

For the attention of:

European Athletics Member Federations
European Athletics Council
European Athletics Commissions, Athletes Committee and Advisory Groups

Copy: World Athletics President, World Athletics CEO

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Circular Letter 2025/06

Items covered in this letter:

- **European Athletics Webinar 2025 planning**
- **Registration WARECS Examinations 2025**

Dear Friends,

This year, European Athletics will continue providing training for the officials via a series of webinars. We invite the officials from across Europe to join us in these Webinars for further knowledge and skills development. During the webinars, the officials will exchange insights, analyse case studies, and address various themes to train and prepare in the best possible way for upcoming European and World level competitions.

Five European Athletics webinars are organised this year:

- *Wednesday **19 February 2025** from 19:00 to 21:00 (CET) – conducted*
- **Wednesday 16 April 2025** from 19:00 to 21:00 (CET)
- **Wednesday 21 May 2025** from 19:00 to 21:00 (CET)
- **Wednesday 03 September 2025** from 19:00 to 21:00 (CET)
- **Wednesday 17 December 2025** from 19:00 to 21:00 (CET)

Along these webinars we continue to support the officials in their pursuit of the various WARECS (WA Referees Education and Certification System) examinations that will be organised by World Athletics in 2025. Please find below the examinations that will be held this year, as well as the registration deadlines and the preparation webinars by European Athletics for each examination.

- **World Athletics Referee – Bronze Level**
 - Registration by 14:00 (CET) on 15 March 2025
 - The preparation Webinar will be held on Wednesday 26 March 2025
 - Examination will be held on Saturday 24 May 2025

To register officials, member federations need to complete the form for each selected candidate through the following [LINK](#).

- **World Athletics Race Walking Judge – Silver Level**
 - Registration by 14:00 (CET) on 01 August 2025
 - 1st preparation webinar will be held on Wednesday 10 September 2025
 - 2nd preparation webinar will be held on Wednesday 24 September 2025
 - Examination will be held on Saturday 11 October 2025

Registration forms, along with the application criteria, will be shared at a later stage.

- **World Athletics Referee – Gold Level**
 - o Registration by 14:00 (CET) on 01 September 2025
 - o 1st Preparation webinar will be held on Tuesday 23 September 2025
 - o 2nd Preparation webinar will be held on Wednesday 08 October 2025
 - o 3rd Preparation webinar will be held on Wednesday 29 October 2025
 - o Examination will be held on 08 November 2025

- **World Athletics Race Walking Judge – Bronze Level**
 - o Registration by 14:00 (CET) 01 October 2025
 - o 1st Preparation webinar will be held on 05 November 2025
 - o Examination will be held on 06 December 2025

Please find below the criteria for the first examination of this year – **World Athletics Referee Bronze Level:**

- Candidates need to have a strong experience as National Athletic Referee (at least 3 years).
- The minimum age required to apply is 19 years old.
- **The list of candidates for each MF should be equal in terms of gender. This criterion is important and to be checked by World Athletics.**
- Good knowledge of English.
- The online evaluations will be conducted in the following languages – English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, German, Finish, Slovak, Russian.
- Evaluation fee of 30\$ will be paid by the national Member Federation and will be directly removed from the annual contribution of World Athletics to each member federation.

For silver and gold examinations, the criteria will be communicated at a later stage. However, European Athletics strongly encourage the candidates to pass the silver and gold examinations in English.

Join us as we embark on a journey of collaboration, growth, and transformation. Together, let's shape the future of officiating and elevate our competitions to their full potential!

If you have any questions or comments regarding the above-mentioned webinars and upcoming World Athletics Referees Examinations, please contact Kevin Legrand (kevin.legrand@european-athletics.org)

Kind regards,



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