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To: MEMBER FEDERATIONS
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Executive Board Members
Commission Chairpersons
Area Associations
Dentsu Athletics

Re: World Rankings Competitions – Pilot Year

Dear all,

On 21 December 2021 you received Circular M/52/21 which announced the launch of the World Rankings Competitions Project and enclosed the related framework (which is also attached in Appendix A to this Circular for ease of reference). In this Circular, we are pleased to provide you with more information on the 2022 Pilot Year of the project.

As anticipated, we have concluded the design of the online platform which will serve as front-end access to our Global Calendar for submitting competition applications. It will operate according to the following basic principles:

- Only the following users will be able to access the platform:
 - Organisers (pre-approved by the Member Federation hosting their competitions)
 - Member Federations limited to the competitions in their respective Country/Region (a specific Global Calendar and World Rankings Competition Liaison will have to be appointed)
 - World Athletics
- A Universal World Athletics ID will be required to access the platform (this can be requested through the platform for those who do not yet have one)
- The purpose of the platform is to:
 - submit applications for national permit competitions, including national championships, to be recognised as compliant with World Athletics Rules and this can be done by:
 - organisers directly, subject to subsequent approval by the relevant Member Federation hosting the Competition
 - Member Federations (who, also, are the only ones authorised to submit applications for national championships)
 - World Athletics
 - review and approve competition applications and this can be done by:
 - Member Federations
 - World Athletics
- Once the application for a competition has been completed and submitted by an organiser, and reviewed and approved by the relevant Member Federation, World Athletics will:
 - list the competition in its Global calendar on <https://www.worldathletics.org/competition/calendar-results>
 - Process and publish the full results after the competition for all statistical purposes.



In the course of this pilot year, we intend to conduct tests with selected Member Federations in order to:

- Check that the platform operation is fit for purpose and fine-tune the workflows so that they are as user friendly and effective as possible
- Start a dialogue to explore the possibility for an electronic data exchange of calendar information and results with those Member Federations which have either developed an internal database or work with an external IT service provider.

These tests will be limited to outdoor Track and Field competitions held in 2022 and, where the applications are submitted successfully, the competitions will be published on the World Athletics Global Calendar.

If your Member Federation is interested in joining our team during this pilot year, we invite you to contact us on calendar@worldathletics.org and we will set up a specific meeting to explain in detail how to start this journey with us (the application fee will be waived for competitions held in 2022).

For those of you who prefer to wait until the official launch in 2023 (with the platform opening in October 2022), we will be providing more information in the course of the year with dedicated Member Federation Information Sessions, and drop-in sessions in Eugene on the occasion of the World Athletics Championships Oregon22.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Ridgeon'.

Jon Ridgeon
Chief Executive Officer

Appendix: Appendix A – World Rankings Competitions Framework