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## ULTRA Distance Track 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

International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU):

<https://iau-ultramarathon.org/>

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 30 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 with at least 60 days' notice

### International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU)

Licence holders should apply to the International Association of Ultrarunners for an IAU label at least **60 days in advance**, so that all athletic performance in the event can be recognised by the IAU for ranking and competition grant purposes

### Rules

Competitions must be delivered under UKA Rules for Competition (Rule G9 from page 339 onwards) and IAU (International Association of Ultrarunners) guidelines.



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**Rules continued:** *There are new compulsory requirements relating to UK Anti-Doping, please see Appendix one on page 3 below.*

#### 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

#### Track Facilities

From 1st April 2023, all competitions must be held at venues that have achieved TrackMark accreditation in the units appropriate to the event. Non-technical track only events can take place as long as the venue has operational floodlighting. For World/British records (including age group bests) a level 2 licence is required and a certification of track measurement. For further information on UKA's TrackMark accreditation can be found here: <https://www.uka.org.uk/about/what-we-do/facilities/> or by contacting [TrackMark@uka.org.uk](mailto:TrackMark@uka.org.uk)

#### Equipment

Chip timing. A second back up system either chip and or video - but for a level 1 competition, this could be in the form of manual timing. For World/British records (including age group bests) a level 2 licence is required

#### Race Director

Should be a competent and experienced person at previous ultra-events or experience of shadowing established ultra-events. A UK Athletics officials qualification would be desirable

#### Minimum athlete age

In accordance with the current rules, the minimum age is 20 years on the first day of running

#### First Aid

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

#### Power of 10

All results from licensed competitions are eligible for Power of 10 inclusion. Exclusions may occur if the UK Athletics/IAU 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.



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#### Changes to licence: events/date/venue

Must be informed to [tandfeventlicensing@uka.org.uk](mailto:tandfeventlicensing@uka.org.uk) before the competition so that the application can be amended and if necessary, the licence will be reissue

#### 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

#### Ultra-Track Running Distance Definition

Any distance further than a marathon distance (42195m)

## 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>
- 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



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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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