

## PART I – GENERAL

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### 1. Authorisation to Stage Competitions

- 1.1 World Athletics is responsible for supervising a global competition system, which comprises all World Rankings Competitions, in cooperation with the Area Associations and Member Federations. World Athletics shall coordinate its competition calendar and those of the respective Area Associations and, in part, those of the Member Federations in order to avoid or minimise conflicts. All World Rankings Competitions must be authorised by World Athletics, an Area Association or a Member Federation in accordance with this Rule 1. Any combination or integration of Invitation Meetings into a Series / Tour or League requires a permit from World Athletics or the concerned Area Association including the necessary regulation or contractual condition for such an activity. The operation may be delegated to a third party. In the event that an Area Association fails to properly manage and control World Rankings Competitions in accordance with these Rules, World Athletics shall be entitled to intervene and take such steps as it deems necessary.
- 1.2 World Athletics alone shall have the right to organise the Athletics competition at the Olympic Games and the competitions that are included in the World Athletics Series.
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- 1.4 Area Associations shall have the right to organise Area Championships and they may organise such other intra-Area events as they deem appropriate.
- 1.5 Competitions requiring a World Athletics Permit:
- 1.5.1 A World Athletics Permit is required for all competitions listed in paragraphs 1. (c), (d) and (e) of the World Rankings Competitions definition.
- 1.5.2 The Member Federation in whose Country or Territory the World Rankings Competition is to take place, together with the relevant organising body of that competition (where applicable), shall be required to notify World Athletics (using the established process where relevant) as soon as practicable.
- 1.5.3 World Athletics will acknowledge the notification, and grant the authorisation to stage the competition with subsequent inclusion in the list of World Rankings Competitions and publication on the World Athletics Global Calendar.
- 1.6 Competitions requiring an Area Association Permit:
- 1.6.1 An Area Association Permit is required for all Competitions listed in paragraphs 2. (b), (c), (d) and (e) of the World Rankings Competitions definition.
- 1.6.2 The Member Federation in whose Country or Territory the World Rankings Competition is to take place, together with the relevant organising body of that competition (where applicable), shall be required to notify the Area Association (using the established process where relevant) as soon as practicable.
- 1.6.3 The Area Association will acknowledge the notification and grant the authorisation to stage the competition with subsequent notification to World Athletics for inclusion in the list of World Rankings Competitions and publication on the World Athletics Global Calendar.

**1.7 Competitions requiring a Member Federation Permit:**

- 1.7.1 A Member Federation Permit is required for all competitions listed in paragraph 3. (b) of the World Rankings Competitions definition.
- 1.7.2 Foreign athletes may participate in those Competitions subject to Rule 5 (Requirements to Compete in International Competitions) of the Eligibility Rules. No athlete may participate in any such competition if they are ineligible to participate in the sport of Athletics under the rules of World Athletics, the host Member or the Member Federation to which they are affiliated.
- 1.7.3 The Member Federation in whose Country or Territory the World Rankings Competition is to take place shall be required to notify World Athletics by submitting an application through the Global Calendar Platform no later than sixty days prior to the date of the Competition.
- 1.7.4 World Athletics will acknowledge the notification and confirm subsequent inclusion in the list of World Rankings Competitions and publication on the World Athletics Global Calendar.

**2. Regulations Governing the Conduct of World Rankings Competitions**

- 2.1 The Council may produce Regulations governing the conduct of World Rankings Competitions held under the Rules and regulating the relationships of athletes, Athlete Representatives, meeting organisers and Members. These Regulations may be varied or amended by Council as it sees fit.
- 2.2 World Athletics and Area Associations may designate one or more representatives to attend every World Rankings Competition requiring a World Athletics or Area Association Permit, respectively, to ensure that the applicable Rules and Regulations are complied with. At the request of World Athletics or Area Association, respectively, such representative(s) shall render a compliance report within 30 days of the end of the World Rankings Competition in question.