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Monaco, 26 November 2019

To: **MEMBER FEDERATIONS**
Copy: Council Members
Area Associations
Dentsu Athletics

Re: **World Rankings – National Permit Competitions Categorisation**

Dear all,

An important part of the World Rankings is the categorisation of the competitions which, in turn, determines the **Placing Scores** awarded to the athletes for their finishing positions at any event.

While the determination of the categories for the International and Continental competitions is the responsibility of World Athletics and of the Area Associations, we would like to remind you of the principles which determine the category for the National Permit competitions.

National Championships

The annual editions of all National **Senior Outdoor** Championships are in Category B and the corresponding Placing Scores are awarded to national athletes only (as known to World Athletics – if in doubt check an athlete's citizenship on worldathletics.org).

National Championships are understood to be the annual competition which awards the title of National Champion. In order to protect the integrity of the National Championships (and avoid situations of unfair advantages) it is not possible for Member Federations to propose another competition for Category B status instead of the National Championships. It is however possible for a limited number of selected events (Road Running, Race Walking and 10,000m) to be held in conjunction with another competition (e.g. during a Label Marathon/Half Marathon, an Area Permit Race Walking competition, etc.). In this case, World Athletics must be clearly informed in advance in order to process the results correctly and apply the correct categorisation.

National Senior Championships in "similar" events (e.g. Indoor, Half Marathon, Mile, etc.) are in Category D.

Only one edition of the National Championships can be considered in any calendar year. In case of additional editions in the same calendar year, the corresponding placing scores will be awarded according to Category F.

In order to avoid any misunderstanding and to make it clear for World Athletics which are the National Championships to be processed and how, we strongly recommend that you send us the calendar of your 2020 National **Senior** Championships:

- Outdoor Track and Field
- Combined Events
- Race Walking
- Marathon, Half Marathon and other Road Events
- Indoor

Please use Appendix A following the example provided (first tab).



Other National Permit Competitions

Other National Permit competitions are generally in Category F. There is, however, an opportunity for Member Federations to recognise those local competitions (one-day meetings or other competition formats) which appeal to, and attract, quality participation and to propose for them to be upgraded to Category E. Please note that these must be clearly identifiable competitions with one date and one venue, and it is not possible to combine events from several competitions.

Based on the results from past editions of these local competitions, quotas (for the maximum number of competitions that can be upgraded from Category F to Category E) have been established for each Member Federation. All Member Federations have the right to propose as a minimum one such competition. The quotas for 2020 can be found in Appendix A (third tab) and proposals must be submitted to statistics@worldathletics.org using the excel form attached (Appendix A second tab). The deadline is **31 December 2019**.

In the absence of receiving any additional proposals from a Member Federation, with the exception of the National Senior Championships, all National Permit competitions will be processed according to Category F.

World Athletics Competition Calendar

As in 2019, a 2020 calendar of all International and Area competitions (Championships and one-day meetings) which score for the World Rankings across all individual events will be compiled with reference to the corresponding category. Competitions proposed for upgrade to Category E by Member Federations will also be included.

Validity of Results

We take this opportunity to remind you that only results achieved in competitions conducted according to World Athletics Rules will be processed for World Rankings purposes. In practice this means:

- Wind measurement in outdoor sprints (100m, 200m 110mH and 100mH) and outdoor horizontal jumps (LJ and TJ). If no wind measurement is provided (or if it exceeds the allowed limit), the result will be considered as illegal and not valid for Entry Standard purposes, but it will be processed for the World Rankings with a points penalty.
- Fully automatic timing (FAT) for all running events up to and including the 800m (including Combined Events and 4x100m relay). Hand timed performances in these events will not be considered legal.
- For events held on Temporary Facilities, World Athletics Rule 149.2 and Rule 148 apply. This means that the temporary facility must be surveyed on the day of the competition to check compliance with the applicable requirements and the relevant Application Form (available from World Athletics), to be completed by the competition organiser and Member Federation, must be submitted to World Athletics for checking before the results can be recognised as valid.
- For Road events:
 - For Road Running, the course must be measured by an "A" or "B" grade World Athletics/AIMS approved measurer (list of measurers available on worldathletics.org) and the report submitted to World Athletics. In case of downhill courses (beyond the 0.1% allowed limit of 1 metre per kilometre), a points penalty will apply.
 - For Race Walking events, in addition to the need for the course to be measured as above, a minimum of three International or Area Race Walking Judges must be on duty at the competition for the results to be valid.

The list of the events which comply with these requirements is kept updated on worldathletics.org.



Submitting results

It is the Member Federation's responsibility to ensure results (and other data) are correctly and timely (within 24 hours after the end of the competition) submitted to World Athletics. This can be done in two ways:

- By email to statistics@worldathletics.org
- By using the "Send Competition Results" form on worldathletics.org.

World Rankings Rules

With the World Rankings now becoming a key element of the qualification system to major Championships and Games, it has been decided to drop the Date Correction (points penalty for results older than 9 months). This was already the case for those events with a ranking period of 18 months and has now been harmonised for all events.

A reminder that the latest edition of the World Ranking Rules can be found here: www.worldathletics.org/world-ranking-rules/basics.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our statistical service by emailing statistics@worldathletics.org.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Ridgeon'.

Jon Ridgeon
Chief Executive Officer

Appendix A: 2020 National Permit Calendar (under separate cover)
Category E Upgrade Form and Quotas