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TO: MEMBER FEDERATIONS

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Committee and Commission Chairpersons
Area Associations

RE. IAAF Statistics Service & IAAF World Rankings

Dear all,

As announced in November 2017, the IAAF signed last year an agreement with Elite Ltd who, from 1 January 2018, have become the official IAAF statistics provider. From now on, competition results and any other statistical enquiry must be sent only to statistics@iaaf.org.

The partnership with Elite Ltd also covers the development of an IAAF World Rankings system where athletes' position will be based upon the points they score, the amount determined by their performance and place and the level of the competition in the IAAF global calendar in which those results are achieved.

The IAAF World Rankings will lead to qualification into the premier competitions in the sport and more details will be provided about the qualification system for the IAAF World Championships Doha 2019 and the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, when they are finalised in April 2018.

A first ranking method, which includes the points system for each competition that goes towards the annual World Rankings, has now been drafted. It has been applied to the 2017/2018 performances and the corresponding rankings calculated accordingly. These rankings have been published in a testing environment for general preview, in order to encourage comments and feedback from the sport's main stakeholders. They can be found under the following URL: <https://worldrankings-staging.aws.iaaf.org/>

Rankings can be filtered by gender, event and country and, by clicking on an athlete's score, it is possible to see at which competitions he/she has accumulated points throughout the ranking period. As the 2018 season progresses, the rankings will, of course, evolve with older performances being dropped and replaced with newer ones.

In order for the World Rankings to properly fulfil their purpose, it is essential that a worldwide calendar is appropriately compiled in order to include as many significant competitions as possible. Elite Ltd gathers results from around 10,000 competitions worldwide every year but in order to make sure we have the most accurate, comprehensive and updated lists, we need the assistance of Member Federations. For this reason, in appendix, you will find specific

instructions on how to provide details of National Permit competitions, in order for them to be appropriately categorised. It will be the responsibility of the Member Federation to ensure that the full results of these competitions are submitted in a timely and appropriate manner for the rankings to be calculated. Depending on the characteristics provided through the attached form, competitions will be placed in categories according to the table in Appendix A.

Following a trial period expected to last around five months, the ranking method will be reviewed and, if necessary, adjusted according to the comments and feedback received. The launch of the official IAAF World Rankings will be in September 2018.

The attached fact sheet provides an explanation of the basics of the current ranking method while the complete and detailed ranking rules can be found on the above website.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. Specific comments on the World Rankings will be gratefully received at worldrankings@iaaf.org.

Kind regards,



Olivier Gers
Chief Executive Officer

Enclosed:

- Appendix A World Rankings Fact Sheet
- Appendix B National Permit Calendar (Chart under separate cover)

Basics of World Rankings

World Rankings are available, for both men and women, in all the individual athletics events of the IAAF World Championships programme. In addition, there is a Road Events Ranking. There is no ranking for relay events.

It is a method of ranking athletes based NOT on a single result (as in the Top Performance Lists), but on their average performance (defined as below) over a number of competitions in a defined period of time.

This average is calculated over a number of **Performance Scores**, each one of which combines two components: result and place

Result This is the measured result of the athlete at the competition (which must be conducted according to the IAAF Rules). Translated into a score using the IAAF scoring Tables – e.g. 10.02 in the 100m translates into 1199 points – it becomes the **Result Score**

Place This is the finishing position of the athlete at the competition. More points are awarded for higher finishing positions and for participation at higher level competitions. E.g. winning an IAAF World Challenge Meeting will award a **Placing Score** of 140 points.

Adding the **Result Score** to the **Placing Score** will determine the **Performance Score** for participation in that competition. In the example above:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{Result Score} \qquad \qquad \qquad 1199 \\
 \text{Placing Score} \qquad \qquad \qquad + \quad 140 \\
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 \text{Performance Score} \qquad \qquad = \quad 1339
 \end{array}$$

The average of an athlete’s best Performance Scores across the season will determine his **Ranking Score** and therefore his position in the Event Rankings – see below example of calculation.

Competition	Results	Result Score	Place	Placing Score	Performance Score
IAAF World Championships	10.05	1189	8	185	1374
IAAF Diamond League	10.10	1172	4	140	1312
IAAF World Challenge	10.02	1199	1	140	1339
National Championships	10.12	1165	1	100	1265
Area Permit Meeting	10.15	1155	3	70	1225
Ranking Score (average of 5 performance scores)					1303

Ranking Period and Required Performance Scores

For most events, the ranking period is **12 months with a minimum of 5 performance scores** required in order to accumulate a ranking score.

For those events where athletes cannot compete as often, the ranking period is 18 months and / or fewer performance scores are required in order to accumulate a ranking score – see table below.

Event	Ranking Period	Performance Scores
3000mSC and 5000m	12 months	3
10,000m	18 months	2

Marathon	18 months	2
Road Running	18 months	3
Race Walk 20km	18 months	3
Race Walk 50 km	18 months	2
Combined Events	18 months	2

Note: when an athlete competes over multiple rounds (typically at Championships and not at one-day meetings), he will be awarded a performance score every time, but points for the placing score are awarded only in the Final (in the other cases there will be only the result score).

Competition opportunities and Categories

Competitions ranging from National Permit meetings to Olympic Games are included and offer athletes every opportunity to be ranked. Placing scores are awarded to the best finishers at any competition but these differ depending on the quality of the competing field. Higher points are awarded to finishers at more challenging competitions and vice-versa, and competitions are categorised hierarchically accordingly – see table below.

Category	Competition type	Details
OW	Olympic Games	
	IAAF World Championships	
DF	IAAF Diamond League Finals	
GW	IAAF World Athletics Series (senior events)	WIC, WRW, WXC, WHM, ICC
	IAAF Diamond League Meetings	
GL	IAAF Hammer Throw, Race Walking and Combined Events Challenge	IAAF Permit Meetings only
	IAAF Gold Label Marathons	
	Area Senior Outdoor Championships	
A	Major Games	All-African Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, Pan American Games
	IAAF World Challenge Meetings	
	IAAF World Indoor Tour Meetings	
	IAAF Gold Label Road Races	Not including Marathons
	IAAF Silver Label Marathons	
	Area Indoor Championships	
B	Area Race Walking Championships	
	IAAF Silver Label Road Races	Not including Marathons
	IAAF Bronze Label Marathons	
	Regional Games and Championships	Universiade, Francophone Games, Ibero-American Championships, CAC Championships

	Area Permit Meetings - top tier	Includes Race Walking
	Area second tier Championships	European Team Championships Super League, European Combined Events Team Championships Super League
	National Championships	Outdoor, Marathon and Race Walking (20km and 50km)
C	IAAF World Athletics Series (U20 events)	WU20, WXC, WRW
	IAAF Bronze Label Road Races	Not including Marathons
	Area third tier Championships	Area U23 Championships, European Team Championships 1st League, European Combined Events Team Championships 1st League, European Throwing Cup, European 10,000m Cup
	Area Permit Meetings - second tier	
	Specific International Meetings	
	Other Regional Games and Championships	Balkan Games, Pan-Arab Games, Mediterranean Games, CAC Games, CISM World Games
	College Outdoor Championships	NCAA Div. I Outdoor Championships
D	Other Regional International Championships, Games and Cups	First and senior division only
	Area Permit Indoor Meetings	
	Area fourth tier Championships	Area U20 Championships, Continental Club Championships (first division only), European Team Championships 2nd League
	Traditional International Meetings	As determined by IAAF and Areas
	Other National Championships	Indoor, Road Running and Race Walking (except 20km and 50km)
E	International Matches	Subject to IAAF / Area Permit
	Other (national permit) international meetings and competitions	With international participation
	Other International Marathons	If measured and certified
	Other International Half Marathons and Road Races	If measured and certified
	College Indoor Championships	NCAA Div. I Indoor Championships
F	National meetings	With national participation only

The table is not necessarily exhaustive and IAAF may add competitions and place them in a category, depending on the quality of the competing field.

Placing Scores

Placing scores are awarded based on an athlete's finishing position and on the category of the competition in which he competes. For most events, the scores in the following table apply.

Place	OW	DF	GW	GL	A	B	C	D	E	F
1st	350	240	200	170	140	100	60	40	25	15
2nd	310	210	170	145	120	80	50	35	21	10
3rd	280	185	150	130	110	70	45	30	18	5
4th	250	170	140	120	100	60	40	25	15	
5th	230	155	130	110	90	55	35	22	12	
6th	215	145	120	100	80	50	30	19	10	
7th	200	135	110	90	70	45	27	17		
8th	185	125	100	80	60	40	25	15		
9th	130									
10th	120									
11th	110									
12th	100									

Event Groups

In addition to the events of the IAAF World Championships programme (plus Road Events), which are referred to as **Main Events**, there are a number of other events which are widely contested (including the corresponding indoor events) and which are referred to as **Similar Events**. Main Events and Similar Events form **Event Groups**.

In two cases, Main Events can be Similar Events to other Main Events:

- 5000m for the 10,000m
- 20km Race Walk for the 50km Race Walk

Result scores are the same but placing scores awarded for Similar Events are lower than those awarded for the Main Events in the same Event Group.

Special Cases

Due to the specificity of many events and competitions, there are a number of special circumstances and exceptions to be considered, in addition to the above basic rules. These are broadly described below. For a detailed description, please refer to the full Ranking Rules.

Modifications to the Results Score

Points are added or subtracted to the results score depending on circumstances which may advantage or disadvantage the athlete:

- Wind for sprint events and Horizontal Jumps
- Downhill courses in Road Events
- Hand timing

Specific Placing Scores

For certain events and competitions, there are some exceptions to the placing score table above.

- For the placing scores in the following events, please refer to the specific tables: 3000mSC, 5000m, 10,000m, Combined Events, Marathon, Road Events, Race Walking, Cross Country
- At OW Category competitions, for Track Events up to and including 800m, placing scores are also awarded for participation in the semi-finals (up to 12th position)

Date Correction

In order to put more emphasis on performances achieved closer to the date of the Rankings, there are points deducted from Performance Scores older than nine months at the date of the Rankings.

Additionally, to avoid overweighing, competitions in the OW, DF and GW Categories are only included until the last edition of the Rankings published before the following year's similar type of competition, regardless of the one-year rule (e.g. performance scores from the 2019 IAAF World Championships in Doha will be considered for the last time in those Rankings which are the last edition before the Olympic Games in Tokyo).

World Record

Bonus points are awarded for performances which improve or equal a World Record within the ranking period. They differ depending on whether they concern a Main Event or a Similar Event. They are added directly to the ranking score.

NATIONAL PERMIT CALENDAR

Appendix B

In order for an athlete's result to be considered for the World Rankings, it is essential that the IAAF has information on the event in which the athlete competes so that it can be placed in the corresponding category.

The calendar of the major international competitions requiring an IAAF or Area Permit is known but the venues and dates of the National Championships and other National Permit competitions / meetings must be submitted to the IAAF. While we appreciate that dates and venues of National Championships are submitted through the Annual Report Form, we prefer to have the most updated information and some additional details in order to make sure we know how and where to get the complete results.

Please be aware that only competitions sanctioned by the Member Federation, and conducted according to the IAAF Rules, can be submitted for ranking purposes. For every competition the following information will be required:

- Name of Competition
- Venue (City, town)
- Name of Stadium or course (if applicable)
- Date(s) – if multiple days indicate first day and last day of competition
- Type of competition: Stadium Outdoor, Stadium Indoor, Combined Events, Road Race*, Race Walking*
- Age group(s)
- Participation – whether only national or also international athletes participate
- Contact person and email
- Website – for the publication of events programme and results

In the case of Road Races* and Race Walking*, the courses must be appropriately measured and certified. Additionally, for Race Walking, a minimum of three International or Area Judges must be on duty. The lists of known courses/competitions that comply with these requirements are compiled by the IAAF Events & Competitions Department and will be kept updated on the IAAF website. If your competition is not already listed, and for any additional information, please contact:

- Race Walking Luis Saladie (luis.saladie@iaaf.org)
- Road Running Alessio Punzi (alessio.punzi@iaaf.org)

In order to submit the above information, please use the attached excel file and send it duly completed to statistics@iaaf.org. Deadlines are as follows:

30 June 2018 for competitions held in the period 1 September – 31 December 2018
30 October 2018 for competitions held in the period 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019