INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ATHLETICS FEDERATIONS

TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

FOR

IAAF WORLD RELAYS

[UPDATED 1ST MARCH 2019]
701 GENERAL

701.1 The IAAF shall organise the IAAF World Relays normally at the beginning of May, every odd year.

701.2 The full event title shall be IAAF World Relays followed by the venue and year of the competition. A shorter version of the event title can be considered subject to IAAF approval.
702  EVENTS PROGRAMME

702.1  The IAAF World Relays shall be held on two consecutive days.

702.2  The programme shall comprise nine Relay Events:

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**Universal (Mixed)**

| 4 x 400 metres       |
| 2 x 2 x 400 metres   |
| Shuttle Hurdles      |

702.2.1  **Additional Events**

In addition to the Relay Events above, the Organiser may propose to hold one or two additional Field Events per day, taking into consideration the strengths of the host country, with approval from the IAAF.

The Organising Member is also encouraged to organise various other Relay Events for kids, schools, clubs, etc. These events would be outside the main programme above.
PARTICIPATION

703.1 Invitation to Participate

All IAAF Member Federations, hereafter called "Members", shall be invited by the IAAF to participate in the IAAF World Relays. This invitation, in the official languages of the IAAF, shall be sent at least nine months before the IAAF World Relays.

The Organising Member, hereafter called "OM", shall at the same time also send a letter of invitation to all Members to participate.

703.2 Age Categories

703.2.1 U20 Athletes

Any athlete aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December in the year of the competition (e.g. for the 2019 competition, born in 2000 or 2001) may compete in any event.

703.2.2 U18 Athletes

Any athlete aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December in the year of the competition (e.g. for the 2019 competition, born in 2002 or 2003) may compete in any event.

703.2.3 Athletes Younger than 16

No athlete younger than 16 years of age on 31 December in the year of the competition (e.g. for the 2019 competition, born in 2004 or later) may be entered.

703.3 Entry Standards

703.3.1 Entry Standards are established for the 4 x 100m and 4 x 400m Relays only and will target an ideal number of Teams to qualify. The remaining Teams (up to 24) will be determined through the IAAF World Lists in the same qualification period. There are no Entry Standards for the other Relay Events.

703.3.2 Performances will have to be achieved during the qualification period from 1 January in the year preceding the competition to the closing date for the Final Entries (703.6). Such Entry Standards must be achieved in accordance with criteria decided by IAAF.

703.4 Entry Rules

703.4.1 A maximum of one team from any one Member can compete in each Relay Event.

703.4.2 A maximum of six athletes may be entered for each Relay Team. Any four athletes among those entered for the competition, may then be used in the composition of the team for the first round.

703.4.3 In the 2 x 2 x 400m a maximum of four athletes may be entered for each Relay Team. Any two athletes among those entered for the competition may then be used in the composition of the team.
703.4.4 The Host Country of the IAAF World Relays may enter one team in each event regardless of any Entry Standard.

703.5 **Preliminary Entries**
The IAAF shall only accept Preliminary Entries received from the Member Federation. Preliminary Entries must be submitted using the IAAF On-line Event Entry System: [http://evententry.iaaf.org](http://evententry.iaaf.org). The submission of Preliminary Entries will normally be possible from one month prior to the preliminary entry deadline, which is two months before the first day of the IAAF World Relays. The entries shall indicate the number of athletes and officials as well as the anticipated travel dates and accommodation requirements.

703.6 **Final Entries**
The IAAF shall only accept Final Entries received from the Member Federation. Final Entries must be submitted using the IAAF On-line Event Entry System: [http://evententry.iaaf.org](http://evententry.iaaf.org). The submission of Final Entries will be possible from one month prior to the final entry deadline, which is not later than three Mondays before the first day of competition (e.g. Monday 22 April for a competition starting on Saturday 11 May), midnight Monaco time.

703.7 **Final Confirmation of Entries**
Unless otherwise specified in the Team Manual, Final Confirmation of Entries must be made no later than noon on the day before the start of the Competition. Confirmation of the running order must be made no later than one hour before the published first call time for the first heat of each round.

703.8 **Team Uniform**
All athletes of the team shall wear the same colour competition uniform during the competition and in all ceremonies. The uniform must conform to IAAF Rules and Regulations and shall be approved by the IAAF in advance of the competition.
FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

704.1 Quota
Each participating Member Federation shall receive a quota of two athletes for each relay team competing. Teams finishing in the top four places of the respective event shall receive an additional two quota places for that team. This does not apply to the 2 x 2 x 400m where the quota shall remain two.

In addition, athletes invited to participate in exhibition events shall be included in the quota.

The host country has no quota.

704.2 Financial Support
All athletes in the quota will benefit from economy class travel and full-board accommodation as described below. The participating Member Federations are responsible for the travel and accommodation costs of all non-quota athletes and all officials.

704.2.1 Travel
The IAAF or the LOC will, in principle, make all the travel arrangements for the athletes, unless a specific written request is sent to the IAAF Office (by a set deadline) which includes a quote for approval. The IAAF will then confirm or reject the request. After the deadline, the IAAF reserves the right to refuse such requests.

704.2.2 Accommodation
All athletes within the quota will benefit from full-board accommodation in twin rooms paid for by the LOC for a maximum of four nights, during the subsidised period of the IAAF World Relays (a supplement will be charged for single room occupancy).

The number of officials accommodated at subsidised rates is limited [see Appendix A]. Depending on availability, the additional officials allowed may be offered accommodation at regular rates.

The accommodation invoice will be based on the entry details [number of people, arrival and departure dates] submitted by the Final Entries deadline, with a tolerance of two.

704.3 Competition Awards
Competition Awards will be paid subject to the procedure established by the IAAF Council.

704.4 Penalties
Members must respect the deadlines and provide accurate information in their entries in order to avoid causing financial damage to the LOC. Failure to do so may result in the application of financial penalties as detailed below. The penalties will be debited to the account of the Member with the IAAF.

704.4.1 Respect of Deadlines
A penalty of $1,000 USD may be imposed on any Federation which does not respect the Preliminary and/or Final Entry deadlines.
704.4.2 **Realistic Entries**

A penalty of $1,000 USD per athlete, after the first two, may be imposed on Members which:

- after having announced through the Preliminary Entries their participation in an IAAF competition do not take part;
- after having entered in the Preliminary Entries more than two athletes, attend the competition with a number of athletes 25% or more higher or lower than the entered number.
705 AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF THE IAAF COUNCIL

The IAAF Council shall:

705.1 approve the Technical Regulations of the IAAF World Relays;

705.2 decide the venue and date of the IAAF World Relays at the most appropriate Council Meeting to be held after the closing date for applications (normally three years before the year of the Competition);

705.3 approve the Timetable of Events, as proposed by the Technical Delegate for the Event, at least one year before the competition;

705.4 appoint the relevant International Delegates and Officials (see 706.2).
DELEGATES AND OFFICIALS

6.1 General

6.1.1 The LOC shall receive IAAF Delegates and Officials, as shown below. Travel and accommodation expenses (hereafter called "expenses") will be in accordance with the IAAF procedures, i.e. the LOC shall pay the travel costs for all Delegates: in economy class for all journeys up to 2,500 kilometres and in business class for all journeys longer than 2,500 kilometres. Full board accommodation costs are the financial responsibility of the LOC.

6.1.2 No IAAF appointed Delegate may be a member of his team’s delegation.

6.1.3 All Delegates and Officials shall act in conformity with current IAAF Rules, Regulations and Guidelines and shall have the ultimate authority in their respective fields of responsibility.

6.1.4 The LOC shall supply the Technical Delegate, Press Delegate, Medical and Anti-Doping Delegate with a mobile telephone each, complete with a local chip, and shall pay for all calls.

6.2 International Delegates and Officials Appointed by the IAAF Council

6.2.1 One Technical Delegate (TD)

He is appointed two years before the competition from the panel of IAAF Delegates.

In particular, the Technical Delegate shall submit to the Council proposals for:

- the Timetable, which shall have been drawn up together with the LOC and been given to the relevant television authorities for comment;

His other duties include:

- he shall approve the accommodation for the athletes and officials;
- he shall ensure that all technical equipment is checked;
- he shall chair the Technical Meeting (if any)

The agreement of the Technical Delegate must be sought in advance on all matters relating to the technical conduct of the Competition.

The LOC shall bear the expenses of the Technical Delegate for a period of no more than four days before the Competition until one day after the Competition, and for preliminary visits whenever deemed necessary by the IAAF for the successful staging of the Competition.

6.2.2 Three Members of the Jury of Appeal

They are appointed one year before the Competition and must include at least one member who is currently, or previously was, an IAAF International Technical Official. A Chairman of the Jury and a permanent Secretary to the Jury shall also be appointed.

The LOC shall bear the expenses of the Members of the Jury of Appeal for a period of not more than two days before the Competition until one day after the Competition.
706.2.3 **One Medical / Anti-Doping Delegate**

He is appointed two years before the competition,

The LOC shall bear the expenses of the Medical / Anti-Doping Delegate for a period of not more than two days before the Competition until one day after the Competition, and for one preliminary visit, if it is deemed necessary.

706.2.4 **One Press Delegate**

He is appointed two years before the competition,

The LOC shall bear the expenses of the Press Delegate for a period of not more than three days before the Competition until one day after the Competition, and for a maximum of two preliminary visits.

706.2.5 **Three International Technical Officials (ITOs)**

They are appointed one year before the Competition and shall be selected from the IAAF Panel.

The LOC shall bear the ITOs’ expenses for a period of not more than two days before the Competition until one day after the Competition.

706.2.6 **One International Starter (IS)**

He is appointed one year before the competition and shall be selected from the IAAF Panel.

The LOC shall bear the expenses of the IS for a period of two days before the Competition until one day after the Competition.

706.2.7 **One International Photo Finish Judge (IPFJ)**

He is appointed one year before the competition and shall be selected from the IAAF Panel.

The LOC shall bear the expenses of the IPFJ for a period of two days before the Competition until one day after the Competition.

706.2.8 **One English Announcer**

He is appointed one year before the Competition.

The LOC shall bear the expenses of the Announcer for a period of not more than two days before the Competition until one day after the Competition.

706.3 **National Competition Officials appointed by the OM**

The OM is responsible for the appointment of all National Referees, Judges and other Technical Officials, whose competence must be guaranteed. The Referees must be approved by the IAAF Technical Delegate.
707 TECHNICAL MATTERS AND REQUIREMENTS

707.1 Facilities

707.1.1 Main Stadium
The IAAF World Relays shall be held in a stadium conforming in all respects with the requirements of IAAF Rules and must hold a Class 1 IAAF Athletic Facility Certificate.

It should normally have a minimum capacity of 15,000 spectators.

The track facility must be of a single radius bend construction, or if of a double radius bend design, the smaller radius may not be less than 30.00m.

707.1.2 Warm-up Facility
It is mandatory that there be a warm-up facility within easy walking distance of the stadium.

707.1.3 Training Areas
Adequate training facilities must be provided to ensure training possibilities at appropriate times. The TD shall inspect and decide upon the most suitable facilities during the Site Visit(s).

707.1.4 Functional Areas
A number of technical and functional areas and rooms must be provided by the LOC.

A basic list is as follows:
- Call Room(s);
- A Mixed Zone for Media interviews
- A Post Event Area where athletes are able to recover and collect their clothing
- A Photo Finish control room
- A Results Management room
- A Doping Control Station, the location and layout of which needs to be agreed with the Anti-Doping Delegate;
- A Technical Information Centre [TIC] located at the Stadium;
- Competition Information Desks [CIDs] located at the athletes' accommodation venue(s);
- Seating for the Teams
The TD shall inspect and decide upon the most suitable solutions during the Site Visit(s).

707.2 Technical Services

707.2.1 General
Technical Services must be provided as detailed below according to standards determined by the IAAF. To ensure such standards are met, the IAAF may identify preferred partner companies for certain services, the involvement of which will be discussed with the Local Organising Committee as required. In all cases, technical service providers are subject to final IAAF approval.
707.2.2 **Time Measurement and False Start Control**

For capturing the results of the competition:
- Fully Automatic Timing and Photo Finish System must be used. Transponder timing may be used additionally for intermediate timing.
- In addition, starting blocks must be fitted with an IAAF certified false start control apparatus (Start Information System) which must have an automatic recall system.

707.2.3 **Competition Data Processing**

A highly specialised results service company must be appointed for the competition data processing and disseminating the results, able to guarantee full compatibility with the timing and measurement services but also with the very specific technical requirements of Television, Media and Event Presentation including the provision of a Commentary Information System (CIS).

707.2.4 **Video Recording**

It is mandatory that a dedicated video system be provided to record all events (IAAF Rule 150). Such recordings shall be made in accordance with the IAAF Video Recording and Video Referee Guidelines.

707.2.5 **Event Presentation**

The LOC, in collaboration with the IAAF Event Presentation Team, is responsible for the planning and delivery of the Event Presentation elements, in accordance with the IAAF Event Presentation Guidelines. Expenses associated with ensuring a world class event presentation is the responsibility of the LOC. These elements include:
- A complete Event Presentation Team.
- At least one adequately sized video board (two is preferable) in the stadium for the public showing of the television signal. The size of such board(s) shall be agreed with the IAAF in advance.
- At least one electronic scoreboard to display results.
- A suitable sound system for public address and Event Presentation purposes.

707.3 **Equipment**

707.3.1 **Competition Equipment**

All competition equipment must conform to current IAAF Rules.

707.3.2 **Equipment for Warm-up and Training Areas**

The LOC must provide adequate and sufficient equipment for all warm-up and training venues.

707.4 **Team Manual**

The IAAF, in close cooperation with the LOC, is responsible for the production of a Team Manual. The Team Manual must be posted on the LOC website (and be available for download) no less than two months before the competition and teams...
must be informed. A printed version may be available for distribution on site, upon teams’ arrival.

707.5 Training in the Competition Stadium
Athletes shall be given an opportunity to inspect and, if possible, train in the main competition stadium on at least one occasion prior to the start of the competition. Such training to be no more than two hours in duration and should normally be arranged one or two days before the competition, at a time when most of the athletes are on site and which would not conflict with other activities in the stadium or the general organisation of the event.

707.6 Technical Meeting
No Technical Meeting will be organised, but the Technical Delegate and IAAF and LOC Competition Management will be available for questions at the end of the Teams Orientation Tour.

707.7 Bib and Hip Numbers
The athletes’ bibs, as well as the hip numbers, will be provided by the IAAF.

707.8 Athletes Behaviour
Any athletes’ behaviour which infringes the rights of the sponsors can lead to the application of financial penalties.

707.9 Special Technical Rules for the IAAF World Relays
707.9.1 Qualification to World Championships
The top ten placed teams in the 4 x 100m and 4 x 400m events and the top twelve placed teams in the 4 x 400m Mixed event at the IAAF World Relays in the year of the World Championships shall automatically qualify for the IAAF World Championships. Such qualification shall be determined as follows:

Events without a Final B: the eight teams competing in the final, and those with the next best times in the first round. In the final, all participating teams must compete with bona fide effort, and if a team does not start in the final due to a medical reason, they must present a medical certificate from the IAAF Medical Delegate in order to guarantee their qualification for the World Championships.

Events with a Final B: the eight teams competing in the Final and the next best placed teams in the Final B. If one or more teams in the Final A do not start or do not finish or are disqualified, their qualifying place is taken by the next best placed finishers in the Final B.

707.9.2 Universal (Mixed) Relay
Each team will be composed of two men and two women. The running order is free and will be decided by the Member Federation at the time of the Final Declaration.

707.9.3 2 x 2 x 400m Relay
Each team will be composed of one man and one woman. The running order is free and will be confirmed by the Member Federation at the time of the Final Declaration.
The start of the race will be without blocks and each athlete must run two separate legs of 400m. The exchange zone will be the same as for the 4 x 400m.

707.9.4 Shuttle Hurdles

Each team will be composed of two men and two women. The running order will be woman-man-woman-man, and the names will be confirmed by the Member Federation at the time of the Final Declaration.

No baton or other exchange will be required in the Shuttle Hurdle Relay, which will be run in lanes on the track straight. After the race start, each team member must be motionless in a set position and in starting blocks when they start and shall start only after their incoming team member’s torso breaks the exchange line.

There will be a maximum of four teams by race. Lanes 1, 3, 5 and 7 will be set up as Women’s 100m hurdles in running direction from finish line to 110m start line. Lanes 2, 4, 6 and 8 will be set up as Men’s 110m hurdles in running direction from 110m start line to finish line.

Women athletes will run 100m hurdles plus an additional 10 meters to reach the exchange line.

708 PROTOCOL MATTERS

708.1 Opening Ceremony
If the OM/LOC wishes to stage an Opening Ceremony, it must obtain the IAAF’s approval of the principle and of the script of any such ceremony.

708.2 Victory Ceremonies
No team’s medals Ceremonies will be organised, but all the winning teams will receive a recognition in a Victory Ceremony at the end of the second day of competition.

708.3 Closing Ceremony
There shall normally be no Closing Ceremony.