the Area Champion will have the ultimate authority to enter the athlete or not, based on its own domestic standard or qualification system.
4. If the Member Federation of the Area Champion enters the athlete, he will be considered as having achieved the Entry Standard.
5. If the Area Champion, for whatever reason, is not entered, his quota will not be delegated to the second placed athlete and the normal entry rules and conditions apply.
6. For those Area Championships that do not have certain events, the Area Associations can organise alternate Area-specific event Championships with conditions conforming to Area Championships Regulations. The IAAF shall be notified of such alternative Championships at least one month in advance of the events' being held.
7. For an Area having “restricted” Area Championships (where the participation is not open to all athletes), the Area Association may specify an existing competition of a suitable standard for the purpose of identifying the Area Champion. In such cases, it is necessary that all Member Federations within the Area be invited to compete in this Competition. The IAAF shall be notified of such competition at least one month in advance of its being held.