

For the attention of:

European Athletics Member Federations
European Athletics Council
European Athletics Commissions, Athletes Committee and Advisory Groups

Copy: World Athletics President, World Athletics CEO

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Circular Letter 2024/08

Items covered in this letter:

- **European Athletics Webinar 2024 planning**
- **Registration World Athletics Referee Examinations 2024**

Dear Friends,

This year, European Athletics will continue providing training for the officials via a series of European athletics webinars. We invite the officials from across Europe to join us in these Webinars for further knowledge and skills development. During the webinars, the officials will exchange insights, analyse case studies, and address various themes to train and prepare in the best possible way for upcoming European and World level competitions.

Three European Athletics webinars will be held on the following dates:

- Wednesday **17 April 2024** from 19:00 to 21:00 (CET)
- Wednesday **16 October 2024** from 19:00 to 21:00 (CET)
- Wednesday **18 December 2024** from 19:00 to 21:00 (CET)

Along these webinars we continue to support the officials in their pursuit of the various WARECS (WA Referees Education and Certification System) examinations that will be organised by World Athletics in 2024. Please find below the examinations that will be held this year, as well as the registration deadlines and the preparation webinars by European Athletics for each examination.

- **World Athletics Referee – Bronze Level** – Registration by 14:00 (CET) 24 February 2024 for examination to be held end of May 2024 (exact date to be confirmed by WA). The preparation Webinar will be held on Wednesday 13 March 2024. To register officials, Member Federations need to complete the form for each selected candidate through the following [LINK](#).
- **World Athletics Race Walking Judge – Bronze Level** - Registration by 14:00 (CET) 30 June 2024 for examination to be held end of September/beginning of October (exact date to be confirmed by WA). A preparation webinar will be held on 10 July 2024. Registration forms, along with the application criteria, will be shared at a later stage.
- **World Athletics Referee – Silver Level** – Registration by 14:00 (CET) 30 June 2024 for examination to be held end of October (exact date to be confirmed by WA). Preparation webinars will be held on 18 September, 10 October and 23 October. Registration forms, along with the application criteria, will be shared at a later stage.
- **World Athletics Race Walking Judge – Gold Level** – Registration by 14:00 (CET) 30 June 2024 for examination to be held beginning of November (exact date to be confirmed by

- WA). Preparation webinars will be held on 2 September, 9 October and 30 October. Registration forms, along with the application criteria, will be shared at a later stage.

Please find below the criteria for the first examination of this year – **World Athletics Referee**

Bronze Level:

- Candidates need to have a strong experience as National Athletic Referee (at least 3 years).
- The minimum age required to apply is 19 years old.
- The list of candidates for each MF should be equal in terms of gender.
- Good knowledge of English.
- The online evaluations will be conducted in the following languages – English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, Russian, Chinese.
- The possibility of other languages can be considered upon demand, if translation of the evaluation materials and the answers can be undertaken effectively, and if the World Athletics Referee Education Group (WAREG) can nominate a trustworthy delegate.
- Evaluation fee payable by or on behalf of each candidate to assist in delivering the scheme and supporting successful referees.

Join us as we embark on a journey of collaboration, growth, and transformation. Together, let's shape the future of officiating and elevate our competitions to their full potential.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the above-mentioned webinars and upcoming World Athletics Referees Examinations, please contact Joseph Boyer (joseph.boyer@european-athletics.org).

Kind regards,



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