



# **CROSS COUNTRY PERMIT MEETING REGULATIONS**

*(In force from 1 November 2019)*





## 1. General Principles

- 1.1 Every year, World Athletics shall grant a Permit according to Rule 1.5.1 of the Competition Rules (previous Rule 2.5(a) of the Competition Rules) 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 Calendar of competitions is found 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 specified date duly completed and countersigned by the World Athletics Member Federation of the country where the competition is to 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. Obligations/ Requirements of the Organisers

### 4.1. Athletes

- 4.1.1. 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.
- 4.1.2. Athletes from at least three different countries shall be represented from the above-mentioned lists.
  - 4.1.3. 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.
  - 4.1.4. 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 relevant Member Federations);
    - c. through duly authorised Athletes' Representatives (ARs). 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>.
- 4.2. World Athletics Delegates / World Athletics Staff
- 4.2.1. Delegates and Staff

World Athletics may appoint a Delegate with the required technical knowledge to attend the event, who will serve as its official representative.
  - 4.2.2. Travel and Accommodation
    - a. Organisers are responsible for the travel and full-board accommodation of the World Athletics Delegate, if relevant.
    - b. Organisers are responsible for the accommodation costs of one World Athletics Staff Member for a maximum of 2 nights.
  - 4.2.3. Responsibilities

The World Athletics Delegate shall submit a report on the conduct of the competition to World Athletics within two weeks after the end of the competition.
- 4.3. Medical and Doping Control
- 4.3.1. Organisers shall provide adequate Medical and Emergency Services on site; including emergency assistance, ambulance service, and minor stitching.
  - 4.3.2. Organisers shall carry out doping controls in accordance with World Athletics 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 World Athletics;
  - c. all costs relating to doping control shall be borne by the Organisers.
- 4.4. World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules and Regulations are available for downloading from the World Athletics website: <https://www.worldathletics.org/about-iaaf/documents/book-of-rules>.
- 4.5. General Requirements
- 4.5.1. Organisers shall take out an appropriate insurance policy covering Public Liability and accidental injury to athletes and officials.
  - 4.5.2. 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.
  - 4.5.3. Media and television facilities shall be set up in accordance with the World Athletics Guidelines.
  - 4.5.4. Organisers shall display on the home page of their event website the World Athletics Cross Country Permit logo (to be provided by World Athletics).
  - 4.5.5. Organisers shall display, at their own cost, at least two World Athletics boards (or banners) at the finish line area (exact layout to be provided by World Athletics).
  - 4.5.6. Organisers shall also display World Athletics Cross Country Permit logo on all printed material 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).
  - 4.5.7. Organisers must provide World Athletics with the following:
    - a. At least the top-20 results of the Senior Races, immediately following the conclusion of the competition (but by no later than one hour after the end of the last race);
    - b. Within two weeks after the competition, a completed Event Report on a form provided by World Athletics, including full results.
  - 4.5.8. World Athletics strongly encourages organisers to create a challenging course with numerous hills and obstacles which truly represent the spirit of Cross Country running.

## **5. Awards**

5.1. For each Senior Race, organisers shall provide a minimum awards structure of USD 7,500 as follows:

1 <sup>s</sup> place:	\$ 2,500
2 <sup>nd</sup> place:	\$ 1,500
3 <sup>rd</sup> place:	\$ 1,250
4 <sup>th</sup> place:	\$ 1,000
5 <sup>th</sup> place:	\$ 750
6 <sup>th</sup> place:	\$ 500

5.2. Any athlete who renders themselves ineligible due to any infringement of the Regulations will not receive any award. In this case, the prize money shall be paid to the next ranked athlete.

5.3. Awards from World Athletics shall be distributed in accordance with World Athletics Rules and Regulations.

## **6. Disputes**

All disputes and protests related to the competition shall be resolved by the World Athletics Council.