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Qualification System

General

- The Qualification System will be based mainly on a combination of Entry Standards and Asian Rankings. The first will be set to qualify about 50% of the athletes.
- The Entry Standards for the Events with an 18 months' qualification period, were approved by the Asian Athletics Congress in May 2025.
- The Entry Standards for the Events with a 12 months' qualification period, were approved by the Asian Athletics Congress in May 2025.

Qualification System and Entry Standards

Entries into Individual Events

- Each Member Federation will be allowed to participate with up to a maximum of three qualified athletes (four in case of a Wild Card)
- A fourth (fifth in case of Wild Card) qualified athlete can be entered as a reserve

Entries into Relay Events

- Each Member Federation will be allowed to enter one qualified team in each relay event
- A total of six athletes may be entered and these must include the individual athletes (up to four) entered in the respective individual event (100m and 400m). This does not apply to the Mixed 4x400m.

Unqualified Athletes

- Those members without any qualified athletes, can enter up to five (5) athletes in the individual events (except for Combined Events, 10,000m and 3000m SC).
- If the host country does not have a qualified athlete or Relay Team in an event, it may enter one unqualified athlete or team in that event with the exception of Combined events and Field events where the below will apply.
- Members whose best Athlete(s) excel in a Field event or Road event may submit to Asian Athletics the name(s) of their athlete(s) whom they would like to enter, together with their best performances during the qualification period. Asian Athletics competition department and the Technical Delegate will decide whether to accept such entries, with preference given to athletes in the best world ranking position as at the closing date of the qualification period.
- Unqualified Athletes may be added to the quota of Athletes.
- One (1) team official will also be given a free quota.

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Age categories

- Under 18 athletes - Athletes aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December in the year of the competition will only be allowed to compete in a maximum of 3 track events (including relays) of which only 2 can be over 200m (whether an individual event or relay leg).
- Under 16 athletes – No athlete younger than 16 years of age on 31 December in the year of the competition may be entered or compete.

Qualification System

Qualification period valid for Entry Standards and Asian Ranking

- For Marathon, Race Walking, 10,000m and Combined Events, the period starts 18 months prior to the end of the qualification period.
- For all other individual events and relays: 12 months prior to the end of the qualification period.

Qualification in Individual Events

Athletes can qualify in one of the four ways below

1. By achieving the **Entry Standard** within the qualification period in accordance with the criteria detailed below.

2. By Wild Card
   Defending World Champion 2025
   Defending Asian Champion 2025

   If two or more athletes from the same country would qualify for a Wild Card, only one of them can be entered with this Wild Card. If a Member Federation has four athletes in one event as a result of this wild card regulation, all four will be permitted to compete.

3. By virtue of the Asian Rankings Position achieved at the end of the qualification period according to the respective Event Ranking Rules (and qualification periods). In case of ties, athletes with the next best Performance Score will prevail.

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Individual Athletes Ranking process

Following the end of the qualification period, based on the target numbers for each event Asian Athletics will determine the athletes qualified by Entry Standard, the eligible Wild Cards and the athletes qualified by virtue of their finishing position in Designated Competitions. Subsequently Asian Athletics will identify those qualified by virtue of their Asian Ranking position to complete the target number in each event – should the target number of athletes in any event be reached (or surpassed) through qualification by entry standards, wild cards and finishing position, no athletes would qualfy by virtue of their Asian Rankings position.

Member Federations may enter a ***reserve athlete*** in each event on the condition that they are also qualified.

- 16 April 2027 - end of qualification period
- 17 April 2027 - List of qualified athletes and next best published (Road to Asian Championships)
- 18 April 2027 – Member Federations to submit pre-entry of qualified + next best
- 19-20 April 2027 – Asian Athletics to reallocate quota places and inform MF
- 21 April 2027 - Deadline for final entries

Qualification in Relay Events

- 16 relay teams will qualify in each of the relay races
- Qualification will be based on the top performance lists (Asian Ranking) in the qualification period

General Conditions for Validity of Performances

- Performances will have to be achieved in full compliance with World Athletics Rules and, in particular:
- Only in competitions which are part of the World Athletics Global calendar (https://worldathletics.org/competition/calendar-results)
- On a facility which conforms to the specifications in the Track and Field Facilities Manual In compliance with all requirements in terms of electronic timing, wind measurement, international judging (for the race walks), course measurement for the road races

Financial Condition and Obligations

1. A maximum number of 40 athletes who qualified will be provided with full board and lodging.
2. A team of more than 40 athletes with qualification will have to pay only 50% for full board and lodging.
3. Those members without any qualified athletes will be provided with free full board and lodging for up to maximum of 5 athletes.
4. One (1) team official will also be given a free quota.

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Target number of athletes / team by event

Events	Target Number
100m	32
200m	32
400m	32
800m	32
1500m	24
3000m SC	16
5000m	24
10,000m	24
110mH	32
400mH	32
Field Events	24
Combined Events	16
Marathon	40
Half Marathon Race Walk	24
Relays	16

Entry Standards

Men	Events	Women
10.31	100m	11.71
21.04	200m	24.09
46.20	400m	53.73
1:48.24	800m	2:08.36
3:43.11	1500m	4:22.74
9:05.87	3000m SC	10:55.55
13:35.58	5000m	16:05.84
29:10.21	10,000m	35:06.05
14.01	110mH	13.62
51.00	400mH	59.54
2.18	High Jump	1.80
5.35	Pole Vault	4.00
7.85	Long Jump	6.21
16.16	Triple Jump	13.21
18.03	Shot Put	16.02
55.74	Discus Throw	53.18
66.54	Hammer Throw	62.48
74.84	Javelin Throw	54.26
6413	Combined Events	4458
2:07:12	Marathon	2:26:16
1:23:14	Half Marathon Race Walk	1:36:18
Top Lists	Relays	Top Lists

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