RACE WALKING TOUR REGULATIONS

(Approved by Council, 03 December 2025, effective from 12 December 2025)

1. General Principles

1.1. The World Athletics Race Walking Tour ('Race Walking Tour') provides clearly understood differing levels of competition based on prize money and quality of organisation for worldwide international Race Walking Tour races, subject to fulfilment of the minimum requirements set out in these Regulations.

1.2. Regulations governing the World Athletics Race Walking Tour must be issued to the World Athletics Race Walking Tour Meeting Organisers ('Organisers') and may be amended every year by World Athletics.

2. Minimum Requirements

2.1. Organisers agree to observe and respect all Rules and Regulations, and decisions taken by World Athletics.

2.2. Organisers must meet the requirements set out in these Regulations.

2.3. Each year Organisers must:

2.3.1 Submit an application through the Global Calendar Platform to be listed as a World Rankings Competition: https://globalcalendar.worldathletics.org/

2.3.2 Arrange for their application to be approved by the host National Federation and forwarded to the corresponding Area Association (in the case of Gold, Silver or Bronze level races).

2.3.3 By the deadline set by World Athletics, as published from time to time on the following page, https://globalcalendar.worldathletics.org/

2.4. Organisers must arrange a liability insurance policy, in favour of the Athletes, officials and spectators, to cover risks for which they may be liable towards such participants.

3. Technical Requirements to deliver the Race

3.1. Races are to comprise the following disciplines:

	Senior Men	**Senior Women**	**U20, schools, masters**
Gold	10,20,35km	10,20,35km	Optional
Silver	YES	YES	Optional
Bronze	YES	YES	Optional

3.2. **Course Measurement**

All courses must conform to the Rules and Regulations as amended from time to time and must hold a valid course measurement certificate. Organisers must ensure the course has been measured by a World Athletics/AIMS Grade "A" or "B" International Road Race course Measurer – measurement report to be sent to World Athletics with the Application Form or, latest, before the Competition.

3.3. **International Race-Walking Judges**

All Judges must be chosen from either the International or Area Race Walking Judges Panels. This list must be sent to World Athletics before the start of the competition.

- GOLD: Minimum 5 International Race-Walking Judges (representing 4 countries) including the Chief Judge must be on duty.
- SILVER: Minimum 3 International Race-Walking Judges (representing 2 countries) including the Chief Judge must be on duty.
- BRONZE: Minimum 3 International Race-Walking Judges including the Chief Judge must be on duty.

3.4. Organisers for all levels are responsible for the travel and full-board accommodation of all Judges and course measurer appointed to the competition for a maximum of 3 nights.

3.5. **Technical Delegate**

A Technical Delegate ('TD') with the required technical knowledge will be appointed to attend the event, who will serve as its official representative of either WA or the Organiser's respective Area Association. The role of the TD is to ensure the Meeting is run in accordance with World Athletics Rules and World Athletics Race Walking Tour Regulations and will be ready to give assistance to the Organiser and the Organiser must guarantee full cooperation to the TD.

	Appointed by	**Travel costs**	**Hotel & Meals allowance costs**
Gold	World Athletics	Paid by Meeting (economy class)	Max 3 nights at the Meeting Hotel + Full board
Silver	Area Association	Paid by Meeting (economy class)	Max 3 nights at the Meeting Hotel + Full board
Bronze	n/a	n/a	n/a

3.6. The TD will have all area access accreditation. Provided they are suitably qualified, the TD can be from any Country or Territory including the Country or Territory where the Meeting is located.

3.7. Following each Meeting the designated TD will be required to complete a detailed Report Form concerning the staging of the Meeting to be returned to World Athletics no later than 10 days after the Meeting.

3.8. A copy of the TD's Report will also be given to the Organiser and the Area Association where the Meeting is held.

3.9. **Medical & Antidoping**

3.10. Organisers must provide:

- Adequate Medical and Emergency Services on site, including emergency assistance and ambulance service, and minor stitching.

- Physiotherapy facilities at the stadium and at the Athletes' hotel.

3.11 Organisers must organise and cover the costs of doping controls and analyses as follows:

	Urine Tests	Erythropoiesis Stimulating Agents (ESA)
Gold	Minimum 6	4 of the 6 urine tests
Silver	Minimum 4	2 of the 4 urine tests
Bronze	Minimum 3	3 of the 3 urine tests

- Samples must be collected in strict accordance with World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules (and appendices) using qualified doping control personnel.
- Samples must be shipped to and analysed by a WADA-accredited laboratory.
- Additional tests may also be conducted where:

  a. World Athletics decides to conduct pre-competition blood testing at its own expense. The Organiser must assist the Athletics Integrity Unit should pre-competition blood tests take place at the Organiser's event (chaperones, hotel room for sample collection etc.); and/or
  b. an Athlete breaks or equals a World Record (if more than one Athlete breaks or equals the record in the same event, then all Athletes concerned must be tested); and/or
  c. any Athlete who has broken an Area or National Record requests it; and/or
  d. the Athletics Integrity Unit requests it.

The Anti-Doping Rules are available to download from the following web address: www.athleticsintegrity.org

3.12 **Athlete & Delegates Logistics**

The Race headquarters hotel and transport facilities to be provided by the Organiser must comply with the following minimum requirements:

	Hotel	**Transport**	**Full board**
Gold	Min 3 star	Yes	Invited Athletes
Silver	Min 3 star	Check area association regulations	
Bronze	Min 3 star		

N.B. Athletes/judges transportation means: to/from hotel, stadium, airport, train station, and any other official competition venue.

3.13 **Athlete Budget & Participation**

3.14 GOLD: A minimum total Athlete budget for travel, accommodation and prize money must be $10,000 USD.

3.15 SILVER: A minimum total Athlete budget for travel, accommodation and prize money must be $5,000 USD.

3.16 BRONZE: For each Senior Race, Organisers are to secure the participation of Athletes from at least two different countries (other than the host country).

3.17 **Prize Money** must be paid within 60 days of receipt of the doping control clearance from the Athletics Integrity Unit and of the complete invoices, which must comply with the communicated legal, fiscal and procedural requirements of the Organiser.

3.18 Payment of travel reimbursements will be made at the World Athletics Race Walking Tour Meeting or within 2 weeks after the Meeting, provided the necessary paperwork has been given to the Organiser.

3.19 Upon request from World Athletics, an Organiser has the obligation to provide within two weeks, proof of the payments made to the Athletes.

3.20 **Athletes' Representatives**

3.21 For Gold Level races any Athlete, Organisers must only negotiate their participation in the Meeting with:

3.21.1 a World Athletics licensed Athletes' Representative;

3.21.2 a Member Federation who has received the prior written consent of World Athletics' Chief Executive Officer to represent the Athlete;

3.21.3 the Athlete themselves (if they have chosen to represent themselves).

A complete list of registered Athletes' Representatives is available from World Athletics website at https://worldathletics.org/athletes/athlete-representatives

3.22 For Silver or Bronze level races (including a 'Ranked Athlete' as defined in the Athletes' Representatives Rules) the Organiser must self-report to World Athletics who (full name and contact details) the Organiser has negotiated the Athlete's appearance at the race with.

3.23 **Broadcast/Livestream Requirements**

	Live Streaming	**Television**
Gold	Compulsory*	Where the possibility of live Television exists, Television production and services to broadcasters shall comply with the Television Production and Graphic Branding Guidelines.
Silver	Good quality expected	n/a
Bronze	Expected	n/a

*to be transmitted on World Athletics' YouTube channel

4 Race Walking Tour Points Allocation

Points will be awarded for participation in the senior races according to World Rankings Criteria as published on the following page: https://worldathletics.org/world-ranking-rules/basics and according to the rankings category published on the World Athletics Global Calendar: https://globalcalendar.worldathletics.org/

5 World Race Walking Tour Overall Prize Money

5.1 World Athletics will offer Overall Prize Money ($80,000 for the men and for the women) to the best 8 men and 8 women as per the following structure:

1st place: $ 25,000

2nd place: $ 15,000
3rd place: $ 10,000
4th place: $ 8,000
5th place: $ 7,000
6th place: $ 6,000
7th place: $ 5,000
8th place: $ 4,000

5.2 For the purpose of awarding the overall prize money, the Athletes will be ranked according to their best 3 World Ranking performance scores achieved in the period 1 January – 31 December of which at least 2 must come from Race Walking Tour races.

5.3 Ties for the final standings shall be resolved in favour of the Athlete with the highest single performance score. In case of further tie(s), the next highest performance score(s) will count.

6 Entry lists

Entry Lists must be sent to World Athletics at:
worldathleticsmeetingresults@worldathletics.org two days before the Meeting and include:
• Event (Men, Women, U20 Men and U20 Women)
• Athlete's Surname and Name
• Athlete's Country Code
• Athlete's Date / Year of Birth
• Athletes' IF Code (available on the Athletes' Profile Page https://www.worldathletics.org/athletes

7 Start Lists

Start Lists must be sent the evening before the Race, following the Technical Meeting (if applicable) and include bib number and Athlete's Surname and Name to WorldAthleticsmeetingresults@worldathletics.org

• Event (Men, Women, U20 Men and U20 Women)
• Athlete's Surname and Name
• Bib number / Athlete's Country Code
• Athlete's Date / Year of Birth
• Athletes' IF Code (available on the Athletes' Profile Page
https://www.worldathletics.org/athletes

8 Results

Results must be posted live on the event website and sent to World Athletics email: worldathleticsmeetingresults@worldathletics.org no later than 60 minutes after the end of each race.

- Event
- Athlete's Position
- Athlete's Surname and Name
- Athlete's Country Code
- Athletes' IF Code
- Athlete's result

N.B. Organisers must inform World Athletics and the Area of any correction to the Results.

9 Sustainability Requirements

Organisers must meet and report in accordance with the Sustainable Event Standard set out in the following link https://worldathletics.org/athletics-better-world/sustainability/athletics-for-a-better-world-standard

10 **Post Meeting report**

Organisers must submit a completed Event Report to the corresponding Area on the form provided by the Area within 10 days after the end of the competition. For Gold level races the event report form must be returned to World Athletics competition department email: competition@worldathletics.org

11 **Evaluation**

All Race Walking Tour – Silver and Bronze level races nominated through the Areas will undergo an annual evaluation, based on all aspects of their meeting including:

	GOLD	**SILVER**	**BRONZE**
Level of the Athletes competing.	YES	YES	YES
Services provided to the Athletes.	YES	YES	YES
Number of participants.	YES	YES	YES
Number of international participants.	YES	YES	n/a
Quality of the course.	YES	YES	YES
Tradition.	YES	YES	YES
Respect of these Regulations.	YES	YES	YES
Conduct of anti-doping measures.	YES	YES	YES
Technical conduct of the competition.	YES	YES	YES
Broadcast/live streaming coverage.	YES	YES	n/a
Respect of the financial commitments towards the Athletes.	YES	YES	n/a
Athlete Budget, Prize Money and overall event budget.	YES	YES	n/a
Value added and prestige to the World Race Walking ecosystem and brand.	YES	YES	n/a
Respect of all other Rules and Regulations and Graphic Branding Guidelines.	YES	YES	n/a

The status can be reviewed according to procedures agreed by the Area and World Athletics.

12 **Breaches and Sanctions**

12.1 In the event of an allegation of breach of any of these Regulations or World Athletics' Rules or Regulations generally, the alleged breach will be investigated andsanctioned in accordance with the Disputes and Disciplinary Proceedings Rules.