



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” means the Anti-Doping Rules which came into effect on 1 November 2019 as amended from time to time.

“Area Association” means the association of Member Federations and other members in an Area established and operating in accordance with the Constitution and the Rules.

“Area” means the geographical areas described in the Annexure to the Constitution.

“Article” means an Article of 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 Representative” means a person who is duly authorised and registered as an Athletes’ Representative in accordance with the Athletes Representatives Rules and Regulations.

“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” means the sport of Athletics as defined in the Rules and Regulations including track and field, road running, race walking, cross-country running, mountain running, and trail running.

“Athletics Integrity Unit” means the unit described in Part X of this Constitution and *Integrity Unit* has the same meaning.

“CAS” means the Court of Arbitration for Sport which is an independent arbitration body seated in Lausanne, Switzerland.

“Citizen” means a person that has legal citizenship of a Country, or in the case of a Territory, legal citizenship of the Territory’s parent Country and appropriate legal status in the Territory under the applicable laws.

“Competition” means Event or series of Events held over one or more days.

“Constitution” means, unless stated otherwise, the constitution of World Athletics which came into effect on 1 January 2019 including any amendments to it made from time to time. *World Athletics Constitution* has the same meaning.

“Council” means the body described in Part V of the Constitution.

“Council Member” means any member of Council including the President and Vice-Presidents, Area Presidents, Individual Council Members and their Chair and other members of the Athletes' Commission, (whether an ex officio member or otherwise), unless specifically provided otherwise in this Constitution.

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

“Delegate” means, unless stated otherwise, a person elected or appointed by a Member Federation to represent it at Congress.

“Disciplinary Tribunal” means the judicial body established to hear and decide all breaches of the Integrity Code of Conduct in accordance with the Rules and Regulations and such other matters as set out in the Constitution, Rules or Regulations.

“Election Oversight Panel” means the Panel which has oversight of the candidacies of persons seeking election by Congress as a Council Member and the proper administration of such election.

“Ethics Board” means the independent judicial body established by World Athletics under the Previous Constitution and which ceases to exist, except to the extent set out in the Rules for matters under its jurisdiction under the Previous Constitution.

“Executive Board” means the body described in Part VII of the Constitution.

“Executive Board Members” means, unless specified otherwise, the members of the Executive Board elected and appointed under the Constitution.

“Former Code of Ethics” means the former Code of Ethics of World Athletics containing principles of ethical conduct and related rules and procedures as revoked and replaced with the Integrity Code of Conduct with effect from 3 April 2017 except to the extent expressly provided for in the Rules for transition purposes.

“Integrity Code of Conduct” means the code of conduct described in Article 75 of the Constitution as amended from time to time.

“Integrity Unit” means the body described in Part X of this Constitution. Also has the same meaning as the "Athletics Integrity Unit".

“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” means the International Olympic Committee which is the international non-governmental and non-profit organisation responsible for the Olympic movement, including the Olympic Games, under the Olympic Charter.

“Members” means the members of World Athletics as described in Article 6, also known as Member Federations, and as listed in the Annexure, as updated from time to time and *Membership* means being a Member of World Athletics.

“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 International Competition.

“Member Federation” means the national governing body for the sport of Athletics in a Country or territory which has been admitted to membership to World Athletics.

“Officials” means any person who is elected or appointed to a position in which they represent World Athletics (whether as an independent or otherwise), including, but not limited to Council Members, Executive Board Members, members of the Disciplinary Tribunal, members of the Integrity Unit Board, members of the Integrity Unit Board Appointments Panel, members of the Executive Board Appointments Panel, members of the Vetting Panel, members of Commissions and Working Groups, members of any other bodies or panels established by World Athletics, and consultants and advisors to World Athletics, unless specifically provided otherwise.

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

“Regulations” mean all regulations approved from time to time by Council within its powers and responsibilities which shall not be inconsistent with the Constitution and the Rules.

“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” mean all rules approved from time to time by Council within its powers and responsibilities, including the Integrity Code of Conduct, which shall not be inconsistent with 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.

“Vetting” means the process whereby it is decided if an Applicant or Existing World Athletics Official is Eligible to be, or remain in office as, a World Athletics Official in accordance with the Constitution, the Rules and Regulations.

“Vetting Rules” means the rules of World Athletics which set out the procedure for Vetting all Applicants and Existing World Athletics Officials (as described in those Rules).

“WADA” means the World Anti-Doping Agency, a body founded by the IOC and constituted as a foundation in Lausanne by an instrument of foundation signed on November 1999 and named in that instrument as the Agence Mondiale Antidopage, World Anti-Doping Agency.

“World Athletics” means the association of the Member Federations which is the international authority for the sports of Athletics worldwide, formerly known as the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF).

“World Athletics Series” means the major International 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 Half Marathon Championships, World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships, World Athletics Cross Country Championships, and World Athletics Continental Cup, and *World Athletics Series Event* or *WAS Event* means any one of these events.

“World Rankings Competitions” means:

1.1. 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 (subject to application and compliance with Competition and Technical Rules).
- d. One-day meetings / circuits and label road races.
- e. International Matches with participants from different Areas.

1.2. Competitions held or sanctioned by an Area Association:

- a. Area Championships (of all types and disciplines).
- b. Intra-Area Championships.
- c. The athletics programme of Games and other Athletics Competitions with participants confined from a single Area.
- d. One-day meeting circuits and road races.
- e. International Matches (limited to participants from a single Area).

1.3. 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 World Athletics Competition and Technical Rules for which an application is submitted within the terms and conditions established by World Athletics and 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	Inserted new definition.