



## World Athletics Indoor Championships, Nanjing 21

### Qualification System and Entry Standards

*(Changes from the previous version approved by Council are highlighted in yellow)*

#### ENTRY RULES

- **Individual Events** (except CE – see later)
  - Each Member will be allowed to participate with a maximum of two qualified athletes (three in case of a Wild Card) in each event, subject to the below.
  - A third (fourth in case of a Wild Card) qualified athlete can be entered as a reserve.
- **Relays**
  - There is no entry standard and each Member Federation will be able to enter one team of up to eight athletes in each event.
- **Unqualified Athletes**
  - Members who have **no male and/or no female qualified athletes** (eligible by Entry Standard) in any event may enter one unqualified male athlete OR one unqualified female athlete in a running event (except the 800m).
  - In exceptional cases, and as agreed by the Technical Delegates, entry of unqualified athletes in the 800m, Long Jump, Triple Jump or Shot Put may be accepted. Applications for such entries must be submitted to World Athletics ([events@worldathletics.org](mailto:events@worldathletics.org)) by no later than **1 March 2021**.
  - If the **host country** does not have a qualified athlete in an event, it may enter one athlete in this event regardless of any Entry Standard (except for the Combined Events). For the Field Events and 800m, the entry is at the discretion of the Technical Delegates and must be submitted to World Athletics ([events@worldathletics.org](mailto:events@worldathletics.org)) by no later than **1 March 2021**.
- **Age Requirements**
  - U20 Athletes: any athlete aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December **2021** (born in **2003** or **2002**) may compete in any event.
  - U18 athletes: any athlete aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December **2021** (born in **2005** or **2004**) may compete in any event except the Shot Put.
  - Athletes younger than 16 years on 31 December **2021** (born in **2006** or later) may not compete in any event.

#### QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

- **Individual athletes (except Combined Events) can qualify in one of three ways:**
  - By achieving the Entry Standard within the qualification period in accordance with the conditions detailed below.
  - By World Indoor Tour Wild Card
    - The individual overall winner of each event of the World Indoor Tour **2019** and **2020** will automatically qualify for the World Athletics Indoor Championships by Wild Card.
    - The Member Federation of the World Indoor Tour winner will have the ultimate authority to enter the athlete or not, based on its own criteria or qualification system.
    - If a Member Federation has three athletes qualified as a result, all three will be permitted to compete.
  - By virtue of their position in the **World Rankings published on 9 March 2021** to complete, where necessary, the target number of athletes in each event and once places have been allocated to the accepted unqualified athletes.
- **Qualification in Combined Events**
  - 12 athletes will be invited in the **Heptathlon** and in the **Pentathlon** as follows:
    - the winner of the **2019** Combined Events Challenge



- the five best athletes from the 2019 Outdoor Lists (as at 31 December 2019), limited to a maximum of one per country
    - the six best athletes from the 2021 Indoor Lists (as at 1 March 2021)
  - In total no more than two male and two female athletes from any one Member will be invited. Upon refusals or cancellations, the invitations will be extended to the next ranked athletes in the same lists respecting the above conditions.
- **Athletes qualified by World Rankings**
  - Following the end of the qualification period and the submission of Final Entries, World Athletics shall, for each event (except relays and combined events), assess the number of athletes entered based on:
    - Qualification by entry standard
    - Qualification by Wild Card
    - Accepted unqualified entries (including host country)
  - In those events where the target number of entries (see below) has not been reached, World Athletics shall invite the athletes with the next best World Rankings position (based on list issued on 9 March) in order to reach the established target number while respecting the maximum quota by Member Federation by event.
 

**NB:** In order to pro-actively identify those athletes who would be available to compete at the WIC and therefore help with the invitation process, MF are asked to inform World Athletics of any athletes in the World Rankings as at 31 December 2020 who would not be competing at the WIC even if qualified.
  - Upon refusals or cancellations, invitations shall be extended to the next eligible athlete at the sole and exclusive discretion of World Athletics.
  - In case of ties, these will be broken in favour of the athlete with the best Performance score.
  - Invitations shall be sent by email to the official email address of the Member Federation ([xxx@mf.worldathletics.org](mailto:xxx@mf.worldathletics.org)) and replies shall be expected within 24 hours, otherwise the invitation shall be understood as declined and the next ranked athlete shall be invited.
  - Where required, amendments to the Final Entries will be made directly by World Athletics

**TARGET NUMBER OF ATHLETES/TEAMS BY EVENT**

The target number of athletes/teams by event will be as follows:

Events	Target Number
60m	56
400m	30
800m	18
1500m	18
3000m (Men's)	24
3000m (Women's) – straight final	15
60m hurdles	48
High Jump, Pole Vault	12
Long Jump, Triple Jump, Shot Put	16
Combined Events	12
Relays	n/a



**ENTRY STANDARDS AND CONDITIONS**

The Entry Standards were approved by the Council in March 2019 and are as follows:

WOMEN		Event	MEN	
Indoor	Outdoor		Indoor	Outdoor
7.30	11.15 (100m)	60m	6.63	10.10 (100m)
52.90	51.00	400m	46.50	45.00
2:01.50	1:58.00	800m	1:46.70	1:44.00
4:09.00 / 4:28.50 (Mile)	4:02.00	1500m	3:40.00 3:55.00 (Mile)	3:33.00
8:49.00	8:30.00 / 14:50.00 (5000)	3000m	7:50.00	7:40.00 / 13:10.00 (5000m)
8.16	12.85 (100mH)	60m H	7.70	13.40 (110mH)
No Standard		4x400 R	No Standard	
1.95		HJ	2.34	
4.70		PV	5.80	
6.75		LJ	8.20	
14.30		TJ	16.90	
18.30		SP	20.95	

**CONDITIONS FOR THE VALIDITY OF PERFORMANCES:**

- Performances must be achieved during the qualification period of **1 January 2019 to 5 April 2020** and from **1 December 2020 to 7 March 2021**, except for the Combined Events (see below)
- Performances must be achieved during **competitions organised or authorised by World Athletics**, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations. Thus, results achieved at university or school competitions must be certified by the National Federation of the country in which the competition was organised.
- Performances must be achieved during an official competition organised in **conformity with World Athletics Rules**.
- Performances achieved in **mixed competitions in track events** will not be accepted. Exceptionally, in accordance with Rule 9 of the Technical Rules, performances achieved in the 5000m event may be accepted in circumstances where there were insufficient athletes of one or both genders competing to justify the conduct of separate races and there was no pacing or assistance given by an athlete(s) of one gender to an athlete(s) of the other gender under specific circumstances and conditions (see TR9).
- **Wind-assisted performances** will not be accepted.
- **Hand-timed performances** in 60m, 100m, 400m, 800m, 60m Hurdles, and 100m/110m Hurdles will not be accepted.
- For the running events of 400m and over, performances achieved on **oversized tracks** will NOT be accepted.