

DEFINITION OF INTERNATIONAL-LEVEL ATHLETE

1. Rule 1.4.4 of the 2026 World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules (“Anti-Doping Rules”) defines who is an International-Level Athlete for the purpose of the Anti-Doping Rules as follows:

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- 1.4.4 *Within the overall pool of Athletes set out above who are bound by and required to comply with these Anti-Doping Rules, each of the following Athletes at the relevant time shall be considered to be an International-Level Athlete (“International-Level Athlete”) for the purposes of these Anti-Doping Rules and therefore the specific provisions in these Anti-Doping Rules applicable to International-Level Athletes (e.g., Testing, TUEs, whereabouts and Results Management) shall apply to such Athletes:*

(a) *An Athlete who is in the International Registered Testing Pool as published from time to time on the Integrity Unit website: <https://www.athleticsintegrity.org/know-the-process/registered-testing-pool>;*

(b) *An Athlete who is entered for, or is competing in, any of the following International Events:*

(i) *World Athletics Series Events;*

(ii) *The World Athletics Ultimate Championships;*

(iii) *the Athletics programme of the Olympic Games; and*

(iv) *such other International Events as shall be determined and published by the Integrity Unit on its website.*

[Comment to Rule 1.4.4(b)(iii). Athletes will only be International-Level Athletes for the purposes of these Anti-Doping Rules if they are included on the final list of entries for the relevant edition of the Olympic Games].

(c) *An Athlete who has Platinum or Gold Status under the World Athletics Label Road Races Programme, as published by the World Athletics on its website.*

(d) *For the purposes of Results Management responsibility, in addition to having Results Management responsibility over any Athlete falling within Rule 1.4.4(a), (b) or (c) above, the Integrity Unit shall have Results Management responsibility over Athletes or other Persons whenever the asserted anti-doping rule violation results from (i) Testing conducted under the Testing authority of World Athletics; (ii) an investigation conducted by the Integrity Unit, or (iii) in any of the other circumstances in which World Athletics/the Integrity Unit has Results Management responsibility under Rule 7.”*

2. For the purposes of Rule 1.4.4(c), the list of **Platinum** and **Gold** status Athletes for 2026 shall be published on the World Athletics website. The list for 2026 can be viewed here: [List of athletes with Platinum and Gold Status - WA Label Road Races 2026](#).
3. For the purposes of Rule 1.4.4(b)(iv), the list of International Events that have been determined by the Integrity Unit to be additional International Events in 2026 is set out in the Appendix to this note. An Athlete who is entered for, or is competing in, any of the International Events that are listed in the Appendix is an International-Level Athlete.
4. For the avoidance of doubt, if an athlete is an International-Level Athlete according to the definition in Rule 1.4.4 above, they are required to apply for a Therapeutic Use Exemption to the Athletics Integrity Unit (on behalf of World Athletics): see further Rule 4.4 of the Anti-Doping Rules and the relevant guidance for International-Level Athletes on the Athletics Integrity Unit website: [THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTIONS | Athletics Integrity Unit](#).

APPENDIX

(LIST OF ADDITIONAL INTERNATIONAL EVENTS FOR THE PURPOSES OF RULE 1.4.4(b)(iv))

WORLD INDOOR TOUR 2026 (GOLD)

JAN	24	New Balance Indoor Grand Prix	Boston, USA
FEB	01	Millrose Games	New York, USA
	03	Czech indoor Gala	Ostrava, CZE
	06	World Indoor Tour Madrid 2026	Madrid, ESP
	08	INIT Indoor Meeting Karlsruhe	Karlsruhe, GER
	11	Belgrade Indoor Meeting	Belgrade, SRB
	19	Meeting Hauts-de-France Pas-de-Calais "Trophée EDF"	Lievin, FRA
	22	ORLEN Copernicus Cup	Torun, POL

WORLD CROSS COUNTRY TOUR 2026 (GOLD)

JAN	18	LXXXIII Elgoibar Cross Country Juan Muguerza Memorial	Elgoibar, ESP
	25	69° Campaccio-International Cross Country	San Giorgio su Legnano, ITA
	25	CrossCup de Hannut	Hannut, BEL
FEB	08	Cross das Amendoeiras em Flor	Albufeira, POR
	14	Sirikwa Cross Country Classic	Nairobi, KEN
OCT	TBD	Cross Internacional Zornotza	Amorebieta-Etxano, ESP
	TBD	Cross de Atapuerca	Atapuerca, ESP
NOV	TBD	Cardiff Cross Country	Cardiff, GBR
	TBD	XXXI Campo a Través Internacional de Soria	Soria, ESP
	22	93 rd Cinque Mulini	San Vittore Olona, ITA
	TBD	Cross international Le Maine Libre-Allonnes-Sarthe	Allonnes, FRA

	TBD	XLII Cross Internacional de Itálica	Santiponce, ESP
	TBD	Cross Internacional de Alcobendas - Comunidad de Madrid	Alcobendas, ESP
DEC	TBD	The Great Chepsaita Cross Country	Eldoret, KEN
	TBD	Cross Internacional Venta de Baños	Venta de Baños, ESP

DIAMOND LEAGUE 2026

MAY	08	Diamond League Doha Meeting	Doha, QAT
	16	Shanghai Diamond League Meeting	Shanghai, CHN
	23	Xiamen Diamond League	Xiamen, CHN
	31	Meeting Intern. Mohammed VI d'Athlétisme de Rabat	Rabat, MAR
JUN	04	Golden Gala	Rome, ITA
	07	BAUHAUS-Galan	Stockholm, SWE
	10	Bislett Games	Oslo, NOR
	26	Meeting de Paris	Paris, FRA
JUL	04	Prefontaine Classic	Eugene, USA
	10	Herculis Meeting International d'Athlétisme EBS	Monaco, MON
	18	Novuna London Athletics Meet	London, GBR
AUG	21	Athletissima	Lausanne, SUI
	23	Silesia Kamila Skolimowska Memorial	Chorzow, POL
	27	Weltklasse Zurich – Diamond League Finals	Zurich, SUI
SEP	04-09	Memorial Van Damme	Brussels, BEL

WORLD ATHLETICS CONTINENTAL TOUR 2026 (GOLD)

MAR	28	Maurie Plant Meet	Melbourne, AUS
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APR	24	Kip Keino Classic	Nairobi, KEN
MAY	17	Golden Grand Prix 2026	TBC, JPN
	29	8th Irena Szewinska Memorial	Bydgoszcz, POL
JUN	03	Paavo Nurmi Games	Turku, FIN
	06	USATF New York City Games	Devonshire, BER
	14	USATF LA Grand Prix	Los Angeles, USA
	16	64th Ostrava Golden Spike	Ostrava, CZE
	21	FBK Games	Hengelo, NED
	28	WACT Zagreb - 75. Boris Hanžeković Memorial	Zagreb, CRO
JUL	14	Gyulai István Memorial - Hungarian Athletics Grand Prix	Budapest, HUN
AUG	30	Grande Prêmio Atletismo Brasil - Continental Tour Gold	Sao Paulo, BRA

WORLD ATHLETICS COMBINED EVENTS TOUR 2026 (GOLD)

MAY	30-31	Hypomeeting	Gotzis, AUT
JUN	27-28	Stadtwerke Ratingen Mehrkampf-Meeting 2026	Ratingen, GER
JUL	11-12	5th Wiesław Czapiewski Memorial	Nakło nad Notecią, POL
SEP	18-19	Décaster	Talence, FRA

WORLD ATHLETICS RACE WALKING TOUR 2026 (GOLD)

MAR	01-02	Chinese Race Walking Grand Prix	Taicang, CHN
	07	45th Dudinska 50	Dudince, SVK
APR	25	Korzeniowski Warsaw Race Walking Cup	Warszawa, POL
	09	94th Podebrady Walking	Poděbrady, CZE
MAY	16	33° Grande Prémio Internacional de Rio Maior em Marcha	Rio Maior, POR

	23	XXXVII Gran Premio Cantones de A Coruna de Marcha	La Coruna, ESP
	31	IV GP Internacional Madrid Marcha Silbo Telecom	Madrid, ESP

AREA FEDERATIONS MAIN CHAMPIONSHIPS

FEB	06-09	Asian Indoor Championships	Tianjin, CHN
MAY	18-21	Oceanian Championships	Darwin, AUS
AUG	10-16	European Championships	Birmingham, GBR
	TBD	African Championships	Accra, GHA