

Qualification procedure track and field events





General comment

The following qualification and seeding protocol is subject to change based on actual (final) entries!

WA TR 20.2.2 is applicable!

This means, whenever possible, athletes of each Member or team and the best performed athletes shall be placed in different heats in all Qualification Rounds of the competition. In applying this Rule after the first round, the required exchanges of athletes between heats should, to the extent possible, be made between athletes seeded in the same "group of lanes" according to Rules 20.4.3 to 20.4.5 of the Technical Rules.





- Round 1 will include all athletes qualified, entered and eligible to compete
 - Step 1: Set-up a ranking based on the best performances set during the qualification period (from 24 February 2024 to midnight of 23 February 2025)
 - Step 2: The athletes shall then be placed in the heats in the order of seeding in zig-zag distribution
 - Step 3: Determine the order in which the heats are run by draw
 - Step 4: Determine the lane order by lot
- Semi-final: First 4 of each heat plus 4 time fastest go to 3 semi-finals (in case of 5 heats)
 - Step 1: Set-up a ranking based on the positions in, and performances set during the heats according TR 20.3.2
 - Step 2: The athletes shall then be placed in the heats in the order of seeding in zig-zag distribution
 - Step 3: Determine the order in which the 3 semi-finals are run by draw
 - Step 4: Determine the lane order according WA TR 20.4.3
- Final: First 2 of each semi-final plus 2 time fastest go to the Final
 - Step 1: Set-up a ranking based on the positions in, and performances set during the semi-final according TR 20.3.2
 - Step 2: Determine the lane order according WA TR 20.4.3





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 - Step 4: Determine the lane order according WA TR 45.2
- Semi-final: First 2 of each heat plus 2 time fastest go to 2 semi-finals (in case of 5 heats)
 - Step 1: Set-up a ranking based on the positions in, and performances set during the heats according TR 20.3.2
 - Step 2: The athletes shall then be placed in the heats in the order of seeding in zig-zag distribution
 - Step 3: Determine the order in which the 2 semi-finals are run by draw
 - Step 4: Determine the lane order according WA TR 45.2
- Final: First 3 of each semi-final go to the Final
 - Step 1: Set-up a ranking based on the positions in, and performances set during the semi-final according TR 20.3.2
 - Step 2: Determine the lane order according WA TR 45.2





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 - Step 3: Determine the order in which the heats are run by draw
 - Step 4: Determine the lane order according WA TR 45.2
- Semi-final: First 2 of each heat plus 2 time fastest go to 2 semi-finals
 - Step 1: Set-up a ranking based on the best performances set during the qualification period (from 24 February 2024 to midnight of 23 February 2025) modified only by improvements in performances achieved during Round 1
 - Step 2: The athletes shall then be placed in the heats in the order of seeding in zig-zag distribution
 - Step 3: Determine the order in which the 2 semi-finals are run by draw
 - Step 4: Determine the lane order according WA TR 45.2
- Final: First 3 of each semi-final go to the Final
 - Step 1: Set-up a ranking based on the best performances set during the qualification period (from 24 February 2024 to midnight of 23 February 2025) modified only by improvements in performances achieved during Round 1 and/or Semi-final
 - Step 2: Determine the lane order according WA TR 45.2





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 - Step 3: Determine the order in which the heats are run by draw
 - Step 4: Determine the starting position by lot
- Final: First 3 of each heat go to the Final (in case of 3 heats)
 - Determine the starting position by lot





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 - Step 3: Determine the order in which the heats are run by draw
 - Step 4: Determine the starting position by lot
- Final: First 6 of each heat go to the Final (in case of 2 heats)
 - Determine the starting position by lot





60mH

- Round 1 will include all athletes qualified, entered and eligible to compete
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 - Step 2: The athletes shall then be placed in the heats in the order of seeding in zig-zag distribution
 - Step 3: Determine the order in which the heats are run by draw
 - Step 4: Determine the lane order by lot
- Semi-final: First 3 of each heat plus 4 time fastest go to 2 semi-finals (in case of 4 heats)
 - Step 1: Set-up a ranking based on the positions in, and performances set during the heats according TR 20.3.2
 - Step 2: The athletes shall then be placed in the heats in the order of seeding in zig-zag distribution
 - Step 3: Determine the order in which the 2 semi-finals are run by draw
 - Step 4: Determine the lane order according WA TR 20.4.3
- Final: First 3 of each semi-final plus 2 time fastest go to the Final
 - Step 1: Set-up a ranking based on the positions in, and performances set during the semi-final according TR 20.3.2
 - Step 2: Determine the lane order according WA TR 20.4.3





4x400m mixed relay and 4x400m relay

- Final will include all teams qualified, entered and eligible to compete
 - Step 1: Set-up a ranking 50% based on the team's best performances and 50% based on the individual performances in 400m, 400m short track or 400m Hurdles of the four (4) fastest entered athletes. The best performances are set during the qualification period (from 24 February 2024 to midnight of 23 February 2025).
 - Step 2: Determine the lane order according WA TR 45.2



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Qualification round and final

- Qualification round will include all athletes qualified, entered and eligible to compete
 - Step 1: Set-up a ranking based on the best performances set during the qualification period (from 24 February 2024 to midnight of 23 February 2025)
 - Step 2: Determine the competing order by lot
- Final: Athletes who achieved the qualification standard go to the Final; Additional athlete(s) are added, based on the performances in the Qualification round, to reach the required 8 athletes for the Final when applicable. Rules WA TR 25.15, 25.22 and/or 26.8 apply.
 - The competing order is determined by lot

Remarks:

• Combined events: The best performance set during the qualification period (from 24 February 2024 to midnight of 23 February 2025) will be used to determine group - and heat composition. Furthermore, Rule WA TR 39.7 applies.



Athlete Replacement Policy

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Aim Policy



Aim of this policy is to avoid empty lanes or starting places in Finals and/or Semi-Finals due to withdrawals from injury or other justifiable reasons, and therefore approved, by an Athlete Replacement.



Athlete Replacement Policy

This Policy will be in place based on following regulations:

- The Policy will apply to Finals and Semi-Finals in all relevant events (including relays).
- A virtual "hot seat" will be implemented, where the next-best ranked athlete(s) or teams would virtually sit and wait for possible withdrawals.
- The lane, or starting order place, left empty will be taken by the next best ranked athlete(s) or teams, and there will be no re-draw or re-ordering of attempts.
- In all races the best ranked athletes(s) will be considered the non-qualified athlete(s) who achieved best times during the previous round. In case of ties, TR21 including TR21.5 shall apply, with the exception that if the tie remains, a draw shall be made. This means e.g. no lane sharing in 800m races when there is a tie.
- In all field events the best ranked athlete(s) will be considered the non-qualified athlete(s) who achieved the best performance during the qualification round. In case of ties for ranking based on TR25.22 (all field events except high jump and pole-vault) and TR26.8 (high jump and pole-vault), a draw shall be made.
- Withdrawal and replacement can take place until the published first call time (the time by which
 the athletes must be present in the Call Room) of the first heat in Semi-Finals and until the first call
 time for Finals.



Communication



Fast and efficient communication between all stakeholders is key to make this Policy successful and allow athletes an opportunity for replacement. Information will be provided to Member Federations, athletes, and all other stakeholders through Virtual TIC and WhatsApp Team Leaders Group.