

Members of the Nationality Review Panel

Role

The Nationality Review Panel of World Athletics (the Panel) is established pursuant to Regulation 2.1 of the Transfer of Allegiance Regulations (the Regulations) and is appointed by, and reports to, the World Athletics Council.

The Panel's primary role is to decide if an athlete can represent a Member Federation based on the criteria set out in Rule 4 of the Eligibility Rules (the Rules) and the Regulations. The Rules and Regulations can be found [here](#) (See Books C3.3 and C3.4). The Rules and Regulations were recently amended by the Council, and the key amendments can be found in Circular M/17/26.

The Panel reviews and make decisions following applications submitted by Member Federations concerning either the eligibility (i.e. when an athlete has never previously competed for a Member Federation) of an athlete to represent a Member Federation or transfer of allegiance (i.e. where an athlete has previously competed for a Member Federation) of an athlete from one Member Federation to another.

The Panel can have up to nine (9) members within its pool, from which a minimum of three (3) members are chosen by the Chairperson to consider the applications received from Member Federations. In July 2022 Council appointed four (4) new members to the pool whose term of office run until 31 July 2026; and at the Council meeting in August 2023, three (3) members were appointed to the NRP whose term office run until 2027. In July 2024, Council confirmed the term of office of the two (2) Council Members (one of whom is the Chairperson) until 2027 at the end of their current Council mandate.

World Athletics now seeks applications for four (4) member positions on the Panel for appointment by the World Athletics Council in July 2026. The appointment will be for a period of four years ending in July 2030. The current members whose term of office expires may re-apply for appointment.

The Panel frequently receives applications (approximately 40 to 50 applications per year) for its consideration and decision. To fulfil its responsibilities, each Panel either meets virtually or considers matters through email consultation.

Individual Attributes

The members of the Panel will collectively have experience in the areas of governance and being on a decision-making panel everyone will be appointed primarily for his/her qualification and/or expertise in the subject matter of the Panel. As all members will be bound by the Integrity Code of Conduct applicants must have impeccable integrity. Shortlisted applicants will also be vetted by the Vetting Panel.

The members of the Panel will have relevant governance and experience from being a member of panel making rule-based decisions. Experience of dealing with eligibility and/or transfers of athletes within athletics or other sports bodies is a bonus.

Position Description & Application Information

Administration

If travel is required, then World Athletics will arrange travel and accommodation and reimburse travel expenses in accordance with World Athletics policy. The role is not remunerated.

Key Actions and Dates

Please find listed below the key actions for prospective applicants which Member Federations and Area Associations should also be aware of:

- A **Cover Letter** detailing the applicant's suitability (against the criteria listed) outlining their skills and experience, how they will contribute to the Nationality Review Panel and the reasons for applying;
- A full **Curriculum Vitae** or a **Competency statement** aligned with the role description (Applicants choosing to submit a competency statement (in place of a CV) are invited to provide a concise document (maximum 2 pages) setting out their relevant experience and expertise against the criteria listed);
- **Contact details:** email address and telephone numbers (including mobile);
- **Referees:** contact details of three (3) referees; and
- **Endorsement:** written endorsement supporting the application from the applicant's Member Federation or Area Association is welcomed but not required.

All applicants should also review the Vetting Rules, a copy of which is available [here](#) (See Book B3.2).

The key dates of the application process are below:

Date	Action
22 May 2026 <i>(23:59 CEST)</i>	Deadline for submission of candidates for the Nationality Review Panel: nominations.panel@worldathletics.org
22 May 2026 to 19 June 2026	Review applications, compile shortlist & conduct interviews
By 26 June 2026	Conduct vetting of the shortlisted candidates
July 2026	Council Decision on proposed appointment of four Nationality Review Panel Members and notification of Council's decision

Applications should be emailed to nominations.panel@worldathletics.org by no later than 23:59 (CEST) on 22 May 2026.