



LABEL ROAD RACES REGULATIONS

(Approved by Council 13 July 2022 and effective from 15 August 2022)

1. Labels for Road Races

- 1.1. The “World Athletics Label Road Races” programme gathers the world’s leading road races (‘Races’).

A World Athletics Label denotes a full application of the Competition and Technical Rules in, at a minimum, the elite component of the competition. Labels also denote superior standards in event organisation, safety and runner experience, , support from public authorities to the event and a financial commitment to anti-doping.

- 1.2. ‘Elite’, ‘Gold’ and ‘Platinum’ Labels also indicate the existence of a world-class elite competition.
- 1.3. These regulations define the criteria that must be met to obtain Labels for 2023. Races taking place between 15 August and 31 December 2022 remain subject to the [2022 Regulations](#) (*‘effective from 1 November 2021’*).

- 1.4. The following categories of Races can apply for a 2023 Label:

1.4.1. Races over the following official distances for which World Records are recognised (see World Athletics Competition Rule 32): 5km – 10km – Half Marathon – Marathon – 50km.

1.4.2. Races over the following non-WR distances which count towards World Rankings in the Marathon and Road Running event groups: 15km – 10 Miles – 20km – 25km – 30km

1.4.3. ‘Classic races’ over other non-standard distances ($\leq 50\text{KM}$).

- 1.5. There shall be 4 Labels in 2023:

1.5.1. World Athletics Label

1.5.2. World Athletics Elite Label

1.5.3. World Athletics Gold Label

1.5.4. World Athletics Platinum Label

- 1.6. Label Races fall into paragraph 1.5 of “International Competitions” as defined in the Generally Applicable Definitions.

2. Application procedures

- 2.1. Race Organisers can only be granted a Label if the Race has taken place for at least 2 consecutive years prior to 2023 (cancellations due to Covid in 2020-2022 will not be considered as a break in continuity). Exemptions from this requirement can be granted

at World Athletics' sole discretion in case of Races with a high sporting significance (Elite Label or higher), provided that World Athletics is satisfied with the track record of the Race Organiser.

2.2. Applications for 2023 Gold Labels shall only be accepted:

2.2.1. for Race Organisers that had been granted a Gold Label (or superior) in 2020 (irrespective of whether the 2020 event took place) or before.

2.2.2. for races meeting both of the following criteria:

2.2.2.1. must have been awarded a Silver Label in 2020 or before, and

2.2.2.2. must have been awarded an Elite Label (or superior) in 2022, fully complying with the Elite Athletes and minimum prize money criteria.

2.3. Application for 2023 Platinum Labels shall only be accepted:

2.3.1. for Race Organisers granted a Platinum Label in 2020 or an Elite Platinum Label in 2021 and/or 2022 (irrespective of whether the Platinum Label edition took place or not).

2.3.2. for Race Organisers meeting both of the following criteria:

2.3.2.1. must have been awarded a Gold Label in 2020 or before, and

2.3.2.2. must be among the top 12 Competitions of 2022 ranked by 'participation score' (extended top-15 for races from Areas that never had a Platinum / Elite Platinum Label event). For marathons, the 'Marathon' Competition Ranking (<https://www.worldathletics.org/records/competition-performance-rankings?type=7&year=2022&sortBy=participationScore&page=1>) the participation score will be taken into consideration by World Athletics. For other distances, the 'Road Running' Competition Ranking (<https://www.worldathletics.org/records/competition-performance-rankings?type=9&year=2022&sortBy=score&page=1>). For single-gender events only, the specific gender's Competition Ranking, in the relevant event.

2.3.3. Platinum Labels to races in compliance of 2.3.2.2 will as a consequence be granted after 31 December 2022.

2.4. Race Organisers are on notice that in any future regulations the criteria that must be met to obtain top Labels in 2024 may take into account the quality of the elite athlete fields in 2023. It is therefore suggested to races intending to apply for the Platinum Label in the future to seek at minimum an Elite Label in 2023.

- 2.5. Race Organisers are required to submit an application by 30 September 2022, irrespective of the date of the race in 2023. Applications from Race Organisers whose 2022 race has not been held yet will be considered provisional, and the deadline to submit a post-event report to World Athletics– completing the application – is strictly 30 days after the race.
- 2.6. In November 2022, the Label Races' calendar will be published for races scheduled between 1 January – 30 September 2023. The 2023 Calendar will then be completed in the second half of January 2023.
- 2.7. "Elite", "Gold" and "Platinum" Labels are awarded to competitions and therefore an Elite Label event with a men's and a women's race has 2 Elite-Label competitions. Where an event hosts both a men's and a women's race, both competitions are subject to the Label criteria, and the Label is awarded to both competitions. For women-only events with male pacers, the male component is not subject to Label criteria, not even in the case of women-only elite events with a mass race with men and women.
- 2.8. Nothing in Regulation 2.7 prevents applications being submitted from single-gender competitions.
- 2.9. Applications shall be submitted by the date stated in the application form issued by World Athletics to Member Federations and Race Organisers.
- 2.10. The acceptance or rejection of an application is at the sole discretion of World Athletics.

3. Elite Race Requirements

- 3.1. Each Race Organiser wishing to apply for an "Elite Label" in 2023 must either:

- 3.1.1. have at the start of their 2023 Race edition at least 5 athletes per gender (irrespective of their Country or Territory representation) who have recorded in 2021, 2022 or 2023 at least one World Athletics legal performance within the standards set out in the table below (corresponding to 1,115 points as per 2022 "[Scoring Tables of Athletics - Outdoor](#)") and who have recorded the standard in the distances stated in the table that apply to Race Organisers' Race;

1115 points	5000m	5km	10000m	10km	15km	10 miles	20km	Half Marathon	25km	30km	Marathon	50KM (indicative)
MEN (Elite)	13:26.46	13:26	28:11.28	28:11	43:17	46:36	58:17	1:01:48	1:14:31	1:31:10	2:12:47	2:49:00
WOMEN (Elite)	15:25.28	15:25	32:27.97	32:27	49:20	53:09	1:06:52	1:10:44	1:25:17	1:44:18	2:31:50	3:12:30
For applications from Race Organisers for <15KM												
For applications from Race Organisers for 15KM, 10miles, 20KM, Half Marathons, 25KM												
For applications from Race Organisers for Marathons and races >25KM												
For applications from Race Organisers for 50KM												

AND have the "Minimum Gross Guaranteed Prize Money" structure as set out in Regulation 7.1 below; or

- 3.1.2. contribute to the 2023 Solidarity Fund for Elite Distance Runners pursuant to Regulation 8 below.

3.2. Each Race Organiser wishing to apply for a “Gold Label” in 2023 must either:

- 3.2.1. have at the start of their 2023 Race edition at least 5 athletes per gender (irrespective of their Country or Territory representation) with Gold Status or superior, and have the “Minimum Gross Guaranteed Prize Money” structure as set out in Regulation 7.1 below; or
- 3.2.2. contribute to the 2023 Solidarity Fund for Elite Distance Runners pursuant to Regulation 8 below.

3.3. Each Race Organiser wishing to apply for a “Platinum Label” in 2023 must either:

- 3.3.1. have at the start of their 2023 Race edition at least 3 athletes per gender (irrespective of their Country or Territory representation) with Platinum Status + at least 4 athletes per gender with Gold Status (or higher); or
- 3.3.2. contribute to the 2023 Solidarity Fund for Elite Distance Runners pursuant to Regulation 8 below.

- 3.4. Once awarded an “Elite Label” for 2023 races may lower their label status provided that the Race Organiser notifies World Athletics in writing not less than 2 months prior to scheduled race day in order that the necessary adjustments can be made to budgets and plans for Anti-Doping Tests. No Label changes are possible instead for Gold and Platinum Label events.
- 3.5. Elite, Gold and Platinum Label Races failing to meet the conditions set out in Regulations 3.1.1 and 3.2.1 and 3.3.1 (i.e. without the minimum required number of elite athletes) will be charged the contribution amount for the “Solidarity Fund for Elite Distance Runners” stated in Regulation 8.3 below.
- 3.6. For “World Athletics Label” Races (basic tier) , there are no elite athlete participation or prize money requirements .

4. **Athletes’ “Label Status” for 2023, and out-of-competition Registered Testing Pool for athletes with Platinum and Gold Status**

- 4.1. There will be an out-of-competition “Registered Testing Pool” (RTP) for athletes, which shall be the testing program of the AIU. All Platinum and Gold Status athletes will be part of the RTP.
- 4.2. **The number of Gold Status athletes will be determined by Monday 31 October 2022** depending on the total number and mix of Label Road Races that form part of the Calendar 2023 and the availability of funds to test athletes out of competition.

Note: a realistic projection based on the number and mix of Road Races in 2019/2022 is 110-130 Gold Label athletes per gender, on top of the 38 Platinum per gender.

- 4.3. Athletes’ “Status” for 2023 will depend on their position in the World Athletics Rankings. Athletes will be able to use their Status in Label Races across all distances, irrespective of how they have acquired it.

4.4. **Platinum Status (38 athletes per gender)**

- First induction (based on positions in the World Rankings as of Tuesday 18 October 2022):
 - Top 24 ranked in the “Marathon” event group
 - Top 4 ranked in the “Road Running” event group (excluding athletes who already acquired Platinum Status from the “Marathon” event group)
 - Top 1 ranked in the “10,000m” event group (excluding athletes who already acquired Platinum Status from the “Marathon” and “Road Running” event groups)
- Second induction (based on positions in the World Rankings as of Tuesday 31 January 2023):
 - Top 6 ranked in the “Marathon” event group among those not yet Platinum
 - Top 2 ranked in the “Road Running” event group among those not yet Platinum
 - Top 1 ranked in the “10,000m” event group among those not yet Platinum

4.5. **Gold Status (number of athletes to be determined by Monday 31 October 2022)**

- First induction (based on positions in the World Rankings as of Tuesday 18 October 2022):
 - Top 84 ranked in the “Marathon” event group (excluding athletes with Platinum Status)
 - Top 18 ranked in the “Road Running” event group (excluding athletes with Platinum Status, and those who already acquired Gold Status from the “Marathon” event group)
 - Top 6 ranked in the “10,000m” event group (excluding athletes with Platinum Status, and those who already acquired Gold Status from the “Marathon” and “Road Running” event groups)
- Second induction (based on positions in the World Rankings as of Tuesday 31 January 2023): as needed, based on the number of athletes that is necessary to fill up the quota determined late October, and keeping the same proportion between event groups of the first induction (14 from “Marathon”, 3 from “Road Running”, 1 from “10,000m”).

Note: the AIU reserves the right to add/remove athletes from/to the RTP whenever deemed necessary (e.g. in case of breakthrough performances, pregnancies, injuries, etc.), without notice to race organisers, and without any changes to the athletes’ ‘Label Status’ which remains fixed for the entire year 2023.

5. **Financial obligations for the funding of dedicated road races anti-doping programmes**

The dedicated Road races anti-doping programme will be managed by the Athletics Integrity Unit (“AIU”). It will include:

- Out-of-competition tests for Elite athletes (including planning, performance monitoring, whereabouts management, sample collection and analyses)
- Targeted pre-competition tests at World Athletics Label and Elite Label races

- Athlete Biological Passport Programme (testing, profiles monitoring and follow-up)
- Results and case management (review and follow-up of atypical results, managing anti-doping rule violations including referral to World Athletics Disciplinary Tribunal and, if applicable, to the Court of Arbitration for Sport)
- Education programme for Elite athletes
- Investigations and intelligence service

The extent and depth of the dedicated integrity programme will vary according to the number of races participating in World Athletics' label programme under these regulations.

On top of World Athletics' annual contribution to the AIU, the anti-doping programme will be financed as follows:

- 5.1. Label Fee. A condition of receiving a World Athletics Label is that each Race Organiser is required to pay a "Label Fee", to contribute to the funding of the dedicated Races anti-doping programme. The Label Fees for 2023 are as follows:

2023 Label fees	World Athletics Label	Elite Label	Gold Label	Platinum Label
Marathons	\$2,500	\$9,000	\$20,000	\$50,000
Any other distance	\$1,000	\$3,600	\$8,000	\$20,000

- 5.2. Athlete Representative Fee for Platinum and Gold Status athletes. Athlete Representatives (ARs) of Athletes eligible for Platinum or Gold Status will be contacted and asked to confirm the Status of the Athlete by paying the "AR Contribution": a fee of USD 1,200 for Platinum Status or USD 400 for Gold Status. If either an AR declines to pay the AR Contribution or an athlete is ineligible for any other reason, then the athlete will not be allocated the relevant Status, which will be offered to the next ranked athlete, until the quotas are filled. Where an Athlete does not have an AR, the Athlete will be contacted to pay the fee directly.
- 5.3. Athletes' Contribution. Except for those contributing to the Fund pursuant to Regulation 8 below, in all Elite, Gold and Platinum Label Races, there shall be a 2% levy on the published gross prize money (i.e. before any penalties and taxes) for the top 8 overall finishers. This levy represents the elite athletes' contribution to the anti-doping fund. The contribution will be deducted by Race Organisers from the sums paid to elite athletes and paid by the Race Organiser directly to World Athletics.

6. Appearance negotiations, athletes' contracts, prizes and payment terms

- 6.1. Race Organisers may only conduct negotiations for the appearance and promotion of elite athletes:

- 6.1.1. through the Athletes' Member Federation; or
 - 6.1.2. directly with the Athletes (in this case, the relevant Member Federation must be informed); or
 - 6.1.3. through duly authorized Athletes' Representatives (ARs).
- 6.2. A complete list of registered ARs is available from World Athletics website at <https://worldathletics.org/athletes/athlete-representatives>
- 6.3. When, upon written request from World Athletics, Race Organisers are asked to provide a post-race report, this must include a list of both international elite athletes and their Member Federation or Athlete Representatives with whom each Race Organiser negotiated the participation of international elite athlete.
- 6.4. A contract established in good faith by both parties in compliance with World Athletics Rules governing International Competitions and any applicable laws of the host country of the event and outlining clearly the arrangements between the Race Organiser and the contracted athlete shall be signed and respected by both parties.
- 6.5. Race Organisers shall pay all sums due to the contracted international elite athletes for reimbursement of expenses and appearance fees and any prize monies and bonus awards within the period of time specified within the contract which is normally 60 days after the receipt of doping control results conducted at the race. Suitable accommodation, meals and transportation shall be provided for the international elite athletes. As a general rule all travel expenses should be paid upon the athlete's arrival at the race venue and no later than the day before the athlete's departure from the race venue.
- 6.6. The contract between the Athlete and the Race Organiser shall specify that:
- 6.6.1. any withholding taxes in respect of appearance fees, prize monies or bonuses that may be levied by the fiscal authorities of the country hosting the race. The Race Organiser shall in due course supply the Athlete or their Athlete Representative with the relevant document from the fiscal authorities certifying that any such charges have been duly paid.
 - 6.6.2. any athlete who is subsequently determined to have committed a doping offence at the time of the event or is suspended from competition due to an offence committed prior to the event resulting in his/her performance at the event being invalidated, shall be liable to refund any and all sums (including expenses) from the Race Organiser relating to his/her performance at the event. This includes any commission paid to an Athlete Representative. Prize money offered to competitors, including bonuses for times achieved shall be equal for all competitors regardless of their nationality or gender – in other words prize money for places should be equal for men and women and for nationals of the host country and athletes of other nationalities. Races may offer specific incentive prizes to nationals of the host country to encourage national participation and development.

7. Minimum Gross Guaranteed Prize Money in 'Elite and Gold Label Races'

- 7.1. In Elite and Gold Label Races, for the overall men's and women's competitions, there shall be at minimum a prize structure as follows:

Minimum Prize money (per gender)	Elite Label: Marathon	Elite Label: other distances	Gold Label: Marathons	Gold Label: other distances
1 st	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$30,000	\$10,000
2 nd	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$15,000	\$5,000
3 rd	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$10,000	\$4,000
4 th	\$2,500	\$1,500	\$5,000	\$3,000
5 th	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$2,000
6 th	\$1,500		\$3,000	
7 th	\$1,000		\$2,000	
8 th	\$500		\$1,000	

- 7.2. By definition the minimum gross guaranteed prize money does not apply to Race Organisers of an Elite or a Gold Label Race which in accordance with Regulation 8 contributes to the Fund.
- 7.3. The amounts stated above are to be considered “minimum gross guaranteed” prizes, e.g. an athlete winning an Elite Label Marathon must win at least \$15,000 (gross after time penalties, before anti-doping fund contribution, penalties, taxes). Time and record bonuses are in addition.
- 7.4. Where a Race Organiser of an Elite Label Race fails to notify World Athletics of their intention to lower their label status (see Regulation 3.4 above), or fails to provide Minimum Gross Guaranteed Prize Money as set out in Regulation 7.1 the Race Organiser will be charged by World Athletics an amount representing the difference between the Minimum Prize Money and the prize money actually paid by the Race Organiser to the athletes.
- 7.5. There are no minimum prize money requirements for races categorised as a World Athletics Label and Platinum Label.

8 The 2023 Solidarity Fund for Elite Distance Runners (“the Fund”)

- 8.1 The Fund has been established for Race Organisers to support world-class elite running and shall be held and managed by World Athletics.
- 8.2 Distribution from the Fund will be decided by World Athletics in its sole discretion but always in consultation with the authorised Athletes' Representatives and contributing Race Organisers. For example, the Fund may be used to organise ad-hoc elite races, to co-fund elite races at existing Label Races, provide direct grants to athletes or similar

“athletes’ welfare” measures. The Fund cannot be used to fund World Athletics’ administrative or operational costs.

8.3 The amount of contributions (net of any applicable taxes) are:

2023 Solidarity Fund for Elite Distance Runners	Elite	Gold	Platinum
Marathon	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
Any other distance	\$20,000	\$40,000	\$80,000

For single gender Races the amounts are halved.

8.4 The Fund is separate to the Label Fee set out at Regulation 5.1 above.

9 Categorisation of races for World Rankings

9.1 For the determination of the athletes’ “Placing Scores” in the context of the [World Athletics Rankings](#), Label Road Races shall be categorised as follows:

Label Road Races 2023 and World Rankings categorisation	Marathon	Any other distance
Platinum Label Races compliant with Regulation 3.3.1	GW	GL
Gold Label Races compliant with Regulation 3.2.1	A	B
Elite Label Races compliant with Regulation 3.1.1	B	C
WA Label Road Races (basic tier)	E	E
“Solidarity Fund” Elite, Gold and Platinum Label races (Regulation 3.1.2, 3.2.2 and 3.3.2)	E	E

10 Observers and Technical Delegates

10.1 World Athletics may nominate one Observer or International Technical Delegate (TD) Label Races. The Observer / TD will ensure compliance with all applicable Rules and Regulations and World Athletics Label Road Race Regulations and may also be available to assist the Race Organiser if such assistance is requested by the Race Director.

10.2 The Race Organiser will provide all necessary passes, accreditation and assistance to give to Observers and TDs access to the requested operational areas and pre-race meetings, and generally facilitate their work.

10.3 World Athletics will send to the Race Director a copy of the report completed by World Athletics Observer/TD whenever relevant.

10.4 The Race Organiser shall pay the following for one designated Observer or TD: economy class travel, on-site accommodation for a maximum of three nights, meals and local transport.

11 Technical

- 11.1 Races shall be organised in accordance with World Athletics Competition Rules and Technical Rules.
- 11.2 Race courses must hold a World Athletics/AIMS international measurement certificate valid at least throughout the race day. For Gold and Platinum Label races, it is recommended that the course be “pre-verified” (i.e. measured in advance by two World Athletics/AIMS accredited measurers, one of the accredited measurers should be of “Grade A”) to ensure the accuracy of the measurement and speed up ratification in case of World Records.

12 Before race day

- 12.1 It is recommended to organise a pre-race technical meeting with the international elite athletes and their representatives, where all arrangements for the race (warm-up schedule, desired, configuration of refreshment stations, how to reach the finish line in case of drop-out; etc.) must be communicated, and the pacemakers introduced to the international elite athletes. If the technical meeting is conducted in a language other than English, English translation shall be provided.
- 12.2 The Referee must be present at the technical meeting.
- 12.3 A check of the international elite athletes’ race kits and competition shoes (where applicable) shall be organised on the eve of the competition (or, for afternoon/evening competitions, no later than the morning of the race day) to ensure compliance of the international elite athletes’ race gear with the Technical Rules and Marketing & Advertising Rules and Regulations.
- 12.4 It is recommended to provide personalised bibs with names of the elite athletes, for them to wear on race day.
- 12.5 Race Organisers shall permit their international elite athletes to provide their own refreshments, in which case the elite athlete shall nominate at which stations they shall be made available to them. Refreshments provided by the international elite athletes shall be kept under the supervision of officials designated by the Race Organiser from the time that the refreshments are lodged by the international elite athletes or their representatives. Those officials must ensure that the refreshments are not altered or tampered with in any way.

13 Before the start

- 13.1 There must be adequate means to control access to secured areas (ID accreditation or similar).
- 13.2 Sign-posting in start areas shall be clear and sufficiently informative.
- 13.3 There shall be adequate, safe and well-lit space for elite runners to warm up.
- 13.4 Separate men/women changing facilities must be provided.

- 13.5 If wheelchair or hand-bike races are held with the event, there must be disabled toilets provided.
- 13.6 Efficient baggage drop-off service must be provided for both the elite and, if applicable, the mass race.
- 13.7 Starting corrals (or waves) must be seeded by pace / expected finish time.

14 Road Closures

- 14.1 The whole course must be closed to vehicular traffic, with the exclusion of official vehicles, for the duration of the event until the published cut-off time. The start will be traffic free until the last runner has started and the finish will be traffic free until the last runner finishes or the cut-off time is reached.
- 14.2 In the case of dual carriageways, only the carriageway on which the participants will run needs be closed to vehicular traffic. Whenever possible, for safety reasons, all carriageways should be closed to vehicular traffic.
- 14.3 Police and/or traffic controllers must be present at all intersections.

15 The Race

- 15.1 The original Course Measurer or other suitably qualified official designated by the Course Measurer with a copy of the documentation detailing the officially measured course shall ride in the lead vehicle during the competition to validate that the course run by the athletes conforms to the course measured and documented by the official Course Measurer. In the case of separate men and women races, a certified Measurer or other suitably qualified person should be in the lead vehicle for each race. All intermediate timing points shall be measured and marked by the Course Measurer and included in the course map. Mile and/or kilometre markers shall be installed, prominent and easy to see.
- 15.2 In Elite, Gold and Platinum Label competitions, the main Race(s) shall be started independently of the Race(s) on any other distance. Exception to this rule can be made only if the buffer between the elites taking part in the Label competition and the participants of other races is ample enough to prevent disruption to the elite race. Once the Race is started, it is essential that international elite athletes participating in the Label race do not enter in contact with persons not participating in the same race, as this would result in a violation of Technical Rule 6.3.1 on assistance.
- 15.3 There shall be a lead vehicle preceding the lead runners to direct the runners around the course and, wherever possible, that shall also include a time clock indicating the time elapsed since the start of the race. Where it is safe to do so, in mixed races, a lead vehicle shall precede both men's and women's race leaders. The lead vehicle and any other vehicle on the course should not block the athlete's view of the shortest possible path. Where possible, for Elite, Gold and Platinum Label races, a distinctive line of any colour should be painted on the course to indicate the shortest possible route.

15.4 The Referee, or designated race official, shall have the possibility follow the leading groups of a road race closely, on a motorbike or bicycle, if he or she so determines. The Referee can give warnings in case of rule violations and, for particularly serious cases, disqualify athletes.

15.5 In Platinum Races, a photo-finish device shall be utilised to determine the placings in case of close finishes and is recommended for any other Label Race with prize money.

16 Pacing

16.1 Pacemakers are authorised and should be clearly identifiable through a distinctive uniform or similar. To better promote the image of all international elite athletes, a pacemaker's main bib shall include their name. If a pacemaker has no distinctive uniform, it is allowed to have the word "PACE" together with their name on the bib, or on a second bib to be placed either on the chest or on the back of the pacing athlete.

16.2 Athletes employed by Race Organisers as pacers are bona-fide competitors. They must start the competition together with all other international elite athletes, must be recorded in the race start list, timed like other international elite athletes, and if they complete the race they must be officially ranked.

17 Drinking/ Sponging and Refreshment Stations

17.1 Drinking/Sponging and Refreshment stations adequately staffed by competent personnel shall be available on the course in accordance with Technical Rule 55.8.

17.2 Umpires or other suitably qualified officials designated by the Referee shall be present at all refreshment stations, to ensure the treatment provided to all international elite athletes is fair, and to report any violations.

17.3 Elite athletes may only take water or refreshments at the official stations provided by the Race Organiser.

17.4 Without prejudice to the individual races' hygiene policies, refreshments can be shared between competitors, including pacemakers. However, any continuous support from any athlete to one or more others may be regarded as unfair assistance and warnings and/or disqualifications may be applied. In mixed-gender races, the handing of a refreshment from a male to a female athlete may result in the disqualification of the female athlete if a situation of unfair assistance occurs.

18 Timing Data Processing and Results

18.1 Races must provide fully electronic timing by transponders to all finishers.

18.2 Official results based on the "gun time" (Note to Technical Rule 19.24.5) shall be made available to media, spectators and on the official race website within the shortest possible time.

- 18.3 Where available, split times shall be properly recorded and made available for statistics, records and judging purposes.
- 18.4 Races, included basic-tier Label Races, shall email the official results of the elite field of the competition to statistics@worldathletics.org and editor@worldathletics.org immediately following the completion of the competition. As per the Note of Technical Rule 19.24, with “official time” it is meant “...*the time elapsed between the firing of the starting gun (...) and the athlete reaching the finish line...*”.

19 Insurance

- 19.1 Race Organisers shall subscribe to an appropriate third-party liability insurance policy to cover the risks for which the race organisation may be held liable, including any accident which might occur to athletes and officials.

20 Medical

- 20.1 The availability of medical services shall be commensurate with the number of participants in the race and the prevailing weather conditions. A Medical Director shall be identified, and his/her contact details be provided to the TD should World Athletics appoint one for the race.
- 20.2 Medical Directors of Label Road Races will be required to demonstrate participation in at least one Race Emergency Medicine Course (or other World Athletics-IIRM recognised educational activity) every 2 years, as part of their continuing medical education. Race organizers will be required to include the name of the Medical Director who holds such participation certificate(s) when applying for a World Athletics Label. A list of recognised courses is available on the Health and Science section of the World Athletics website (www.worldathletics.org/about-iaaf/health-science/next-events).
- 20.3 Race Organisers should fully comply with World Athletics Competition Medical Guidelines in the organisation of the medical services provided to participants. Medical Directors will be required to share with World Athletics anonymised, aggregated data on medical encounters, using a dedicated report which will be made available by the World Athletics Health & Science team (contact: Dr Paolo Emilio Adami, MD, paoloemilio.adami@worldathletics.org).

21 Anti-Doping Tests at Label Road races

- 21.1 Two months prior to race day, Race Organisers shall submit to the AIU by email their most up-to-date provisional entry lists, as well as details on the official hotel where any elite athletes are to be accommodated. Race Organisers will be contacted separately with details on how to share this information with the AIU securely.

Pre-competition tests

- 21.2 Except for Platinum races (see below), pre-competition tests will be organised directly by the AIU on a targeted basis, as part of the dedicated anti-doping programme, at a

number of Label Road Races. Race organisers will be informed sufficiently in advance that pre-competition tests will be conducted at their race but must keep this information confidential on a need-to-know basis, so as not to provide the competing athletes with notice of the testing.

- 21.3 Pre-competition tests will mainly consist of blood tests in the context of the Athlete Biological Passport, to be conducted in the period preceding the race, preferably at the main athletes' hotel.
- 21.4 Race Organisers may be requested to assist with facilitating pre-competition testing operations (for example, accreditation for doping control staff, access to venue, booking at race's main hotel).
- 21.5 Platinum Label races are required to organise, at their own expense, systematic pre-competition tests for all athletes in the international elite field, as defined by the Race Organiser.

In-competition tests

- 21.6 In-competition tests are key to preserve the integrity of performances achieved at Label Road races. The minimum number of tests to be conducted at label races shall be as follows:

World Athletics Platinum Label	12 tests (6 men and 6 women) including 6 with EPO analysis
World Athletics Gold Label	10 tests (5 men and 5 women) including 5 with EPO analysis
World Athletics Elite Label	8 tests (4 men, 4 women) including 4 with EPO analysis
World Athletics Label	4 tests (2 men, 2 women) including 2 with EPO analysis

For single gender Races the minimum number of tests above are reduced by half.

- 21.7 All tests shall be conducted in accordance with the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules at the expense of the Race Organiser.
- 21.8 The doping samples shall be analysed by a WADA accredited laboratory.
- 21.9 Race Organisers may contact the AIU to assist with the organisation of in-competition tests at their race including identifying the most suitable testing service provider, at preferential rates.

22 Communications

22.1 On-site Video Screen

All Platinum Label Races must provide in the finish area at least one giant video screen to allow spectators to follow the race.

22.2 Race Website

Elite, Gold and Platinum Races should have a dedicated website with at minimum start-lists and results in English. For Gold and Platinum Races, a fully-functional website in English is required.

23 TV images to World Athletics

- 23.1 If requested by World Athletics Race Organisers will provide full race footage (“Dirty International Feed”), in the form of a web-link to a video-sharing website (YouTube, Vimeo, YouKu, etc.) or a digital file. This is for reviewing purposes only, and World Athletics will NOT have the right to use any of this footage unless approved in writing by the Race Organiser.
- 23.2 Upon request of World Athletics, the Race Organiser shall provide a broadcast-quality record of the competition (“Clean Feed”), allowing World Athletics to use, free of charge, up to five minutes of footage, unless existing media rights contracts prevent the Race Organiser from doing so.

24 World Athletics Branding and Promotion

- 24.1 All Race Organisers are recommended to:
- 24.1.1 Produce and display, at their cost, at least two promotional, perimeter boards or banners (using artwork provided by World Athletics) in the finish area within the final 100 metres, and/or prominently display the World Athletics Road Race Label logo on the finish gantry, as part of the non-commercial partner recognition programme. The placement of the boards and/or logos should ideally be visible in key broadcast views.
- 24.1.2 Display the relevant Road Race Label logo on the homepage of the race website.
- 24.1.3 Include the relevant Road Race Label logo all promotional printed and digital material (examples may include marketing campaigns, posters, brochures, leaflets, official programme, start lists, results, press and victory ceremony backdrops social media, etc.).
- 24.1.4 Allow a full-page advert in any official programme made available to spectators or media artwork provided by World Athletics in line with specifications provided by the Race Organiser.

25 Sustainability

- 25.1 To ensure that all affiliated athletics competitions are aligned with the principles of sustainability articulated in the World Athletics Sustainability Strategy 2020-2030 World Athletics has developed an ‘Athletics for a Better World Sustainable Event Standard’ (‘the Sustainable Event Standard’). The World Athletics Sustainability Strategy is divided into six pillars: (1) leadership in sustainability; (2) sustainable production and consumption; (3) climate change and carbon; (4) local environment and air quality; (5) global equality; and (6) diversity, accessibility and wellbeing.

- 25.2 The Sustainable Event Standard is to assist event organiser address sustainability as they design, plan and execute their events. Each of the 6 pillars above is broken down into 4 topics. Topics include specific sustainability objectives, each with performance requirement and a dedicated scoring methodology. A document with best-practice guidance to the Sustainable Event Standard can be downloaded (in English, French, Spanish) at <https://worldathletics.org/athletics-better-world/sustainability>, under the dedicated tab.

Athletics for a Better World Sustainable Event Standard: overview of Macro-areas and topics		
Macro-areas	Topic	Points available
Leadership (Tot. 26 points available)	Sustainability plan	6
	Collaboration	9
	Communication plan	5
	Operational delivery	6
Sustainable Production and consumption (Tot. 18 points available)	Policy/ plan	4
	Waste management	5
	Food and catering	3
	Minimise consumption	6
Climate change and carbon (Tot. 21 points available)	Carbon Plan	5
	Energy and Resources (scope 1 and 2)	7
	Travel and accommodation (Scope 3)	6
	Fan travel and engagement	3
Local Environment and air quality (Tot. 15 points available)	Air quality protection	6
	Air quality legacy	2
	Environmental protection	5
	Environmental Legacy	2
Global Equality (Tot. 22 points available)	Community impact	3
	Equal opportunities	8
	Global/regional representation	5
	Facility improvement legacy	6
Diversity, accessibility and wellbeing (Tot. 18 points available)	Diversity	7
	Event accessibility	3
	Health and safety	1
	Wellbeing	7
TOTAL		120

- 25.3 All Label Road Races are expected to score a minimum of points as follows:

25.3.1 World Athletics Label Races: at least 30 points, in each of the 6 macro-areas

25.3.2 Elite Label Races: at least 45 points, in each of the 6 macro-areas

25.3.3 Gold Label Races: at least 60 points, in each of the 6 macro-areas

25.3.4 Platinum Label Races: at least 90 points, in at least 20 of the 24 topics, in each of the 6 macro-areas

26 Breaches & Sanctions

26.1 In the event of an allegation of breach of any of these Regulations or World Athletics' Rules or Regulations generally, the following procedures shall apply, except where the Integrity Code of Conduct applies, or the applicable World Athletics Rules and Regulations specify the procedure for the alleged breach:

26.1.1 Where World Athletics (or its delegate(s)) elects to investigate on its own behalf, the allegation shall be reduced to writing and forwarded to the Race Organiser and copied to the Member Federation, and they shall be given such opportunity to respond to the allegation as is reasonable in all the circumstances of the case.

26.1.2 If, following an investigation, World Athletics (or its delegate(s)) believes that there is evidence to support the allegation and that disciplinary proceedings are warranted in all the circumstances of the case, the Race Organiser shall be notified of the charge (and copied to the Member Federation) to be brought and of their right to a hearing before any decision is made. If, following such investigation, World Athletics believes that there is insufficient evidence to charge the Race Organiser concerned, or that disciplinary proceedings are not warranted in all the circumstances of the case it shall notify the Race Organiser concerned of its decision not to proceed and copy the Member Federation. Such a decision may be published as World Athletics (or its delegate(s)) considers appropriate. Any decision not to pursue disciplinary proceedings does not preclude World Athletics (or its delegate(s)) from taking further action.

26.1.3 When it is asserted by World Athletics that conduct has been committed that would subject a Race Organiser to discipline under these Regulations or any other Rules and Regulations, the Race Organiser concerned shall be required to provide a written explanation for the alleged conduct, in normal circumstances within a period of no more than 14 days from the date of notification. If no explanation, or no adequate explanation, for the alleged conduct is received in such time, the label status of the Race Organiser concerned may be provisionally suspended pending resolution of the case. A decision to impose a provisional suspension shall not be subject to appeal but the Race Organiser concerned shall be entitled to a full expedited hearing before the relevant hearing body in accordance with these Regulations.

26.1.4 If, having being notified of a charge, the Race Organiser concerned fails to confirm in writing to World Athletics or its delegate(s) within 14 days of such notice that they wish to have a hearing, they will be deemed to have waived their right to a hearing and to have accepted that they committed a breach of the relevant provision of these Regulations and/or World Athletics' Rules and Regulations.

26.1.5 If the Race Organiser confirms that they wish to have a hearing, all relevant evidence shall be given to the Race Organiser alleged to have committed the breach and a hearing shall be held within a period of no more than two (2) months following notification of the charge.

- 26.1.6 If the relevant hearing body, after hearing the evidence, decides that the Race Organiser concerned is in breach of the relevant Rule or Regulation, it shall declare one or more of the following sanctions:
- 26.1.6.1 withdrawal of the Race Organisers' current label status;
 - 26.1.6.2 not to accept the results from the Race Organiser as being 'official' and invalidate the results in the World Athletics statistics or results;
 - 26.1.6.3 prohibit the Race Organiser from applying for a Label for a period of time as may be appropriate in the circumstances;
 - 26.1.6.4 impose a fine;
 - 26.1.6.5 order specific measures be implemented at the Race Organiser's own cost in order to raise education and awareness about the breach concerned and measures to mitigate the risk of such breaches occurring in the future;
 - 26.1.6.6 warn the Race Organiser;
 - 26.1.6.7 impose such other sanction as may be appropriate in the circumstances.
- 26.2 World Athletics or its delegate(s) shall publish the decision and/or the sanction as World Athletics (or its delegate(s)) considers appropriate.
- 26.3 Any dispute arising from the application of this Regulation 26 shall be dealt with in accordance with Rule 3 of the Disputes and Disciplinary Proceedings Rules.