

Authorised Neutral Athletes

2020 Guidance Note

1. Following the World Athletics Council's decision on 12 March 2020 to reinstate the Authorised Neutral Athlete process, this note is issued to provide guidance to athletes from Russia who seek to compete as Neutral Athletes in International Competitions taking place in 2020.
2. The note should be read in conjunction with the latest version of the Guidelines for Applications under Eligibility Rule 3.2 that were approved by the Doping Review Board in May 2020: [2020 Guidelines](#) ("the Guidelines").
3. Athletes granted Neutral Athlete status for 2019 who wish to re-apply for such status in 2020 should submit their applications on the following form: [2020 Application Form \(2019 ANA\)](#).
4. Athletes who were denied Neutral Athlete status for 2019 (or earlier) and wish to re-apply for 2020, or who are submitting an application for Neutral Athlete status for the first time for 2020, should submit their applications on the following form: [2020 Application Form \(Standard\)](#).
5. All applications should be submitted to the following e-mail address: applications.neutralathletes@worldathletics.org
6. No application will be processed unless the applicable application fee (if any)¹ has been received to the account below. Applicants must make sure when paying the application fee that the accompanying bank reference specifies that the payment is for ANA purposes and includes the athlete's name (in English). For example, "ANA: Name".

Account name: World Athletics – 765212202
Account number: 76521220411/USD
Bank: Barclays Bank PLC Monaco
IBAN number: MC58 1244 8610 1776 5212 2041 120
BIC number: BARCMCMX
Currency: USD

7. In accordance with paragraph 2 of the Guidelines, the application must be accompanied by an official letter from the applicant's National Federation certifying (i) that the application form (and any accompanying documentation) is complete and accurate to the best of the federation's information and belief, (ii) that the applicant has paid the applicable application fee, and (iii) advising whether the National Federation endorses

¹ The application fee is USD250 per application.

the application. In addition, the application must be accompanied by an official letter from the athlete's National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO) confirming details of the athlete's inclusion in the NADO's testing pool for the last 12 months, the athlete's ADAMS ID under which the NADO's testing data can be retrieved in ADAMS, any past anti-doping rule violations prosecuted by the NADO and their outcomes, and any ongoing result management procedures, including any provisional suspensions currently imposed.

8. In accordance with the Guidelines, World Athletics will not process applications if they are submitted less than 4 weeks before the entry deadline for the International Competitions for which eligibility is sought. The relevant deadlines for submitting Neutral Athlete applications to compete in International Competitions in 2020 that have not already been postponed or cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic are as follows:

Competition	Date of competition	Deadline for Final Entries	Deadline for submitting ANA applications	Relevant Period (para 7.5)
World Athletics Half Marathon Championships	17 October 2020	27 September 2020	30 August 2020	12 months
European Athletics Cross Country Championships	13 December 2020	3 December 2020	5 November 2020	12 months

9. For International Competitions for which there are no entry deadlines (e.g., Diamond League and other invitational one-day meetings), applications should be submitted as early as possible to ensure that they can be processed in time. If an applicant is granted Neutral Athlete status to compete in a one-day meeting, it is still for the relevant Meeting Director to decide if the applicant is invited to the meeting.
10. Applications that meet all the relevant requirements under the Guidelines shall be processed by the World Athletics Secretariat and referred to the Doping Review Board. The Doping Review Board shall conduct its review of the application in accordance with the Guidelines as soon as practicable but it cannot guarantee doing so by any particular deadline. In particular, and without limitation, the Doping Review Board reserves the right not to approve individual applications for Neutral Athlete status for 2020 until such time as any stored samples for the applicant have been subjected to re-analysis (at RusAF's cost) and it has thereby been able to satisfy itself that the applicant is not implicated (knowingly or unknowingly) in RusAF's failure to put in place adequate systems to protect and promote clean athletes, fair play, integrity and authenticity of sport.