



54th WORLD ATHLETICS CONGRESS 17/18 AUGUST 2023 DECISIONS AND INFORMATION

Minutes of the previous Congress meeting

Congress approved the minutes of the 53rd Congress Meeting held virtually on 17/18 November 2021 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Scrutineers

Upon the recommendation of the Election Oversight Panel, Congress approved the following persons to act as the Scrutineers for the 54th World Athletics Congress Meeting:

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| • Ms. Pinkie Wilson (BOT) | AFRICA |
| • Dr. Yeung Sai Mo, Simon (HKG) | ASIA |
| • Mrs. Ana Ballesteros Barrado (ESP) – Chief Scrutineer | EUROPE |
| • Mr. Michael Serralta (PUR) | NACAC |
| • Mr. Leo John Gilroy (PYF) | OCEANIA |
| • Mr. Cláudio Roberto de Castilho (BRA) | SOUTH AMERICA |

Council Elections

Elections were held for the positions of President, the four Vice-Presidents and the 13 Individual Members on Council for the period 2023-2027 in accordance with the Constitution and the Rules of Congress. The list below also includes the Area Association Presidents, who are ex officio members of Council.

World Athletics Council 2023-2027

President	Sebastian Coe (GBR)
Vice-Presidents	Ximena Restrepo (CHI) Raul Chapado (ESP) Adille Sumariwalla (IND) Jackson Tuwei (KEN)
Individual Members	Yuko Arimori (JPN) Anna Riccardi (ITA) Annette Purvis (NZL) Nawal El Moutawakel (MAR) Nan Wang (CHN) Abby Hoffman (CAN) Nataliia Dobrynska (UKR) Sylvia Barlag (NED) Beatrice Ayikoru (UGA) Willie Banks (USA) Antti Pihlakoski (FIN) Cydonie Mothersill (CAY) Donna Raynor (BER)

**Area Presidents,
ex officio Members**

Hamad Kalkaba Malboun (CMR), Africa
 Dahlan Al Hamad (QAT), Asia
 Dobromir Karamarinov (BUL), Europe
 Mike Sands (BAH), NACAC
 Robin Sapong Eugenio (NMI), Oceania
 Hélio Gesta De Melo (BRA), South America

By early October 2023, the Athletes' Commission will elect its Chair and the additional representative who will both join the Council. Once this has been concluded, the composition of Council, as referred to in Article 41.1 of the Constitution, will be complete.

The related press release issued following the elections can be accessed [here](#).

Amendments to the World Athletics Constitution

On 14 December 2022 (Circular M/61/22), Member Federations were asked to submit proposals to amend the Constitution by 16 February 2023 and, by this deadline, no proposals were received. The Council proposals listed below were circulated to Member Federations prior to the Congress meeting on 15 June 2023 (Circular M/24/23), as part of the Congress documents (Section VII).

All 13 proposals to amend the Constitution received from Council were approved by a Special Majority of Congress. The following is a summary of these decisions, which were taken in accordance with Articles 27.1(b) and 82.1 of the Constitution:

Proposal N°	Article(s)	Description	Decision
1	13.12, 27.1(g) & (k), 28.5, 29.3(e), 31.1(b) & (e), 46.2, 47.2(q) & (r), 57.10(a) and 76	Disciplinary Tribunal becomes Disciplinary and Appeals Tribunal to create a lower cost and more efficient alternative to all appeals being heard by the Court of Arbitration for Sport to improve our governance.	Accepted by vote (177 Yes, 4 No, 3 Did not vote, Special Majority 121)
2	31.1(a), 79.4 and 79.5(a)	Duplication of reporting on the Annual Council Report and Auditor's Report removed to ensure relevant information provided to Member Federations at the appropriate time and in a clear and concise reporting format.	Accepted by vote (177 Yes, 3 No, 5 Did not vote, Special Majority 120)
3	49.6, 58.2(k) and 79.4(e)	Editorial amendment to address inconsistent references in the Constitution and clarify the Executive Board has responsibility for remuneration and expenses under the Constitution. The amendments bring all provisions into one place reflecting the current process.	Accepted by vote (180 Yes, 1 No, 4 Did not vote, Special Majority 121)
4	58.2(r) & (s) and 79.3	Non-financial audit process refined to support continuous improvement in our governance and integrity practices by enabling the Executive Board to commission annual audits in respect of World Athletics' anti-doping and integrity programme including the AIU and regular more qualitative audits in respect of World Athletics' governance arrangements, ethical compliance, and internal control framework.	Accepted by vote (179 Yes, 0 No, 6 Did not vote, Special Majority 120)

Proposal N°	Article(s)	Description	Decision
5	45.2(g)	Process for a Casual Vacancy in the position of an Individual Council Member revised to ensure there is sufficient time to fill the position ahead of the next Election Congress and the election campaign period and to provide discretion to the Council on whether to do so and the process.	Accepted by vote (171 Yes, 7 No, 7 Did not vote, Special Majority 119)
6	47.1(h)	Alignment of the Constitution and the Governance Rules regarding public statements by clarifying the difference between Council Members speaking about World Athletics as opposed to speaking on behalf of World Athletics.	Accepted by vote (175 Yes, 3 No, 7 Did not vote, Special Majority 119)
7	47.2(n)	Amendment reflects current practice, namely for Commissions and Working Groups some appointments are made pursuant to Rules such as most of the Athletes' Commission are elected according to the Candidacy Rules rather than appointed individually by Council.	Accepted by vote (172 Yes, 1 No, 12 Did not vote, Special Majority 116)
8	65.1, 65.2, 65.3, 65.5 and 75.1(f)	Amendment required to align staff eligibility with Monaco's employment laws and legal processes. Staff eligibility will be dealt with under staff contracts and Monaco employment law which requires the same standards of behaviour as in the Integrity Code of Conduct and the Vetting Rules.	Accepted by vote (176 Yes, 1 No, 9 Did not vote, Special Majority 118)
9	69.1	Deletion of the requirement for appeals from the decisions of the Vetting Panel having to go direct to the CAS and instead allows Council to decide whether appeals continue to the CAS or go to the new Appeals Panel which will be a more cost-effective alternative for appeals.	Accepted by vote (172 Yes, 8 No, 4 Did not vote, Special Majority 120)
10	84	Clarification that only disputes between World Athletics and a Member Federation and between World Athletics and an Area Association must be resolved by CAS. Council may step in to resolve differences between World Athletics and a Member Federation or an Area Association. If unsuccessful the matter can be referred to CAS. For all other matters, the relevant Rules provide how matters are resolved whether by CAS or the Appeals Panel – this approach is based on the principle of streamlining processes and reducing costs.	Accepted by vote (177 Yes, 3 No, 5 Did not vote, Special Majority 120)
11*	86 (Definitions)	Amendments to record all typographical, clerical, grammatical and any consequential amendments including	Accepted by vote (176 Yes, 0 No, 10
12*	Appendix (List of Member Federations and Areas)		

Proposal N°	Article(s)	Description	Decision
13*	Contents Page, 2.1, 4.1(g) & (k), 13.4(b), 35.2, 35.4, 36.6.(c), 47.1(k), 47.2(b), 47.2(g), 60.6(c), 64.3(a), 65.6, 74.5(c), 79.5(c), 83.2, 87.1 and Appendix (Minor Amendments)	those arising from the proposed amendments to the Constitution referred to in this table. In addition, several definitions have been amended and the country name amended from 'Turkey' to 'Türkiye'.	Did not vote, Special Majority 118)

* These typographical, clerical, grammatical and consequential amendments proposed by Council were approved by the Congress in one block vote.

Note: The Constitutional amendments listed by proposal number above are set out in the table that begins at page 411 and Section VII of the [Congress documents](#).

The approved amendments to the World Athletics Constitution will come into force on 1 September 2023.

The amended Constitution can be found on the World Athletics website by clicking [here](#) (Book A).

Reports

The Congress received and unanimously approved by a show of hands the Annual Council Report which was included in the Congress Book (Section III) circulated on 15 June 2023 and presented at the Congress meeting. The Annual Council Report included the following:

- President's Report
- Executive Board Report
- Council Report
- Commission Reports
 - Athletes' Commission
 - Competition Commission
 - Development Commission
 - Governance Commission
- Working Group & Taskforce Reports
 - Safeguarding Working Group
 - World Plan Implementation Working Group
 - Gender Leadership Taskforce
- Financial & Audit Reports (including the 2021 and 2022 Non-financial Audit Reports, Governance & Ethical Compliance, and Anti-Doping & Integrity Programmes)

In addition, the Congress received the World Plan for Athletics 2022-2030 Progress Report, and reports from Independent Bodies as follows:

- Report from the Athletics Integrity Unit Board
- Report from the Disciplinary Tribunal
- Report from the Vetting Panel

The Congress also received reports from the six Area Associations:

- Africa
- Asia
- Europe
- North America, Central America and Caribbean
- Oceania
- South America

The Organising Committee of the World Athletics Championships Budapest 23 also presented a report to Congress.

Appointments

Appointment of the Independent Members of the Athletics Integrity Unit Board

The Congress approved by a show of hands the recommendation of the Integrity Unit Board Appointments Panel (details included in the Congress documents in Section VIII) and reappointed, in accordance with Article 27.1(i) of the Constitution, David Howman (Chair), Andrew Pipe, Marc Peltier, Victoria Aggar and Jill Pilgrim as independent members of the Athletics Integrity Unit Board for a further term of four years, which commenced at the first Council meeting after the 2023 Congress meeting and will end at the first Council meeting after the 2027 Election Congress meeting.

Appointment of the Chair and Members of the Vetting Panel

Upon the recommendation of the Council, the Congress approved by a show of hands, in accordance with Article 27.1(h) of the Constitution, that Don Mackinnon (Chair), Esi Schimming-Chase and Professor Mark Pieth be reappointed to the Vetting Panel for a further term of four years, which commenced at the conclusion of the 2023 Congress meeting and will end at the first Council meeting after the 2027 Election Congress meeting (details included in the Congress documents in Section VIII).

Appointment of the Chair and Members of the Disciplinary and Appeals Tribunal

Upon the recommendation of the Council, the Congress approved by a show of hands, in accordance with Article 27.1(g) of the Constitution, that the persons listed below be appointed to the Disciplinary and Appeals Tribunal for a term of four years, which commenced at the conclusion of the 2023 Congress meeting and will end at the first Council meeting after the 2027 Election Congress meeting (details included in the Congress documents in Section VIII):

- Ahamed Ebrahim*
- Monty Hacker*
- Dinga Nyoh Mthias*
- Kate O'Regan*
- Peter Koh*
- Akira Kawamura*
- Parth Goswami
- Christopher Quinlan*
- Raj Parker*
- Charles Hollander (Chair)*
- Lucas Ferrer*
- Paul-Filip Ciucur*
- William Norris*
- Anna Bordiugova*
- Conny Jorneklint*
- Anna Smirnova*
- Dennis Koolaard*
- Julian Berenger*
- Nick De Marco*
- Joelle Monlouis*
- Hannu Kalkas*
- Tanja Haug*
- Erika Riedl
- David Sharpe
- Tom Murray*
- Francisco Larios*
- Yves Fortier*
- Harveen Thauli
- Stefan Fabien
- Benoit Girardin
- Annabelle Williams*
- Jack Anderson*
- Ian Hunt*
- Alan Galbraith*
- Pedro Fida*
- Eduardo Amorin*

** Reappointments of members from the 2019-2023 term*

Service Awards & Honorary Titles

In accordance with the Honorary Member and Service Award Rules, the Council made recommendations for the appointment of Honorary Membership and the awarding of Service Awards to the Congress (following a process of review by the Nominations Panel). Details of the Veteran Pin and Plaque of Merit recommendations were outlined in the Congress Documents in Section IX, and the decisions taken by the Congress are summarised below.

Veteran Pins

By a show of hands, the Congress approved to grant the Veteran Pin to the following recipients for their long and meritorious service to the cause of Athletics within World Athletics and/or Area Association activities:

Area	Nominees	Country	Gender
Africa	Siphatisiwe Machaya	Zimbabwe	Female
	Hamdi Abderahim	Egypt	Male
	Elhadj Amadou Dia Ba	Senegal	Male
	Jee Isram	Mauritius	Male
Asia	Filomena Barros Dos Reis	Timor Leste	Female
	Hajymyrat Rahmanov	Turkmenistan	Male
	Saad Shaddad Al-Asmari	Saudi Arabia	Male
Europe	Pierre Weiss	France	Male
	Malcolm Rogers	Great Britain & NI	Male
	Sirje Lippe	Estonia	Female
	Imre Matrahazi	Hungary	Male
NACAC	Jose Calixto Sierra Ramirez	Honduras	Male
Oceania	Kevan Gosper	Australia	Male
	Selwyn Williams	Fiji	Male
	Francoise Teriierooiterai	French Polynesia	Female
South America	Daniel Marcelino Sotto	Argentina	Male
	Monica Carolina Fredes Piña	Chile	Female
	Mario Augusto Quintero Hernandez	Panama	Male

Plaque of Merit

By a show of hands, the Congress approved to grant the Plaque of Merit to the following recipients for their exceptional service to the cause of Athletics within Area Association activities:

Area	Recipient	Country	Gender
Africa	Derartu Tulu	Ethiopia	Female
Asia	Prema Pinnawala	Sri Lanka	Male
Europe	Toralf Nilsson	Sweden	Male
NACAC	Donna Raynor	Bermuda	Female
Oceania	Bob Snow	Australia/ Papua New Guinea	Male
South America	Ximena Restrepo	Colombia	Female

Gold and Silver Order of Merit

By a show of hands, the Congress approved to grant the Golden and Silver Order of Merit for their exceptional service and contribution to global athletics as follows:

- Golden Order of Merit – Sergey Bubka (UKR) & Alberto Juantorena Danger (CUB)
- Silver Order of Merit – Hiroshi Yokokawa (JPN)

Honorary Titles

By a show of hands, the Congress approved to grant the following titles of Honorary Life Member of World Athletics for their long-term service in their respective positions on the World Athletics Council, as listed below:

- Honorary Life Vice-President to Sergey Bubka (UKR)
- Honorary Life Member to Alberto Juantorena Danger (CUB).

Next Congress

As agreed by the Council, the 55th World Athletics Congress will be held in Tokyo, Japan on 11-12 September 2025, with the Convention to be organised alongside the Congress. The World Athletics Championships Tokyo 2025 is scheduled from 13 to 21 September 2025 coinciding with 100 years of the Japanese Association of Athletics Federations.