



DIAMOND LEAGUE MEETINGS REGULATIONS

2026 Status Requirements

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1. General Principles

- 1.1 The Diamond League shall include the best invitational outdoor athletics meetings in the world.
- 1.2 Regulations governing the Diamond League shall be issued to the Diamond League Meeting Organisers (the Organiser) and may be amended every year by World Athletics, in agreement with the Diamond League Association.
- 1.3 The precise requirements are defined hereunder.
- 1.4 The Organiser agrees to respect all World Athletics Rules and Regulations including decisions made pursuant to them, and decisions taken by the General Assembly of the Diamond League Association.
- 1.5 At least one person from the host Member Federation, selected in agreement with the Organiser, must be co-opted onto the organising committee for liaison purposes.
- 1.6 Each Diamond League Meeting Organiser must register their Meet with World Athletics for inclusion on the World Athletics Global Calendar. The Diamond League calendar can be found on the [World Athletics website](#) and the [Diamond League website](#).
- 1.7 No application shall be considered if Diamond League requirements were not met in the previous year and/or if they are not guaranteed for the year of application.

2. Evaluation and Reporting

- 2.1 All Diamond League Meetings will undergo an annual evaluation on all aspects of their organisation following the system agreed by the Diamond League Association:
 - level of the athletes competing,
 - attendance of spectators;
 - respect of these Regulations;
 - respect of all other World Athletics Rules and Regulations, as well as other requirements agreed with the Diamond League Association;
 - compliance with such guidelines as the Television Production and Graphic Branding Guidelines;
 - respect of the financial commitments towards the athletes;
 - conduct of anti-doping measures;
 - technical conduct of the competition;
 - services provided to the athletes;
 - event presentation;
 - Diamond League concept and office support;
 - media services.
- 2.2 The status can be cancelled according to procedures agreed by the Diamond League Association General Assembly.

- 2.3 Technical Delegates nominated by World Athletics as well as any other Delegates nominated by the Diamond League Association, shall be ready to give assistance to the Organiser and the Organiser shall guarantee full co-operation with the Delegates.
- 2.4 Following each Diamond League Meeting, the Organiser and the designated Delegates shall each be required to complete a detailed Delegate Report Form concerning the staging of the Meeting to be returned to World Athletics by no later than 10 days after the Meeting.
- 2.5 A copy of each Delegate Report Form sent to World Athletics will also be sent to the Organiser concerned. Once they have provided their own Director Report, a copy of all reports will also be sent to the Diamond League Association.

3. Minimum Requirements for Application

3.1 Minimum standards of organisation

As a minimum requirement, the Organiser must observe and respect the decisions of the Diamond League Association and World Athletics Rules, Regulations and designated Guidelines. If a Diamond League Meeting has been evaluated as having not satisfied the minimum requirements for the previous season's status, World Athletics retains the right not to deliver a permit, to downgrade the Meeting and/or to request the Quality Commission of the Diamond League Association to impose penalties.

3.2 Stadium and Technical Aspects

- Capacity (spectators) 12,000
- Minimum Number of Lanes 8

All track and field facilities and competition equipment must conform to the Rules and Regulations as amended from time to time. Further to this general requirement:

- Athletics Facility Certificate Class 1 is preferred but must be at least Class 2
- Warm-up area Adequate for all disciplines
- Equipment World Athletics certified
- Implements Provided, except vaulting poles, World Athletics certified
- Runways Bi-directional
- Timing Electronic, bib transponders
- Electronic False Start Yes
- Measurement EDM or VDM
- Display Adequate numbers of clocks and rotating boards, one per field event
- Data processing TV compatible
- Results service According to World Athletics Guidelines

- Video Screen Full video, minimum of one screen

3.3 Programme of Diamond League Meetings

- The list of disciplines at each Diamond League Meeting is decided by the Diamond League Association General Assembly.
- The programme of any Diamond League Meeting is by default composed of 14 Diamond League disciplines. Additional disciplines chosen by the Organiser and approved by the Diamond League Association's board may complement the main programme. Each Meeting's programme shall be published on the Diamond League website.
 - **Diamond Plus:** An Organiser may identify four disciplines (which must be two male and two female) that features higher prize money than the amounts stated in Regulation 3.5. The Organiser of the Diamond League Final may identify eight disciplines (four male and four female) that features higher prize money than the amounts stated in Regulation 3.5. The Organiser must notify the Diamond League Association Board no later than two weeks prior to their Meeting of their choice of disciplines.
- The 32 disciplines of the Diamond League are as follows:
 - **Men:** 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m/Mile, 3000m/5000m, 3000m SC, 110mH, 400mH, High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Shot Put, Discus Throw, Javelin Throw;
 - **Women:** 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m/Mile, 3000m/5000m, 3000m SC, 100mH, 400mH, High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Shot Put, Discus Throw, Javelin Throw.
- Organisers may also choose to hold one or more "similar event(s)" in middle distance disciplines as follows:
 - 1000m counts as the 800m, scoring the same points
 - Mile or 2000m counts as the 1500m, scoring the same points
 - 2 miles counts as the 3000m, scoring the same points
 - 300mH counts as the 400mH, scoring the same points

3.4 Participation Field

- Although Organisers are not required to invite any particular Athletes or groups of Athletes to their Diamond League Meetings, recommendations listed under Regulation 3.4(b) concerning the Athletes' participation shall apply.
- Where applicable, the Organiser should allow at least one starting place in each event for national Athletes and for the Diamond League Champion of the previous season.

- c. For any Athlete (including a ‘Ranked Athlete’ as defined in the Athletes’ Representatives Rules), Organisers must only negotiate their participation in the Meeting with:
- i. a World Athletics licensed Athletes’ Representative;
 - ii. a Member Federation who has received the prior written consent of World Athletics’ CEO to represent the athlete;
 - iii. the Athlete themselves (if they have chosen to represent themselves).

A complete list of registered Athletes’ Representatives is available from World Athletics website at <https://worldathletics.org/athletes/athlete-representatives>

- d. Once an athlete (or an Athletes Representative on their behalf) has accepted a starting place in a Diamond League meet, and subsequently withdraws for any reason 5 days or less before the Meeting, the athlete cannot compete in a World Rankings Competition (including a Diamond League or Continental Tour meet) for 5 days following the date of the originally accepted Meeting. For the avoidance of doubt, Organisers must not invite an athlete subject to the 5 day period. If an Organiser discovers they have invited such an athlete and are still within the 5 day period then they must withdraw their invitation.
- e. The restriction at Regulation 3.4 (d) can only be waived with the written acceptance of the Technical Delegate of the Meeting in which the athlete originally accepted to compete in and subsequently withdrew from or if for any reason the Technical Delegate is unable to, the World Athletics’ Chief Executive Officer (or their nominee), may waive the restriction instead. For the avoidance of doubt, withdrawal for genuine reasons (e.g. illness, injury, bereavement, family emergencies etc.) will be presumed acceptable with supporting information.

3.5 Prize Money at Diamond League Meetings 2026

- a. Each Diamond League Meeting has the obligation to award the following Prize money for the Diamond League Disciplines, (total US Dollars 30,000 at Diamond League series meetings and US Dollars 60,000 at the Finals) and the Diamond League Plus Disciplines (total US Dollars 40,000 at Diamond League series meetings and US Dollars 100,000 at the Final).

WDL Series Meetings		WDL Series Diamond Plus Disciplines	WDL Final		WDL Final Diamond Plus Disciplines
Place	Prize Money	Prize Money	Place	Prize Money	Prize Money
1	10,000 USD	20, 000 USD	1	30,000 USD	60, 000 USD
2	6,000 USD	6, 000 USD	2	12,000 USD	20, 000 USD
3	4,000 USD	4, 000 USD	3	7,000 USD	9, 000 USD
4	3,000 USD	3, 000 USD	4	4,000 USD	4, 000 USD

WDL Series Meetings		WDL Series Diamond Plus Disciplines	WDL Final		WDL Final Diamond Plus Disciplines
Place	Prize Money	Prize Money	Place	Prize Money	Prize Money
5	2,500 USD	2, 500 USD	5	2,500 USD	2, 500 USD
6	2,000 USD	2, 000 USD	6	2,000 USD	2, 000 USD
7	1, 500 USD	1, 500 USD	7	1,500 USD	1, 500 USD
8	1, 000 USD	1, 000 USD	8	1,000 USD	1, 000 USD
Total	30,000 USD	40, 000 USD	Total	60,000 USD	100, 000 USD

The prize money for places 9th to 12th in the 1500m, 3000m/5000m and 3000m SC disciplines is as follows for:

WDL Series Meetings		WDL Series Diamond Plus Disciplines	WDL Final		WDL Final Diamond Plus Disciplines
Place	Prize Money		Place	Prize Money	
9	500 USD for each place		9*	500 USD for each place	
10					
11					
12					

- b. At the end of the Diamond League series meetings, the Athletes with the most points in each Diamond League discipline will qualify for a place in the Diamond League Final, where all 32 Diamond League Champions will be crowned in a two-day season Final.
- c. In case of a tie for the same position the prize money corresponding to the position will be divided into equal shares between the athletes tying for this position.
- d. The minimum bonus awarded for breaking a World Record is US Dollars 50,000.
- e. Prize money and promotional fees must be paid within thirty (30) days following notification by the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) to the Organiser that there has been no adverse analytical finding in the doping control of samples taken at the Diamond League Meeting and a minimum of thirty (30) days has elapsed since the competition. The payments are to be based on invoices which must comply with the communicated legal, fiscal and procedural requirements of the Organiser.

- f. Payment of travel reimbursements will be made either at the time of the Diamond League Meeting or within two (2) weeks after the Meeting, provided the necessary paperwork has been submitted to the Organiser.
- g. Upon request by the Quality Commission of the Diamond League Association, an Organiser shall provide, within two (2) weeks, all proof of the payment made according to these Regulations and the agreements signed by the athletes (or their representatives).

3.6 Scoring at Diamond League Meeting

- a. The top eight (8) Athletes in each Diamond Discipline shall be awarded the same points at each Diamond League Meeting:

Scoring	
Place	Points
1	8 points
2	7 points
3	6 points
4	5 points
5	4 points
6	3 points
7	2 points
8	1 point

**For clarity, places 9th to 12th in the 1500m/Mile, the 3000m/5000m and 3000m SC races do not score points.*

- b. To qualify for the Diamond League Final, each of the 32 Diamond League disciplines athletes will earn points at the Diamond League Series Meetings where the discipline is staged.
- c. In case of a tie:
- For the same discipline, the points will not be divided between the tying athletes, but each tying athlete will receive the full amount of points corresponding to the place;
 - For the same position to qualify for the Diamond League Final, the athlete will be chosen according to the best legal performance amongst those achieved in the Diamond League Meetings.
- d. The Athlete winning the final of a Diamond League discipline will become the “Diamond League Champion” of that discipline.

- e. The winner / champion of the Diamond League will be offered a wild card entry for participation at the next scheduled World Athletics Championships.

3.7 Medical

All Meetings of the Diamond League shall include:

- an emergency medical structure and ambulance on site, including resuscitation and minor stitching;
- physiotherapy at the stadium and at the athletes' hotel.

3.8 Anti-Doping

- a. The Anti-Doping Rules (and appendices) in force are to be strictly observed;
- b. Facilities available at the doping control station must meet the minimum requirements as set out by the AIU and provided to the Organisers by the AIU ahead of the season;
- c. A minimum of fifteen (15) doping control tests are to be conducted, of which two (2) must be EPO/ERA analysis and four (4) GHRF analysis. Additional tests shall be conducted:
 - systematically when an Athlete breaks or equals a World and/or an Area Record (if more than one athlete breaks or equals the record in the same event, then all athletes concerned must be tested);
 - when requested by any Athlete who has broken a National Record.
- d. For the Diamond League Final, a minimum of twenty-three (23) doping control tests are to be conducted, of which three (3) must be EPO/ERA analysis and six (6) GHRF analysis.
- e. Samples shall be analysed by a WADA accredited laboratory designated by the AIU:
 - at the Organisers' expense, when the doping controls are conducted at the AIU's request and in the case when an Athlete breaks or equals a World and/or an Area Record;
 - at the Athlete's expense, if the control is made at their request;
- f. Doping Control for men and women must be conducted in separate rooms;
- g. Athletes having to undergo doping control must be provided with dedicated transport,
- h. EPO testing shall be conducted in accordance with the EPO Protocol;
- i. If the sample indicates the presence of a substance that is on the current WADA List of Prohibited Substances and Methods, the Athlete concerned shall be informed through his/ her Member Federation in accordance with the test results management procedure and will not be allowed to compete provisionally in further competitions until resolution of the case as appropriate.

3.9 Media

The services to be provided to the press and photographers must comply with the current World Athletics Media Guidelines as well as these Regulations, Media tribune facilities, result services, Internet and press conferences minimum requirements are as follows:

- Tribune Dedicated seats
- Equipment TV monitors + CIS
- Results service Hard copies (upon request) + CIS
- Internet / Web Meeting website with start-lists and results
- Press releases Frequency to be determined by each Organiser
- Photographers High-speed internet access - WIFI or cabled - should be guaranteed for photos to be sent electronically from stadium Media working area
- Press conferences A minimum of 2 (two)

3.10 Television

- a. The international TV rights for the Diamond League are marketed by Infront;
- b. Television production and service to broadcasters will have to comply with the Diamond League TV Production Standards;
- c. Broadcast (60 minutes minimum) is compulsory in the host country;
- d. Each Diamond League Meeting/ host broadcaster will provide Infront and the Diamond League AG with a professional quality, digital recording of the competition on hard drive and cloud solution.

3.11 Logistics

Diamond League Meeting headquarters hotel and transport facilities provided by the Organiser must comply with the following:

- Hotel star rating 4*
- Athletes' transport to/from hotel, stadium, airport, train station
- Delegates Pool cars
- Vaulting poles Transport and storage

3.12 World Athletics Delegates and Staff

World Athletics Delegates and Staff attending the Diamond League Meeting shall be given full co-operation and support as defined in the respective agreements between the Diamond League AG and the Organiser.

3.13 Insurance

The Organiser must ensure the Diamond League Meeting is covered by a liability insurance policy, in favour of the athletes, officials and spectators, to cover risks for which they may be liable. Another insurance policy should be taken against the risks of cancellation by the Organiser. Athletes, however, are responsible to take out their own insurance cover for medical and accidents.

3.14 Marketing and other rights

The Organiser and Diamond League Association guarantee to abide by the agreements between the Diamond League Association and World Athletics regarding all marketing and other rights granted to World Athletics. The Organiser and Diamond League Association agree to comply with and implement the Marketing & Advertising Regulations concerning event branding as set out at C7.5 of the [Book of Rules](#).

3.15 Sustainability

Organisers must meet and report in accordance with the Sustainable Event Standard set out in the following link <https://worldathletics.org/athletics-better-world/sustainability/athletics-for-a-better-world-standard>

4. Entry of Athletes

4.1 Participation of athletes in Diamond League Meetings is at the discretion of the Organisers. However, invitations are subject to compliance with the Rules and Procedures agreed by the General Assembly of the Diamond League Association.

4.2 Based on points received at Diamond League Meetings, the following number of athletes will be invited to participate in the Diamond League Final:

- Lane disciplines: Top 8 in 100m, 100m Hurdles, 110m Hurdles and 800m (Top 7 for the 200m, 400m and 400m Hurdles should the stadium where the Final is held only has 8 lanes)
- Middle / long-distance disciplines (1500m / 5000m/ 3000m SC): Top 10
- Field disciplines: Top 6

4.3 Pursuant Regulation 3.4 (b) above and in accordance with the Athletes' Representative Rules, Organisers must negotiate with the licensed Athletes' Representative, for any Athlete invited to participate in the Meeting.

4.4 National wild cards at the Diamond League Final are permitted as follows:

- For all track disciplines, one male and one female athlete from the country in which the final is taking place can be offered a wild card provided that their standard is adequate to compete at that level.
- For all field events, one male or one female athlete from the country in which the Final is taking place can be offered a wild card provided that their standard is adequate to compete at that level.

4.5 Requirements for a Global Wild Card to the Diamond League Final:

- Where a Diamond League Meeting Organiser has not already granted a National Wild Card (i.e. a Global Wild Card and National Wild Card cannot be applied together in the same Diamond League Meeting). In exceptional circumstances and provided that all other requirements within these Regulations are satisfied and subject to the maximum number of National Wild Card and Global Wild Card Athletes (i.e. there is sufficient capacity to accommodate both athletes), the Diamond League Association's Board may, in its sole discretion, invite a National Wild Card and Global Wild Card athlete to compete in the same discipline (e.g. 800m / 1500m / 5000m / field disciplines / sprints (if the track has 9 lanes).

- The maximum number of Global Wild Cards is up to four athletes. In principle, two men and two women may receive a Global Wild Card.
- Are decided and granted to identified athletes by the Diamond League Association's Board (who may delegate responsibility to a sub-committee of Diamond League Association Members), in consultation with the organiser of the WDL Final.
- To be eligible and considered for a Global Wild Card athletes must:
 - have either competed and achieved a result in at least one Diamond League meeting during the season or competed and got injured at a Diamond League Meeting. Where an athlete sustained a genuine verifiable injury and was unable to compete in any Diamond League meetings prior to the final, then the Diamond League Association's Board, in its sole discretion, may grant a Global Wild Card provided that all other requirements within these Regulations are satisfied and the athlete has demonstrated that they have been a consistent participant and loyal supporter of the Diamond League meetings throughout the preceding season. For the avoidance of doubt, where the Diamond League Association's Board exercising its discretion it includes a waiver of the requirement for the athlete to have competed in a minimum of one Diamond League meeting during the current season;
 - be placed in the top 5 World Rankings of their discipline, or in the top 20 of the overall World Rankings, or be the current World Record Holder, or the current Olympic/ World / Diamond League champion;
- If granted a Global Wild Card, the athlete will not be eligible to receive Prize Money or the Wild Card for World Championships scheduled to be held in the same year but instead may be offered a special promotional fee.
- If they win, a Global Wild Card athlete will be awarded the Diamond League trophy and the title of Diamond League Champion.

5. Technical

- 5.1 Organisers shall make the provisional Entry List and Timetable available on the Diamond League website (www.diamondleague.com) at least seven days before the Diamond League Meeting.
- 5.2 World Athletics (worldathleticsmeetingresults@worldathletics.org) shall be notified as soon as the Entry List and Timetable are available.
- 5.3 The Organiser must hold a Technical Meeting the day before the competition and shall inform World Athletics (worldathleticsmeetingresults@worldathletics.org) of its date, time and venue.
- 5.4 After the Technical Meeting, the Organiser shall post the Start Lists on the Diamond League website (www.diamondleague.com) and send them to World Athletics: (worldathleticsmeetingresults@worldathletics.org)..

The Start List should include:

- Discipline
- Diamond League Points and Standings

- Athlete's Surname and Name
- Athlete's Country Code
- Athlete's Date/Year of Birth

5.5 Results will be made available online immediately after the conclusion of each event. At the same time, they shall be sent to World Athletics (worldathleticsmeetingresults@worldathletics.org). If this is not possible, results must be sent within one hour of the end of the competition at the latest.

Results should include:

- Discipline
- Diamond League Points and Standings
- Athlete's Position
- Athlete's Surname and Name
- Athlete's Country Code
- Athlete's Mark
- Wind: 100m, 100mH and 110mH
- Wind for each trial: LJ, TJ
- Trials: HJ, PV, SP, JT, DT

5.6 For disciplines from 100m to 800m inclusive, allocation of lanes will be at the Organiser's discretion. They will take into consideration current performances and local conditions.

5.7 The events that have a Final 3 competition element are the Long Jump, Triple Jump, Shot Put, Javelin Throw and Discus Throw (each a 'Final 3 event') Seeding & Rounds of Trials 1 - 3

Before the competition, athletes are seeded as determined by the Organisers. The best seeded throwers and jumpers in each Final 3 event are to perform at the start of each of the first three rounds of trials (i.e., in rounds of trials 1-3, athletes take their trials in the ranking order based on the seeding (best ranked, second best ranked, third best ranked, etc.)).

Rounds of Trials 4 & 5

After round 3, the order of the eight remaining athletes in each Final 3 event is re-drawn (i.e. the eight athletes with the best valid performances after the first three rounds of trials shall be allowed two additional trials).

The best performing athletes that were re-drawn after round of trial 3 will throw / jump at the start of rounds of trials 4 and 5 (i.e. the competing order of the eight remaining athletes for rounds of trials 4-5 is the ranking order recorded after the first three rounds of trials, i.e. the best performing athlete, second best, third best, etc.).

'Final 3' round (Round of trial 6)

After round 5, the top three athletes get one additional trial each and the order is re-drawn. The first placed athlete throws / jumps first, the second placed athlete throws / jumps second and the third placed athlete throws / jumps third.

Winner

The best throw or jump from the entire competition will win the Final 3 event and **not** the best throw or jump in the 'Final 3' round. Subsequent places will also be determined by the best performances during the entire competition and **not** the 'Final 3' round.

5.8 The maximum size of fields (including pacemakers) should be as follows:

- 800m 11 Athletes including pacemakers
- 1500m 15 Athletes including pacemakers
- 3000m/5000m 18 Athletes including pacemakers
- Field disciplines 8 Athletes + maximum 2 national athletes
12 athletes in High Jump and Pole Vault

5.9 The minimum number of athletes in technical disciplines is six (6).

6. Breaches and Sanctions

6.1 In the event of an allegation of breach of any of these Regulations or World Athletics' Rules or Regulations generally, the alleged breach will be investigated and, if applicable and subject to Regulation 6.2 below, sanctioned in accordance with the Disputes and Disciplinary Proceedings Rules.

6.2 If the Disciplinary Officer finds there has been a breach of these Regulations or other relevant World Athletics Rule or Regulation, **in addition** to the sanctions set out in the Disputes and Disciplinary Rules, they may impose any one or more of the following sanctions:

6.2.1 withdrawal of the Organisers' current Permit;

6.2.2 downgrade the Organiser's Permit;

6.2.3 not accept the results from the Organiser's meeting as being 'official' and invalidate the results in the World Athletics statistics or results;

6.2.4 place conditions on future applications from the Organiser for a World Athletics Permit;

6.2.5 prohibit the Organiser from applying for a meeting Permit for a period as may be appropriate in the circumstances.

6.3 Where the Disciplinary Officer makes a finding against an Organiser:

6.3.1 World Athletics or its delegate(s) may publish the decision and/or the sanction as World Athletics (or its delegate(s)) considers appropriate.

6.3.2 a copy of the findings will be provided to the Member Federation where the Organiser's meeting is or would have normally been held.