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World Rankings – Culmination of Feedback

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All about timing...

IAAF World Rankings – IAAF World Championships/IOC Olympics qualification implications



Time period for inclusion within the Rankings

- Significant negative impact on athlete preparation as athletes will be required to continually perform to ensure they are ranked high enough
- For 2019 dates, there is no time for appeals and selection processes between the end of the rankings qualification period (6th September) and the likely final entry deadline (9th September)
- End of the qualification period for rankings is too close to holding camp dates
- Logistical operations of National Federations needs to be considered when formulating process and timeline. Moving the end of the qualification period forward by 2 weeks would make a significant positive difference

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Feedback continued...

- The process and timing of achieving qualification via rankings is a particularly challenging issue for Marathon/RW
- Generally, the proposed rankings system makes Championships/Trials events very difficult to manage
- For all events, athletes not knowing for sure if they are selectable until the end of a qualification window - being too close to a Championships is not a positive way to operate or healthy for the athletes

All about quality...

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Quality Feedback continued...

- Views included ‘whether there has been sufficient focus on quality of the fields produced by the rankings system’
- Our understanding of the qualification standards is that they will be set very high, providing opportunities for exceptional athletes to qualify who would otherwise struggle to do so via the rankings system (i.e. due to injury)
- Example:- demonstrated by an athlete, who (at the time of submitting the initial feedback was ranked 2nd in the World for the Men’s 100m, despite never having made a global outdoor final and being ranked only 21st in the world in 2017. His ranking is artificially “boosted” by virtue of his 2017 Diamond League final win, in which the quality of the competitors was not as high as many of the Diamond League races (and certainly not as high quality as a global final)
- Could there be an emphasis on placings (rather than times) for endurance events?

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Quality Feedback continued...

- National Championships are vital to the health of all Member Federations – The Championships, on many occasions across, MFs are used as ‘true selection’ for World/European events.
- Some Member Federations are reliant on TV and sponsorship and have existing contracts – rules already exist that athletes must compete in their Championships/Trials to be selected.
- Consideration should be given to assigning a higher score within the rankings for Championships/Trials – currently they have a much lower “value” than Diamond Leagues and other IAAF permit meetings. Could this encourage athletes and agents to target other meetings at the time of the Championships, at least for endurance disciplines
- Other regional Games and Championships such as the Balkan Games, Pan-Arab Games, Mediterranean Games, CAG Games, CISM World Games which is under category C should fall into category B.
- ECH should have a higher category or at least the same category as the DL Meetings

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Quality Feedback continued...

- Will the Relays/should the Relays be included in the World Rankings
- There should be a differentiation in ranking points between “DL disciplines” and “additional disciplines within a DL Meeting”
- International participants in National Championships should not get ranking points. Ranking points in National Championships should be allocated only to National athletes
- Some additional layers (or change in process) to be added to allow for poor performances in events where athletes only compete minimally over the year
 - i.e. marathon and combined events
- Banned athletes should be removed from the ranking lists

Publication of the rankings...

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Feedback continued...

- Finally, Publication of the Rankings
 - The up to date data will be vital to assist Member Federations selecting their teams
 - How will Member Federations receive/be notified of the data to assist with team selection
 - Will this be done on a 'live basis' or periodically during the qualification period?

Thank you for your attention

