

## Qualification System and Entry Standards

as approved by World Athletics Council met on 1 & 2 December 2020 by videoconference due to the ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic.

### Entry conditions

- Individual Events
  - Each Member Federation will be allowed to participate with up to a maximum of three qualified athletes (four in case of a Wild Card) in each event, subject to the below. A fourth (fifth in case of a Wild Card) qualified athlete can be entered as a reserve.
- Relay Events
  - 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.
- Unqualified athletes
  - 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 below);
    - male and/or no female athletes who are potentially qualified by World Rankings;
    - qualified relay team;may enter one unqualified male athlete **OR** one unqualified female athlete in one individual 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 World Athletics 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 an 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 will apply.
  - The maximum number of unqualified athletes by event will be determined by the World Athletics Council in Autumn 2021. In case unqualified entries exceed the maximum allowed number, priority will be given to the athletes in the best world rankings position as at the closing date for applications – see below.
  - In all cases the name and event of the unqualified athlete must be submitted no later than 16 May 2022 for the Marathon and 35km Race Walking and **13 June 2022** for all other events to [teamservices@worldathletics.org](mailto:teamservices@worldathletics.org).
- Age categories
  - Under 20 Athletes – Athletes aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December 2022, (i.e. born in 2003 or 2004), may compete in any event except the Marathon and 35km Race Walk.
  - Under 18 Athletes – Athletes aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December 2022 (born in 2005 or 2006), 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 2022 (born in 2007 or later) may be entered.

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- Qualification period valid for Entry Standards and World Rankings
  - For the Marathon and 35km Race Walks: 18 months from 30 November 2020 to midnight 29 May 2022 (regardless of the time zone)

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- For the 10,000m, 20km Race Walks, Relays and Combined Events: 18 months from 27 December 2020 to midnight 26 June 2022 (regardless of the time zone)
- For all other events: 12 months from 27 June 2021 to midnight 26 June 2022 (regardless of the time zone)
- Qualification in Individual Events
  - Athletes can qualify in one of four ways
    - By achieving the **Entry Standard** within the qualification period in accordance with the criteria detailed below.
    - By virtue of 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 10,000m, 3000mSC, Combined Events, Field Events and Road Events, the entry will be subject to the approval of the Technical Delegates, based on the athlete's level. The Member Federation of the Area Champion will have the ultimate authority to enter the athlete or not, based on its own selection criteria. See specific additional conditions below.
      - The top 10 finishers at the Platinum Label Marathons held during the qualification period.
    - By **Wild Card** as:
      - Defending World Champion from 2019
      - Winner of the 2021
        1. Diamond League
        2. Continental Tour - Hammer Throw
        3. Race Walk Challenge
        4. Combined Events Challenge

If two athletes from the same country would qualify for a Wild Card, 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.
    - By virtue of the **World Rankings Position** achieved at the end of the qualification period according to the respective Event Ranking Rules (and ranking periods). In case of ties, athletes with the next best Performance Score will prevail.
  - World Athletics will keep a regularly updated running list of the qualification situation for each event in the lead up to the World Championships, starting in autumn 2021. This will be published on the Stat Zone section of the World Athletics Website ([www.worldathletics.org/stats-zone](http://www.worldathletics.org/stats-zone)).
  - Individual Athletes Ranking Process
    - Following the end of the qualification period, based on the target numbers, for each event World Athletics will determine:
      - the number of athletes having achieved the entry standard (either directly or by finishing position at the selected competitions, including approved Area Champions);
      - the eligible wild cards;
      - the approved unqualified athletes, including those from the host country;
      - the declined quota places – Member Federations must inform World Athletics of their intention to decline a quota place by the closing date of the qualification period (29 May 2022 for Marathon and 35km Race Walk and 26 June 2022 for the all the other events). Such notification must be sent to [teamservices@worldathletics.org](mailto:teamservices@worldathletics.org) by the Member Federation concerned by no later than midnight Monaco time. Quota places declined after the above deadline will NOT be reallocated.
      - the athletes subsequently qualified by virtue of their World Ranking position to complete the target number in each event – should the target number of athletes in any event be reached (or surpassed) through entry standards, wild cards and approved unqualified athletes, no athletes would qualify by virtue of their World Rankings position.

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- The list with the athletes finally eligible for entry will be published on 29 June and no further reallocation of quota places by event will be made.
  - Member Federations shall select the athletes for entry from this list and enter all athletes to Oregon22 by the entry deadline of 4 July 2022.
- Qualification in Relay Events
  - Relay Teams can qualify in one of two ways
    - First ten (twelve in the Mixed 4x400m) placed teams at the **2021 World Relays**.
    - 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 will be valid only on the condition that they are part of a competition staged in compliance with World Athletics 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 2021 World Relays and those eventually unqualified but entered by the Host Country, World Athletics will identify the teams qualified by virtue of their position in the World Athletics Top Lists (according to the best performances in the whole qualification period). World Athletics will, within 48 hours of the closing of the Qualification Period, notify the Member Federations concerned by email to the official email address (xxx@mf.worldathletics.org) and replies will be expected within 24 hours. Upon refusals, cancellations or no reply, the next eligible relay team will be identified and invited. The invitation process will end on 28 June 2022, midnight Monaco time.

### Target number of athletes / teams by event

Events	Target Number
100m ( <i>not including the unqualified athletes</i> )	48
200m	56
400m, 800m	48
1500m, 3000mSC	45
5000m	42
10,000m	27
100mH, 110mH, 400mH	40
Field Events	32
Combined Events	24
Marathon	100
20km Race Walk	60
35km Race Walk	60
Relays	16

## Entry Standards

Men	Event	Women
10.05	100m	11.15
20.24	200m	22.80
44.90	400m	51.35
1:45.20	800m	1:59.50
3:35.00	1500m	4:04.20
13:13.50	5000m	15:10.00
27:28.00	10,000m	31:25.00
2:11:30	Marathon	2:29:30
8:22.00	3000m SC	9:30.00
13.32	110m H / 100m H	12.84
48.90	400m H	55.40
2.33	High Jump	1.96
5.80	Pole Vault	4.70
8.22	Long Jump	6.82
17.14	Triple Jump	14.32
21.10	Shot Put	18.50
66.00	Discus Throw	63.50
77.50	Hammer Throw	72.50
85.00	Javelin Throw	64.00
	Heptathlon	6420
8350	Decathlon	
1:21:00	20km Race Walk	1:31:00
2:33:00 (3:50:00)	35km Race Walk (50km)	2:54:00 (4:25:00)
Top 10 at IWR + 6 from Top Lists	4x100m	Top 10 at IWR + 6 from Top Lists
Top 10 at IWR + 6 from Top Lists	4x400m	Top 10 at IWR + 6 from Top Lists
Top 12 at IWR + 4 from Top Lists	4x400m Mixed	Top 12 at IWR + 4 from Top Lists

## Conditions for the validity of performances

- All performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by World Athletics, its Area Associations or its National Federations and conducted in conformity with World Athletics Rules.
- For Marathons and Race Walks, World Athletics 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 a World Athletics/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.
    - For Entry Standards the overall decrease in elevation between the start and the finish will not exceed 1:1000, i.e. 1m per km.

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- For World Rankings in case of performances achieved on courses with a drop in elevation which exceeds 1:1000, a correction will be made in the result score from which points will be deducted depending on the drop.
- The contact email address for any matters related to qualifying marathon courses is [alessio.punzi@worldathletics.org](mailto:alessio.punzi@worldathletics.org).
- Race Walks
  - Performances for qualifying purposes may only be achieved on a course measured by a World Athletics/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 World Athletics’ Table of Contents-International Competitions Definition – point 1.9 or at National Competitions, Member Federations concerned must submit a specific application to World Athletics before the race is conducted. Applications submitted for Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 do not need to be submitted again.
  - The contact email address for any matters related to qualifying race walk competitions is [luis.saladie@worldathletics.org](mailto:luis.saladie@worldathletics.org).
- Special conditions for validity of performances:
  - Performances achieved in mixed competitions in track events will not be accepted. Exceptionally, in accordance with Rule 9 of the World Athletics Technical Rules, 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 World Athletics Competitions department ([teamservices@worldathletics.org](mailto:teamservices@worldathletics.org)) providing the documentation as required.
  - Performances which are wind assisted or for which a wind reading is not available will not be accepted for Entry Standards purposes (but will be valid for the 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 will not be accepted.
  - For the Race Walks
    - Track performances (20,000m, 35,000m or 50,000m) will be accepted;
    - Performances achieved in competitions conducted with the penalty zone rule will be accepted.
  - For the Combined Events at least one of these conditions must be met:
    - The wind velocity in any individual event will 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) will not exceed plus 2 metres per second.

### Area Champions

The following regulations shall apply for Automatic Qualification to the World Athletics 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 10,000m, 3000mSC, Combined Events, Field Events and Road 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 2020, 2021 or 2022.

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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. World Athletics shall be notified of such alternative Championships at least one month in advance of the events' being held.