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Outdoor Track and Field Licensing Guidance 2023

Where to apply:

All licences: <https://www.mysporthost.com/TFEventLicence/>

Apart from Scottish level 1:

<https://www.scottishathletics.org.uk/events/organising-an-event/licensing-and-returns/>

Useful links

England Athletics, organising an event:

<https://www.englandathletics.org/clubs-and-facilities/organising-an-event/>

Scottish Athletics, licensing an event:

<https://www.scottishathletics.org.uk/events/organising-an-event/licensing-and-returns/>

Athletics Northern Ireland, organising an event:

<https://athleticsni.org/Permits>

Welsh Athletics, competitions:

<https://www.welshathletics.org/en/page/track>

Level 1 Licence

Most licences issued in the UK will be level 1 and results are eligible for Power of 10 inclusion. Licences should be applied for with at least 10 days' notice

Level 2 Licence

Enhanced level of licence where performances are eligible for international selection. This means that a facility must have a UKA approved track and field measurement and levels survey. Additionally, a greater number of officials are required with a higher level of qualification. Licences should be applied for at least 10 days' in advance of the competition.

However, to be recognised at World Athletics level, a permit must be applied for from them at least 60 days' in advance. With this in place the competition will appear on the global calendar. Plus, performances will be eligible for World ranking list inclusion and points, which could result in athletes receiving wild card invitations to major championships

World Athletics Permit

A permit issued by World Athletics means that the competition will be recognised by them for inclusion in the World Athletics calendar. Results are then eligible for ranking lists and points and qualification to major championships. From 1st January applications for competitions to be held after 1st March onwards must be received by World Athletics **with an absolute minimum of 60 days' notice and there is no flexibility on this.** World Athletics Competition and Technical Rules



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will apply. For the indoors there is more flexibility for this year. Competition providers wishing to apply for this recognition must make UK Athletics aware of this at the earliest opportunity, remembering the minimum notice required by WA

World Para Athletics (WPA) Endorsement

Events seeking World Para Athletics (WPA) Endorsement must meet all the Level 2 licence requirements. This is only appropriate for competitions with WPA licences/classified athletes competing in field events and track events 400m+. Application must be made to UK Athletics at least 10 days prior to the event

Licences are issued by:

In England applications will be reviewed by a Regional Council representative and then a National Officer who will issue the licences. Level 1 licences from the other home nations will be issued by Scottish Athletics, Welsh Athletics and Athletics Northern Ireland respectively. Level 2 licences will all be issued by UK Athletics.

Rules

Competitions must be delivered under UKA Rules for Competition or World Athletics Technical Rules and where appropriate World Para Athletics Rules will also apply. Northern Ireland will correspond to AAI Rules for each age group championship. *There are new compulsory requirements relating to UK Anti-Doping, please see Appendix one below.*

Facilities

From 1st April 2023, all competitions must be held at venues that have achieved TrackMark accreditation in the units appropriate to the event. Further information can be found here: <https://www.uka.org.uk/about/what-we-do/facilities/> or by contacting TrackMark@uka.org.uk

Competition held at night with floodlights

Where events start and/or finish after dusk, technical track and field events can only be permitted if the venue can demonstrate that it has achieved minimum standards of floodlighting compliance (this is for the safety of athletes and officials). Non-technical track only events can take place as long as the venue has operational floodlighting. Contact ehunt@englandathletics.org for further information/guidance

First Aid

Appropriate First aid provision must be made. If in doubt, please refer to the 'Purple Guide': <https://www.thepurpleguide.co.uk/>



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Power of 10

All results from licensed competitions are eligible for Power of 10 inclusion. Exclusions may occur if the UK Athletics rule book has not been followed or if the numbers of qualified officials in attendance falls below the minimum standard required. (Occasionally spot checks are made to ensure this has happened. Power of 10 have a section in their help tab to assist with results presentation.

Event restrictions

All events applied for within the Competition Licence Application Form, must correspond with the specific UKA Rules for each age group and be appropriate for the age and ability of the athlete

Changes to licence: events/date/venue

Must be informed to tandfeventlicensing@uka.org.uk before the competition so that the application can be amended and if necessary, the licence will be reissued

UK Records

If UK Records are likely to be set, any Record Application must be signed by Referees or Chiefs in the relevant disciplines who are Level 4. For more information see UKA rule book C35 S1

Appendix 1

UK Anti-Doping Background, Guidance Statement & Implementation Process

The different home nations have slightly different guidelines for UK Anti-Doping and organisers are advised to contact England Athletics, Welsh Athletics, Scottish Athletics and Athletics Northern Ireland respectively for advice.

However, England Athletics have produced a video relating to UK Anti-Doping procedures to answer the frequently asked questions, including the reasons for the change and this can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iHpkUeA-SaM>

In summary the points that impact on competition providers and clubs are as follows:

- The plan affects all licensed competition held in the UK (track & field, indoor, cross country, road, multi terrain etc), but will exclude in house fun type of events
- The England Athletics registration portal will be updated to reflect the UK Athletics Anti-Doping rules. Further details on what that will look like will be disseminated to clubs in due course. The Rules can be found here: <http://www.uka.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/210507-UKA-AD-Rules-3-combined-final.pdf>



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- League events – as all athletes must be registered with England Athletics to compete, the previous point above means that no further action need be taken for scoring athletes. Any non-member guest or non-scoring competitors are required to agree to the statement. On the day, the statement could be on the top of a competitor entry list and include a place for the athlete/parent/carer to sign.
- All organisers of championship/open/school events must include a statement on entry forms so an athlete is aware that by entering a competition they are agreeing to the UK Athletics Anti-Doping policy and WADA codes – this can be by tick box for online entries. For on the day entries, this could again be at the top of an entry list and include a place for the athlete/parent/carer to sign.

The wording that all competing athletes must agree to is as follows:

All entrants shall be deemed to have made him/herself/themselves familiar with, and agreed to be bound by the UKA Anti-Doping Rules and to submit to the authority of UK Anti-Doping in the application and enforcement of the Anti-Doping Rules.

The UKA Anti-Doping Rules apply to entrants participating in the sport of Athletics, for 12 months from the [date of entry], whether or not the entrant is a citizen of, or resident in, the UK.



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