

GAMES: 2025 PACIFIC MINI GAMES, PALAU
DATE: 29 JUNE TO 9 JULY 2025

Athletics Fiji
(NATIONAL FEDERATION)

ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA (To be circulated to all training squad members)

In accordance with the Charter of the Pacific Games Council, FASANOC has the authority and the responsibility to select athletes and officials to represent Fiji at the 2025 Pacific Mini Games.

FASANOC Charter Article 8.2.n deems that FASANOC has the authority to set the minimum standards required for selection as a representative of a FASANOC Team.

Objective: To ensure the selection of the best possible and medal winning athletes in the various sports that makeup TEAM FIJI.

FASANOC ATHLETE MINIMUM SELECTION CRITERIA

Meet FASANOC's Selection Criteria for athlete selection to the Palau2025 Pacific Mini Games as stipulated in the FASANOC Athlete Minimum Selection Criteria Policy.

Eligibility

- a) Citizenship - be in possession of a Fiji Passport for travel.
- b) Residency – as per PGC Charter Article 26(d) the athlete must have resided in Fiji, at any time, for a minimum of five years, whether consecutively or not (For the avoidance of doubt the temporary absence of an athlete from Fiji for purposes such as education, sports training, military service, health care and other legitimate absences of a like kind shall be considered as residency).
- c) Passport should be valid until after 9 January 2026 (travel requirement 6 months after closing ceremony)

Youth Component

- a) **Athletics:** Minimum age: 15 by 31 December 2025.

An athlete to be eligible to compete in any Games as a member of Team Fiji shall:

- a) Complete all entry and other applicable contractual documentation:
 - (i) Games Entry & Eligibility Forms
 - (ii) FASANOC Team Members Agreement.
 - (iii) FASANOC Medical Screening Form
- b) Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by their respective NF, International Federation (IF) or World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).
- c) Comply with the rules and regulations of FASANOC, the relevant Games, the Games Charter and the relevant IF rules and regulations.

- d) Meet the sports guideline in terms of age (above), if applicable, to represent the country.
- e) Be willing and able to do the activities and duties required to meet FASANOC's sponsorship obligations.
- f) Be able to travel nationally and internationally

Character and Discipline

- a) Must be of good character and must possess qualities that comply with FASANOC values of Excellence, Respect, Integrity and Commitment. Past disciplinary records with Team Fiji will be taken into account.
- b) Must be of good repute with no disciplinary issues with their NF.
- c) Should have no police record, immigration issues that may cause him/her to be unable to travel abroad for the relevant Games or any pending investigations against them.
- d) Any current/open police records, as well as past records will be considered on a case by case basis.

Medical

- a) Must comply with all medical procedures as required by Team Fiji:
 - (i) First Medical Screening
 - (ii) Final Medical Screening
 - (iii) Attend physio clinics during the period specified by the FASANOC Medical Commission as and when required.
- b) Comply with any subsequent outcomes or instructions from the Medical Team.

Anti-Doping

- c) Must abide and comply with the rules and procedures of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), Oceania Regional Anti-Doping Organisation (ORADO) and Drugs Free Sport Fiji (DFSF) or applicable legislation under the Laws of Fiji.
- d) Must refrain from using illegal substances and supplements as prohibited by the rules of any relevant charter or constitution, policies or guidelines of the IOC, the CGF, PGC, IFs and FASANOC.
- e) Must have not breached the WADA Code within the previous 24 months of signing FASANOC's Team Members Agreement.

Minimum Performance Requirement

- a. Must have competed in an Oceania or International competition representing Fiji or their respective Club as endorsed by the NF; e.g. School games, overseas invitational games,
- b. Be the best available athlete ranked within his/her NF National Ranking for the competition in the event being entered, by the closing date for the NF submission to FASANOC.
- c. Must have competed and be ranked in the top 8 in the Region in the event being entered, based on competition at credible regional or comparable events in the 12 months preceding the Games.
- d. Team sports must have competed and be ranked in the top 6 in a credible Regional or comparable competition in the 12 months preceding the Games.
- e. Overseas based athletes who are eligible for selection must submit relevant results that are



comparable to the below requirements.

- f. Relay athletes will be restricted to the Top 4 athletes
- g. Selection of athletes is strictly based on the team size limit.
 - i. Athletes meet the minimum performance selection criteria
 - ii. All athletes that meet the minimum performance selection criteria, may not necessarily be selected for Team Fiji – other factors will apply to comply with the limit of the team size.
 - iii. Reference the Additional NF criteria

Athlete Withdrawal

- a. FASANOC reserves the right to remove or dismiss an athlete from Team Fiji at any time:
 - i. who has an injury or illness,
 - ii. as certified by an approved medical practitioner that is likely to keep him or her from competing or
 - iii. who breaches Team Commitments following an appropriate hearing.
- b. Should an athlete withdraw from the team following the team announcement, the NF may request to consider a replacement which can only be done:
 - i. if the athlete was on the initial long-list.
 - ii. if the athlete meets the minimum selection criteria
 - iii. if timelines are within the Games timelines
 - iv. upon approval by FASANOC EB

NF Selection Committee:

The NF will appoint a Selection Committee to select athletes who are members of Clubs/Associations affiliated to the NF. The make-up of the Committee is at the discretion of the NF but a minimum of 3 members is strongly recommended. The Selection Committee Members must declare any conflict of interest, i.e. family members and must follow good governance and clear guidelines on how this conflict is managed. List the NF selection Committee below:

1. Albert Miller Snr
2. Alifereti Cawanibuka Snr
3. Samuela Yavala



(NF) ATHLETE SELECTION TIMELINE:**Selection Period & Timeline**

The NF will set a period to achieve qualification requirements.

Key Timeline Elements	Date/Timeline
NF Athlete Selection Period Start Date	23/11/2024
NF Athlete Selection Period Closing Date	18/04/2025
NF Selection Committee recommendation to NF	19/04/2025
NF Internal Appeals Process	N/A
FASANOC Medical Screening & Fitness Test #1	8 February 2025
NF Final Name Submission to FASANOC	21 April 2025
FASANOC Selection Justification Committee review	24-25 April 2025
FASANOC EB approval	28-30 April 2025
FASANOC BOM approval	1-4 May 2025
FASANOC Appeals Period	6-7 May 2025
FASANOC Medical Screening & Fitness Test #2	10 May 2025
FASANOC Deadline for Sport Entries submission	15 May 2025
Team Fiji Itatau	18 June 2025

NF MINIMUM QUALIFICATION STANDARDS

These are the minimum time/distance/weight/ height/ranking/skill level/fitness VO2 Max/etc. an athlete must achieve to qualify under performance standards specific to your sport. The FASANOC Selection Justification Committee (SJC) will use this information as the basis for justification of final names submitted by the NF.

THE BELOW MINIMUM STANDARDS ARE TAKEN FROM: *insert credible regional or comparable events in last 12 months*

EVENT Female	Minimum Standard Required	EVENT Male	Minimum Standard Required
100m	13.24s	100m	10.95s
200m	25.43s	200m	22.78s
400m	60.14s	400m	51.46s
800m	2:33.53s	800m	2:00.80s
1500m	5:18.08s	1500m	4:07.77s
5000m	20:18.51s	5000m	15:40.50s
10,000m	Cannot find any	10,000m	35:04.49s
Half Marathon	Cannot find any	Half Marathon	1:32:26s
100m Hurdles	14.86s	110m Hurdles	16.20s
400m Hurdles	1:12.16s	400m Hurdles	56.50s
3000m Steeplechase	12:17.33s	3000m Steeplechase	9:59.27s
High Jump	1.55m	High Jump	1.85m
Pole Vault	1.85m	Pole Vault	3.60m
Long Jump	5.46m	Long Jump	6.50m
Triple Jump	11.13m	Triple Jump	13.80m
Shot Put	11.38m	Shot Put	11.54m
Discus Throw	39.07m	Discus Throw	30.75m
Javelin Throw	33.87m	Javelin Throw	58.86m



Hammer Throw	44.31m	Hammer Throw	59.75m
Heptathlon	3827pts	Decathlon	5979pts

Selection Events:

List all the relevant and compulsory events that the athlete needs to be aware of.

For Example: competitions, training camps, clinics, etc. Identify which Activities are compulsory.

The NF will hold at least two trials to select its Games Team – indicate the Compulsory events

Date	Event Name (Competition, Training Camp/Fitness trial/)	Compulsory (✓)
18 January 2025	Pacific Mini Games – Trial 1	✓
15 March 2025	Pacific Mini Games – Trial 2	✓
18-19 April 2025	Easter Nationals – Pacific Mini Games Final Trials	✓
24 May 2025	Pacific Mini Games Team Time Trial 1	✓
14 June 2025	Pacific Mini Games Team Time Trial 2	✓

TRAINING PROGRAMME

Strength & Conditioning:

For Example: Gym work, skills training, endurance runs, pool etc.

Date	Time	Venue	Activity
------	------	-------	----------

Athletics is an individual sport and each athlete has their own individual program tailored to their athletic ability and training age.

Additional National Federation Specific Criteria:

NF Criteria specific requirement – not stated above

CRITERION A: INDIVIDUAL PARTICULARS

1. To be eligible for Team Fiji selection an athlete must hold a Fiji passport.
2. To be eligible an athlete should be registered under a Club affiliated to AF.
3. To be eligible an athlete must meet the criteria set by the Pacific Games Council (refer to Appendix A) and World Athletics (refer to Appendix B)
4. For locally based athletes to be eligible they should compete in the Easter National Championship.
5. To be eligible an athlete must be of good standing with Athletics Fiji and FASANOC, with due homage to the sport and its regulations as per World Athletics organization.
6. All Athletes selected must meet Team Fiji and FASANOC Medical Protocols and Assessments.
7. To be eligible an athlete must satisfy the set criteria by the deadline of June 4, 2025
8. Priority will be given to the Athletes who do not play other sports competitively once selected into the squad.
9. Final selection will be made on merit taking into consideration athlete development and meeting the objectives of Athletics Fiji and Team Fiji.

CRITERION B: PERFORMANCE UNDER QUALIFYING STANDARDS



1. Selection is based on merit; that is, an athlete should attain the Qualifying Standards (mentioned above) and satisfy the required consistency in as many as 3 competitions or over 2 months prior to the Competition.
2. Locally based Athletes must attend at least 2 of the 3 Trials (mentioned above). The Easter National Championships scheduled for the 18-19 April 2025 is compulsory.
3. Selection chances increase through performances attained during competitions organized and sanctioned by the World Athletics, its Area Association or any of its Member Federations within the stated period as per No.2 above
4. All athletes that have qualified will be considered. If more than 3 athletes have qualified, the top 3 athletes will be considered.
5. All performances must be achieved within the 2024-2025 AF Season (November 2024 – June 2025).
6. All athletes selected for individual events must make themselves available for team/relay competition if required.

CRITERION C: OVERSEAS BASED ATHLETES

1. All overseas-based athletes intending to be part of the Athletics Team to the 2025 Mini Pacific Games must submit official Meet Manager results of competition to AF and will be considered for Team Fiji if performances meet CRITERION B above.
2. Any Athlete coached by overseas coach/coaches must update the AF team management periodically of training schedules and competition plans.
3. All Athletes must meet the COVID-19 Vaccination Criteria as per FASANOC Vaccination Policy only where it is applicable.

Event Attendance

Please list down the Minimum Attendance required for each field in order for Athletes to be eligible for final selection.

Event	Minimum attendance	Valid Reason for non-achievement
FASANOC First medical screening	100%	
FASANOC Second medical screening	100%	
Athletics Fiji Team Orientation	100%	
Trials	100%	

Appeal Process:

As per FASANOC’s Selection Justification Policy, “athletes and team officials have an opportunity to appeal their cases if they feel they have been unfairly deprived of the opportunity to represent their sport/country as a member of a Fiji representative Team under the jurisdiction of FASANOC.

The appellant shall appeal in writing, clearly stating their reasons for the appeal. The appeal shall be lodged with the Secretary General/CEO of FASANOC at Fiji Olympic House within 48 hours of the announcement of the decision against which the appeal is made. Any athlete or official wishing to submit an appeal to the FASANOC APPEALS TRIBUNAL shall do so on the clear understanding that the decision of the Appeals Tribunal shall be binding on all parties.”

FASANOC will accept written appeals lodged at Fiji Olympic House or emailed to ceo@fasanoc.org.fj (Subject



PACIFIC MINI GAMES APPEAL)

.....
Name of NF President

.....
Signature

.....
Date & Stamp

ATHLETE CONFIRMATION

I Have read and understood the above Selection Criteria.
ATHLETE NAME

.....
Date

.....
Sign



Appendix A



**PACIFIC GAMES COUNCIL (PGC)
CONSEIL DES JEUX DU PACIFIQUE**

**XII PACIFIC MINI GAMES: Palau 2025
XVIII PACIFIC GAMES: Tahiti 2027**

www.pacificgamescouncil.com

President:	Vidhya Lakhan (Fiji)	Chief Executive officer: Andrew Minogue
Vice President (Sport):	Marcus Stephen (Nauru)	Address: 124 Varsity Parade, Varsity Lakes, QLD 4227, Australia
Vice President (Technical/HR):	Diane Bui-Duyet (New Caledonia)	Phone: (61) 484 921 087
Vice President (Audit/Finance):	Tamzin Wardley (PNG)	Email: pacificgamescouncil@gmail.com
Athletes' Representative:	Ryan Pini (PNG)	Website: www.pacificgamescouncil.com

28 March 2024

Memo:
PGA Presidents, Secretaries-General

RE: 2025 Pacific Mini Games – Athlete Eligibility

In accordance with Article 25.1.d (iii) of the Constitution, the Executive Board has exercised its discretionary powers in relation to the 2025 Pacific Mini Games in Palau and will utilise the eligibility regulations of the following International Federations after receiving submissions from the respective Oceania Federations for their sports to be rankings events:

**Archery
Athletics
Basketball 3x3
Swimming
Weightlifting**

The other 7 sports on the program will be conducted according to the prevailing Article 25.1 eligibility regulations (passport + 5 years residency).

Please advise your respective National Federations of these decisions, and do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat if further information is required.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Minogue
Chief Executive Officer, Pacific Games Council





ELIGIBILITY RULES

(Approved by Council on 10 March 2022 and effective from 25 March 2022)



Specific Definitions

The words and phrases used in these Rules that are defined terms (denoted by initial capital letters) shall have the meanings specified in the Constitution and the General Definitions, or (in respect of the following words and phrases) the following meanings:

“Chief Executive Officer (or their nominee)” means the chief executive officer of World Athletics or a nominee appointed by them.

"Citizenship" means legal citizenship of a Country, or in the case of a Territory, legal citizenship of the Territory's parent Country and appropriate legal status in the Territory under applicable laws.

"Competition Rules" means the World Athletics Competition Rules as amended from time to time.

"Eligibility Rules" means these World Athletics Eligibility Rules as amended from time to time.

“Mechanical Aid” has the meaning defined in the Mechanical Aids Regulations.

“National Representative Competitions” means the International Competitions listed in paragraph 1.1 of the International Competition definition that are contested by teams of Athletes who are entered by Members to represent their respective Countries or Territories, whether at senior level or at U20 or U18 or any other age group level.

“Nationality Review Panel” means the Panel established by the Council from time to time pursuant to the Regulations on Eligibility to Represent a Member in National Representative Competitions.

"Neutral Athletes" means as specified in Rule 3.1.2 of these Eligibility Rules, an Athlete who is granted special eligibility by the Council to compete in one or more International Competitions in an individual capacity and who satisfies at all relevant times any conditions to such eligibility specified by the Council. All provisions in the Rules and Regulations that are applicable to Athletes shall apply equally to Neutral Athletes, unless expressly stated otherwise; and any coach, trainer, manager, Athlete Representative, agent, team staff, official, medical or para-medical personnel, parent or any other Person employed by or working with a Neutral Athlete participating in an International Competition shall be an Athlete Support Personnel for purposes of these Rules.

"Other Relevant Competition" means any competition that is not a National Representative Competition but that is contested by teams of Athletes who are entered by bodies authorised to submit entries to that competition to represent a Country or Territory, whether at senior level or at U20 or U18 or any other age group level. Examples include the Olympic Games, the Youth Olympic Games, and the Commonwealth Games.

"Residence" means the place or location in which the Athlete is registered with the relevant authorities as having their primary and permanent home and/or where they ordinarily live for at least 75% of the time, excluding trips away to train or compete; and the word 'Reside' is to be interpreted accordingly.



1. Definition of Eligible Athlete

An Athlete is eligible to compete provided they agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations and have not been declared ineligible.

2. Payments to Athletes

Athletics is an open sport and subject to the Rules and Regulations, Athletes may be paid in cash or in kind in any way appropriate for appearing, participating or performing in any athletics competition or engaging in any other commercial activity related to their participation in Athletics.

3. Restriction of Competition to Eligible Athletes

3.1 Competition under the Rules is restricted to:

3.1.1 Athletes who are under the jurisdiction of a Member and who are eligible to compete under the Rules; and

3.1.2 Neutral Athletes who satisfy the conditions of eligibility specified by the Council, including signing agreements on terms acceptable to World Athletics, in which they agree (among other things) to be bound by the Rules and Regulations (as amended from time to time) and to submit all disputes they may have with World Athletics or a Member to arbitration only in accordance with these Rules, accepting not to refer any such disputes to any Court or authority which is not provided for in these Rules.

3.2 The eligibility of an Athlete competing under these Rules must at all times be guaranteed by the Member to which the Athlete is affiliated. The burden of proving that an Athlete is eligible in accordance with this Rule rests with the Member and the Athlete concerned. The Member must provide World Athletics or the Area Association (as applicable) upon demand with valid, authentic, accurate and complete documentation demonstrating the Athlete's eligibility and such other evidence as may be necessary to prove the Athlete's eligibility on a definitive basis. If required by World Athletics or the Area Association (as applicable), a Member shall provide a copy (certified by a public notary or other similar officer or witness) of all documentation on which it seeks to rely in demonstrating the Athlete's eligibility under this Rule.

3.3 Rule 3.2 does not apply to Neutral Athletes.

3.4 An Athlete shall only be eligible to compete in an age group competition as described in Rule 3 of the Technical Rules if they are within the age range specified in the relevant age group classification. In addition to the requirements set out at Rule 3.2 above, an Athlete must provide proof of their age through presentation of a valid passport or other form of evidence as permitted by the applicable regulations for the competition in which they want to compete. An Athlete who fails or refuses to provide the requisite proof shall not be eligible to compete.

3.5 An Athlete shall be eligible to compete in men's (or universal) competition if they either were born and, throughout their life, have always been recognised as a male or comply with the applicable provisions relating to male Transgender Athletes of the Eligibility Regulations Transgender Athletes and are eligible to compete under the Rules and Regulations.



- 3.6 An Athlete shall be eligible to compete in women's (or universal) competition if they either were born and, throughout their life, have always been recognised as female or comply with the applicable provisions relating to female Transgender Athletes under the Eligibility Regulations Transgender Athletes and are eligible to compete under the Rules and Regulations.
- 3.7 An Athlete who has differences of sex development shall be eligible to compete in women's competition if they comply with the applicable provisions of the Eligibility Regulations for the Female Classification.
- 3.8 An Athlete wishing to compete using a Mechanical Aid shall be eligible to compete in competitions if they comply with the Mechanical Aids Regulations.
- 4. Eligibility to Represent a Member Federation**
- 4.1 In National Representative Competitions, Members shall be represented only by Athletes who comply with the eligibility requirements of these Eligibility Rules.
- 4.2 An Athlete who has never competed on behalf of a Country or Territory in a National Representative Competition or in any Other Relevant Competition shall be eligible to represent a Member in a National Representative Competition if they are a Citizen of the Country or Territory that the Member represents by virtue of:
- 4.2.1 having been born, or having a parent or grandparent who was born, in the Country or Territory (as applicable); or
- 4.2.2 having Resided in the Country or Territory (as applicable) for at least three years; or
- 4.2.3 they have been granted refugee status or asylum status and permission to Reside in the Country of the Member (or in the parent Country of the Territory of the Member, where applicable); or
- 4.2.4 marriage, or Residence for a period less than three years, or any other means of naturalisation not otherwise set out in Rule 4.2, but only in these specific circumstances if the approval of World Athletics is granted, which approval shall be conditional upon:
- a. the Athlete observing a waiting period of three years from the date that the application for approval is made to World Athletics (during which period the Athlete must not represent any Member in National Representative Competition or compete in any Other Relevant Competition); and
- b. the Athlete demonstrating that they have a genuine, close, credible and established link to that Country or Territory (as applicable) and/or will have such a link by the end of the waiting period.
- 4.3 If an Athlete is eligible to represent more than one Member under Rule 4.2, he may choose which Member to represent, by representing that Member in a National Representative Competition or by competing on behalf of the Country or Territory of that Member in the Athletics programme of any Other Relevant Competition.
- 4.4 An Athlete who has competed on behalf of the Country or Territory of a Member in a National Representative Competition or in any Other Relevant Competition (**"the First**



Member”) shall not be eligible to represent another Member in a National Representative Competition (**“the Second Member”**), except as follows:

4.4.1 in the following circumstances:

- a. if the Country or Territory (as applicable) of the First Member is subsequently incorporated in another Country that is or subsequently becomes a new Member, they may represent the new Member with immediate effect; or
- b. if the Country or Territory (as applicable) of the first Member ceases to exist and the Athlete becomes a Citizen as of right of a newly formed Country ratified by treaty or otherwise recognised at international level that subsequently becomes a new Member, they may represent the new Member with immediate effect; or
- c. if the Territory of a Member does not have a National Olympic Committee or other relevant body authorised to enter teams in Other Relevant Competitions, the Athlete may compete for the Territory’s parent Country in Other Relevant Competitions without affecting their eligibility to compete for the Member representing that Territory in National Representative Competitions;

4.4.2 alternatively, an Athlete may represent a Second Member with the approval of World Athletics in accordance with the Regulations on Eligibility to Represent a Member in National Representative Competitions, which approval shall be conditional upon:

- a. the Athlete observing a waiting period of three years from the date that the application for approval is made to World Athletics (during which period the Athlete must not represent any other Member in National Representative Competition or compete in any Other Relevant Competition); and
- b. the Athlete demonstrating that as at the end of the waiting period:
 - i. they are or will be aged twenty or over; and
 - ii. they are or will be a Citizen of the Country or of the parent Country of the Territory which the Member represents; and
 - iii. they have or will have a genuine, close, credible and established link to that Country or Territory (e.g., through Residence there).

4.5 As a general rule, an Athlete will only be permitted to transfer allegiance in accordance with Rule 4.4.2 once. In exceptional circumstances, World Athletics may permit the Athlete to transfer allegiance a second time, but only back to the original Member.

4.6 The Nationality Review Panel shall have discretion to waive or vary any of the requirements of Rule 4 in circumstances that are deemed exceptional and in accordance with the Regulations on Eligibility to Represent a Member in National Representative Competition. For the avoidance of doubt, Members may not



agree between themselves on any waiver or variation of any of the requirements set out in these Rules (e.g., a shortening of the waiting period) in a particular case.

- 4.7 The following is a non-exhaustive list of factors that World Athletics (or its delegate) may take into account in exercising the discretion conferred on it under Rule 4.6 above, should it see fit to do so:
- 4.7.1 where a Member applies for World Athletics approval of eligibility of an Athlete based on Citizenship acquired after birth, or for World Athletics approval of a transfer of allegiance from another Member, and/or requests a waiver or variation of some or all of the requirements for such approval, factors relevant to the exercise of discretion may include:
- a. whether the application is motivated by circumstances outside of the Athlete's control (e.g., war, refugee status) or by personal circumstances (e.g., a family move) that are unconnected to the Athlete's sporting abilities;
 - b. whether the application is motivated by the First Member being suspended from participation in International Competitions;
 - c. whether the First Member agrees to the transfer, and what (if anything) the Second Member has offered to the First Member to secure such agreement;
 - d. what (if anything) the Second Member has offered to the Athlete to induce them to agree to the transfer (i.e., in addition to Citizenship); and/or
 - e. whether the Second Member can show that the Athlete would actively promote a development programme that the Second Member has in place for home-grown Athletes, and would act as a role model for such Athletes; and
- 4.8 In addition, in the context of an application for approval made further to Rules 4.2.4 or 4.4.2 above, a Member is entitled to apply to have a period prior to the date of the application credited towards the waiting period, provided that it is able to demonstrate to the satisfaction of World Athletics that the requirements for approval have been met throughout the entire period (including the period pre-application). This may be particularly applicable, for example, where the Athlete in question was born in Country A to nationals of Country B and as a result has to wait until a given age (e.g., the age of majority) to acquire the Citizenship of Country B.
- 4.9 In the event that an issue arises in relation to eligibility to compete on behalf of a Member in National Representative Competitions that is not already addressed in these Rules, the Nationality Review Panel will address it in a manner that protects and advances the imperatives identified in Clause 1.2 of Regulations on Eligibility to Represent a Member in National Representative Competitions, and its decision will be final and binding on all parties.
- 4.10 For the avoidance of doubt, there is no limit on the number of Athletes that a Member may field in a National Representative Competition who have transferred allegiance to that Member in accordance with this Rule 4.



- 4.11 The Regulations on Eligibility to Represent a Member in National Representative Competitions shall govern the practical implementation of this Rule 4 (as applicable).

5. Requirements to Compete in International Competitions

- 5.1 Rule 5 applies to International Competitions where an Athlete is not representing their Member Federation but rather is competing in their own right. No Athlete may take part in an International Competition unless they:
- 5.1.1 are a member of a Club or a region affiliated to a Member; or
 - 5.1.2 are themselves affiliated to a Member; or
 - 5.1.3 have otherwise agreed to abide by the rules of a Member; or
 - 5.1.4 have been granted special eligibility by the Council to compete in that International Competition as a Neutral Athlete, and have satisfied any conditions to such eligibility specified by the Council; and
 - 5.1.5 for International Competitions at which World Athletics is responsible for doping control, have signed an agreement in a form set by World Athletics by which they agree to be bound by the Rules and Regulations (as amended from time to time) and to submit all disputes they may have with World Athletics or a Member to arbitration only in accordance with these Rules, accepting not to refer any such disputes to any Court or authority which is not provided for in these Rules.
- 5.2 Members may require that no Athlete or Club affiliated to the Member may take part in an International Competition in a foreign Country or Territory without the Member's written approval. In such a case, no Member hosting a competition shall allow any foreign Athlete or Club of the Member in question to take part without evidence of such permit certifying that the Athlete or Club is eligible and permitted to compete in the Country or Territory concerned. Members shall notify World Athletics of all such permit requirements. To facilitate compliance with this Rule, World Athletics shall maintain on its website a list of Members with such requirements. This Rule does not apply to Neutral Athletes.
- 5.3 No Athlete affiliated to a Member Federation may be affiliated to another Member without previous authorisation from their Member Federation of origin, if the rules of that Federation require such authorisation. Even then, the Member Federation of the Country or Territory in which the Athlete is residing cannot enter any Athlete's name for competitions in another Country or Territory without previous authorisation from the Member Federation of origin. In all cases under this Rule, the Member Federation of the Country or Territory in which the Athlete is residing shall send a written request to the Athlete's Member Federation of origin, and the Member Federation of origin shall send a written reply to that request within 30 days. Both of these communications shall be by a means that generates an acknowledgement of receipt. E-mail that includes a receipt function is acceptable for this purpose. If the response of the Athlete's Member Federation of origin is not received within the 30-day period, the authorisation shall be deemed to have been given.
- 5.4 In the event of a negative response to a request for authorisation under Rule 5.3, which response must be supported by reasons, the Athlete or the Member Federation of the Country or Territory in which the Athlete is residing may appeal against any such decision to the Chief Executive Officer.



- 5.5 Rule 5.3 only concerns Athletes aged 18 or over as at the 31st of December of the year in question. Rule 5.3 does not apply to Athletes who are not Citizens of a Country or Territory or to political refugees or to Neutral Athletes.

6. Ineligibility for International and Domestic Competitions

- 6.1 The following persons shall be ineligible for competitions, whether held under these Rules or the rules of an Area Association or a Member:

Any Athlete, Athlete Support Personnel or other person:

- 6.1.1 whose Member Federation is currently suspended by World Athletics. This does not apply to national competitions organised by the currently suspended Member for the Citizens of that Country or Territory;
- 6.1.2 who has been provisionally suspended or declared ineligible under the rules of their Member Federation from competing in competitions under the jurisdiction of that Member Federation, in so far as such suspension or ineligibility is consistent with these Rules;
- 6.1.3 who is currently serving a period of provisional suspension from competition under the Rules or Regulations;
- 6.1.4 who does not meet the eligibility requirements set out in these Eligibility Rules or the Eligibility Regulations Transgender Athletes or the Eligibility Regulations for the Female Classification ;
- 6.1.5 who does not meet the requirements of the Eligibility Regulations for Athletes using Mechanical Aids;
- 6.1.6 who has been declared ineligible as a result of a breach of the Anti-Doping Rules;
- 6.1.7 who has been suspended, disqualified, banned or otherwise declared ineligible by the Disciplinary Tribunal for a violation of the Integrity Code of Conduct including the violation of any Rule deemed to be part of or incorporated into the Integrity Code of Conduct;
- 6.1.8 who has been suspended or banned by the Ethics Board for a violation of the Former Code of Ethics,;
- 6.1.9 who has been declared ineligible as a result of conduct specified in Rule 7 below.
- 6.2 Notwithstanding Rule 6.1.1, upon application, the Council (or its delegate(s)) may exceptionally grant eligibility for some or all International Competitions, under conditions defined by the Council (or its delegate(s)), to an Athlete whose Member Federation is currently suspended by World Athletics, if (and only if) the Athlete is able to demonstrate to the comfortable satisfaction of the Council (or its delegate(s)) that:
- 6.2.1 the suspension of the Member Federation was not due in any way to its failure to protect and promote clean Athletes, fair play, and the integrity and authenticity of the sport; or



- 6.2.2 if the suspension of the Member Federation was due in any way to its failure to put in place adequate systems to protect and promote clean Athletes, fair play, and the integrity and authenticity of the sport.
- a. the Athlete is not directly implicated in any way (knowingly or unknowingly) by that failure; and
 - b. they have been subject to other, fully adequate, systems (including fully WADA Code-compliant drug-testing) for a sufficiently long period to provide substantial objective assurance of integrity; or
- 6.2.3 that the Athlete has made a truly exceptional contribution to the protection and promotion of clean Athletes, fair play, and the integrity and authenticity of the sport.

The more important the International Competition in question, the more corroborating evidence the Athlete must provide in order to be granted special eligibility under Rule 6.2 of these Rules. Where such eligibility is granted, the Athlete shall not represent the suspended Member Federation in the International Competition(s) in question, but rather shall compete in an individual capacity, as a 'Neutral Athlete'. The Council (or its delegate(s)) may reconsider a decision to grant or deny an application for eligibility under this Rule 6.2 where it deems it appropriate to do so (e.g., if new facts or new evidence emerge).

- 6.3 If an Athlete competes or has competed in a competition when not eligible to do so under Rule 3 of the Technical Rules or the Regulations thereunder or any previous version of the Rules in force at the relevant time (or any Regulations thereunder), without prejudice to any other disciplinary action that may be taken under the Rules, the Athlete and any team for which the Athlete competed may be disqualified from the competition with all resulting consequences for the Athlete and the team, including the forfeiture of all titles, awards, medals, points and prize and appearance money.
- 6.4 If an Athlete competes (or an Athlete Support Personnel or other person participates) in a competition, whether held under these Rules or the rules of an Area Association or Member, whilst Ineligible (as defined under the Anti-Doping Rules) to do so under the Anti-Doping Rules, the consequences set out in the Rules therein shall apply.
- 6.5 If an Athlete competes (or an Athlete Support Personnel or other person participates) in a competition, whether held under these Rules or the rules of an Area Association or Member, whilst ineligible to do so under any other Rule, the period of their ineligibility shall recommence from the time they last competed as though no part of a period of ineligibility had been served.

7. Persons Subject to Declaration of Ineligibility

- 7.1 Any Athlete, Athlete Support Personnel or other person:
- 7.1.1 who takes part or has taken part in an athletics competition or event in which any of the competitors were, to their knowledge, suspended from participation or ineligible to compete under these Rules or any previous version of the Rules or any Regulations thereunder, or which takes place in a Country or Territory of a suspended Member. This does not apply to any athletics competition which is restricted to the Masters' age group (in accordance with Rule 3 of the Technical Rules);



- 7.1.2 who takes part or has taken part in any athletics competition which is or was not authorised in accordance with Rule 1 of the Competition Rules;
- 7.1.3 who contravenes or has contravened these Eligibility Rules or the Regulations on Eligibility to Represent a Member in National Representative Competitions or the Neutral Athletes Regulations, or any previous version of those Rules or any Regulations thereunder;
- 7.1.4 who contravenes or has contravened the Athletes' Representatives Rules or any Regulations made thereunder, or any previous version of those Rules or any Regulations thereunder;
- 7.1.5 who commits or has committed a breach of any other Rule in force at the relevant time or any Regulation thereunder;

may be declared ineligible under Rules 7.2 to 7.6 of these Rules.

- 7.2 In addition to any declaration of ineligibility or annulment of results, or if at any time it is found that either an Athlete or their representatives and/or Member Federation has been acting or, has acted against the letter or spirit of these Rules or the Regulations on Eligibility to Represent a Member in National Representative Competitions (including any Rules or Regulations prior to these Rules coming into force), then the Chief Executive Officer (or their nominee) reserves the right to apply a range of sanctions including but not limited to:
 - 7.2.1 annulling any results obtained when the Athlete was not eligible to compete and making appropriate amendments to competition and other records to reflect the annulment(s);
 - 7.2.2 issuing a warning to the Athlete and/or Member Federation;
 - 7.2.3 imposing a fine on the Athlete and/or their Member Federation;
 - 7.2.4 disqualifying the Athlete and declaring the Athlete's performance as invalid for non-compliance with these Rules with all resulting consequences for the Athlete, including the forfeiture of all titles, awards, medals, points and prize and appearance money.
- 7.3 The Chief Executive Officer (or their nominee) may, if it considers it appropriate, announce, publish or otherwise communicate the reasons for any sanction applied pursuant to this Rule 7.
- 7.4 The Chief Executive Officer (or their nominee) will in addition to taking action under these Rules refer any potential breach of these Rules, by Applicable Persons, to the Athletics Integrity Unit.
- 7.5 Any potential breach of these Rules by Applicable Persons may amount to a breach of the Integrity Code of Conduct and, in addition to any action taken under these Rules, may be subject to investigation and prosecution by the Athletics Integrity Unit under the Athletics Integrity Unit Reporting, Investigation and Prosecution Rules (Non-Doping) and possible proceedings under the Disciplinary Tribunal Rules.
- 7.6 Any potential breach of these Rules (or any previous version of the Rules or Regulations) may also be referred to the relevant Member Federation and the Member Federation may be required by World Athletics to investigate and prosecute the matter



as appropriate. If a Member Federation fails to investigate or prosecute such a referral or to deal with the matter in a way that is satisfactory to World Athletics, World Athletics may take appropriate action itself for the potential breach of these Rules.

