



To: participating countries and contacts

Date: 13 July 2023

Subject: World Masters Mountain Running Championships – entries control

Dear Friends,

World Mountain Running Association started organizing Masters World Championships in 1998, and since 2001, this annual event is organized in a partnership between WMRA and World Masters Athletics.

Entries are open to all runners between 35 and 79 years of age who are current members of their national athletic federation and/or masters athletics national association. This requirement is mandatory for all athletes who are registered this year. Athletes can complete their registration via the event web page and NAF representatives from the respective countries must confirm that each individual is a member.

At all other international masters' athletic competitions, this membership is required for entry and the organizers have to confirm athletes' membership before the runners get their start numbers. There are several reasons for this and potential positive doping test is only one of them.

The Entry and control procedure is defined in the WCh Regulations, item 206.5.c – see extract below.

The following procedure will be in place for this year's event:

1. The federation sends us the name of the person responsible for reviewing and confirming membership status of the registered runners from their nation; in fact the individual could be the same as for the track and field or road running Championships' verification. Please send the name of the contact at the federation **by August 8**. This is one week before the event registration deadline which is August 15.
2. The federation contact person will receive a full list of the entered runners from their country within three days of the registration deadline which will include the registered runner's name, birth date, and e-mail address.

Athletes who participate in the World Championships are not only running for themselves, but they are representing their country and national federation. Thank you in advance for helping us to implement this system.

Nancy Hobbs,

WMRA secretary

Attachment:

World Masters Mountain Running Championships – Regulations (full document; extract below)

World Masters Mountain Running Championships

Present Countries in 2018-2019-2021-2022

		2018	2019	2021	2022	2023
		SLO	ITA	AUT	IRL	POR*
		Zelezniki	Gagliano	Telfes	Clonmel	Madeira
		uphill	updown	uphill	updown	
1.	AUS	2	2		7	
2.	AUT	15	2	119	6	10
3.	BEL	2	2	7	2	
4.	CHN			1		
5.	CRO	1				
6.	CZE	36	13	31	13	7
7.	DEN	3			2	
8.	ESP	6	13	12	21	18
9.	FIN	1			1	
10.	FRA	2	2	4	10	7
11.	GBR	33	39	13	93	19
12.	GER	33	12	172	24	11
13.	HUN	8	4	13	1	
14.	IRL	12	32	14	365	19
15.	ITA	110	745	119	60	25
16.	JPN	1	1	1	3	
17.	MDA				1	
18.	MLT	4				
19.	NED	2			1	
20.	NOR	3	17			
21.	NZL		1		2	1
22.	POL	11	6	6	14	1
23.	POR			1		22
24.	ROU			25	15	1
25.	RSA			1	2	
26.	SLO	61	4	7		
27.	SUI			2	3	1
28.	SVK	31		4	3	2
29.	UKR	2	2		1	
30.	USA	10	6	7	26	8
31.	VEN				1	
	TOTAL:	388	903	558	677	
						135

- **RED** – host countries = high participation
- **BOLD** – entered countries 2023, by 10 July
- . *Entries on 10 July 2023

206.5 Final Entries

- a) On the Entry form, the LOC shall include the following sentences:
 - ⇒ I confirm that I will respect the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules and Regulations and in particular, I agree to comply with any request from a certified official to provide a sample for anti-doping analyses.
 - ⇒ I confirm that I'm physically fit enough to participate.
 - ⇒ All entrants must be endorsed by their national masters' federation'
- b) Normally, the entries deadline is 4 weeks before the event. No late entries will be allowed unless the LOC and the WMRA Delegate agrees.
- c) The LOC should send the list of entered runners from each country to the Member Federation 3 days after the entry deadline. The Federation should be asked to approve/not approve the names on the list within 3 days. Where no response is received from the Federation within this time it will be taken as confirmation of all the names. Athletes whose entry is not supported by their Federation, once formally informed by the LOC, will be given a further week to resolve their situation should they wish.
- d) The final start lists should be published by the LOC two weeks before the start of the event
- e) For countries with many entries to the event, the provisional entry list should be sent to the Federations in batches of 50/every 2-3 weeks (this will be particularly important for the host country/Federation where the number of entries could be several hundreds)
- f) The WMRA will provide the list of contacts for all the Federations. If this is not possible, the list will be sent to the World Athletics Member Federation standard e-mail address: ABC@mf.worldathletics.org where ABC is the WA country code
- g) The WMRA delegate will oversee this process and help where necessary