



# **DIAMOND LEAGUE MEETINGS REGULATIONS**

## **2021 Status Requirements**

*(Approved by Council on 17 March 2021 and effective from 1 April 2021)*



## **1. General Principles**

- 1.1 The Diamond League shall include the best invitational outdoor athletics meetings in the world.
- 1.2 Regulations governing the Diamond League shall be issued to the Diamond League Meeting Organisers (the Organiser) and may be amended every year by World Athletics, in agreement with the Diamond League Association.
- 1.3 The precise requirements are defined hereunder.
- 1.4 The Organiser agrees to respect all World Athletics Rules and Regulations, and decisions taken by the General Assembly of the Diamond League Association.
- 1.5 At least one person from the host Member Federation, selected in agreement with the Organiser, must be co-opted onto the organising committee for liaison purposes.
- 1.6 The Diamond League calendar can be found on the World Athletics and the Diamond League websites.
- 1.7 No application shall be considered if Diamond League requirements were not met in the previous year and/or if they are not guaranteed for the year of application.

## **2. Evaluation and Reporting**

- 2.1 All Diamond League Meetings will undergo an annual evaluation on all aspects of their organisation following the system agreed by the Diamond League Association:
  - level of the athletes competing,
  - attendance of spectators;
  - respect of these Regulations;
  - respect of all other World Athletics Rules and Regulations, as well as other requirements agreed with the Diamond League Association;
  - compliance with such guidelines as the Television Production and Graphic Branding Guidelines;
  - respect of the financial commitments towards the athletes;
  - conduct of anti-doping measures;
  - technical conduct of the competition;
  - services provided to the athletes;
  - event presentation;
  - Diamond League concept and office support;
  - media services.
- 2.2 The status can be cancelled according to procedures agreed by the Diamond League Association General Assembly.

- 2.3 Technical Delegates nominated by World Athletics as well as any other Delegates nominated by the Diamond League Association, shall be ready to give assistance to the Organiser and the Organiser shall guarantee full co-operation with the Delegates.
- 2.4 Following each Diamond League Meeting, the Organiser and the designated Delegates shall each be required to complete a detailed Delegate Report Form concerning the staging of the Meeting to be returned to World Athletics by no later than 10 days after the Meeting.
- 2.5 A copy of each Delegate Report Form sent to World Athletics will also be sent to the Organiser concerned. Once they have provided their own Director Report, a copy of all reports will also be sent to the Diamond League AG.

### **3. Minimum Requirements for Application**

#### **3.1 Minimum standards of organisation**

As a minimum requirement, the Organiser must observe and respect the decisions of the Diamond League Association and World Athletics Rules, Regulations and designated Guidelines. If a Diamond League Meeting has been evaluated as having not satisfied the minimum requirements for the previous season's status, World Athletics retains the right not to deliver a permit, to downgrade the Meeting and/or to request the Quality Commission of the Diamond League Association to impose penalties.

#### **3.2 Stadium and Technical Aspects**

- Capacity (spectators) 12,000
- Minimum Number of Lanes 8
- Track Certification Minimum Class 2
- Warm-up area Adequate for all disciplines
- Equipment World Athletics certified
- Implements Provided, except vaulting poles, World Athletics certified
- Runways Bi-directional
- Timing Electronic, bib transponders
- Electronic False Start Yes
- Measurement EDM or VDM
- Display Adequate numbers of clocks and rotating boards, one per field event
- Data processing TV compatible
- Results service According to World Athletics Guidelines
- Video Screen Full video, minimum of one screen

#### **3.3 Programme of Diamond League Meetings**

- a. The list of disciplines at each Diamond League Meeting is decided by the Diamond League Association General Assembly.
- b. The programme of any Diamond League Meeting is by default composed of 14 Diamond League disciplines. Additional disciplines chosen by the Organiser and approved by the Diamond League Association's board may complement the main programme. Each Meeting's programme shall be published on the Diamond League website.
- c. The 32 disciplines of the Diamond League are as follows:
  - **Men:** 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m/Mile, 3000m/5000m, 3000m SC, 110mH, 400mH, High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Shot Put, Discus Throw, Javelin Throw;
  - **Women:** 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m/Mile, 3000m/5000m, 3000m SC, 100mH, 400mH, High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Shot Put, Discus Throw, Javelin Throw.
- d. Organisers may also choose to hold one or more "similar event(s)" in middle distance disciplines as follows:
  - 1000m counts as the 800m, scoring the same points
  - Mile or 2000m counts as the 1500m, scoring the same points
  - 2 miles counts as the 3000m, scoring the same points

### 3.4 Participation Field

- a. Although Organisers are not required to invite any particular Athletes or groups of Athletes to their Diamond League Meetings, recommendations listed under 3.4(b) of these Regulations concerning the Athletes' participation shall apply.
- b. Where applicable, the Organiser should allow at least one starting place in each event for national Athletes and for the Diamond League Champion of the previous season.

### 3.5 Prize Money at Diamond League Meetings

- a. Each Diamond League Meeting has the obligation to award the following Prize money for each of the Diamond League disciplines, (total US Dollars 25,000 at Diamond League series meetings and US Dollars 60,000 at the Finals).

WDL Series Meetings		WDL Final Zurich	
Place	Prize Money	Place	Prize Money
1	10,000 USD	1	30,000 USD
2	6,000 USD	2	12,000 USD
3	3,500 USD	3	7,000 USD
4	2,000 USD	4	4,000 USD
5	1,250 USD	5	2,500 USD
6	1,000 USD	6	2,000 USD
7	750 USD	7	1,500 USD
8	500 USD	8	1,000 USD
<b>Total</b>	25,000 USD	<b>Total</b>	60,000 USD

The prize money for places 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> in the 1500m, 3000m/5000m and 3000m SC disciplines is as follows:

WDL Series Meetings		WDL Final Zurich	
Place	Prize Money	Place	Prize Money
9	500 USD	9*	1,000 USD
10	500 USD	10*	1,000 USD
11	500 USD	11*	1,000 USD
12	500 USD	12*	1,000 USD

- b. At the end of the Diamond League series meetings, the Athletes with the most points in each Diamond League discipline will qualify for a place in the Diamond League Final, where all 32 Diamond League Champions will be crowned in a two-day season Final.
- c. A US Dollar 200,000 prize money pot has been established to be distributed to the 'Most Consistent Athletes' (i.e. those Athletes who deliver consistent high-level performances throughout the season). There will be ten athletes in total that receive an award from this prize money pot – one male and one female respectively in the following disciplines: sprints, hurdles, distance, jumps and throws.
- d. In case of a tie for the same position the prize money corresponding to the position will be divided into equal shares between the athletes tying for this position.

- e. The minimum bonus awarded for breaking a World Record is US Dollars 50,000.
- f. Prize money and promotional fees must be paid within thirty (30) days following notification by the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) to the Organiser that there has been no adverse analytical finding in the doping control of samples taken at the Diamond League Meeting and a minimum of thirty (30) days has elapsed since the competition. The payments are to be based on invoices which must comply with the communicated legal, fiscal and procedural requirements of the Organiser.
- g. Payment of travel reimbursements will be made either at the time of the Diamond League Meeting or within two (2) weeks after the Meeting, provided the necessary paperwork has been submitted to the Organiser.
- h. Upon request by the Quality Commission of the Diamond League Association, an Organiser shall provide, within two (2) weeks, all proof of the payment made according to these Regulations and the agreements signed by the athletes (or their representatives).

### 3.6 Scoring at Diamond League Meeting

- a. The top eight (8) Athletes in each Diamond Discipline shall be awarded the same points at each Diamond League Meeting:

<b>Scoring</b>	
<b>Place</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>1</b>	8 points
<b>2</b>	7 points
<b>3</b>	6 points
<b>4</b>	5 points
<b>5</b>	4 points
<b>6</b>	3 points
<b>7</b>	2 points
<b>8</b>	1 point

*\*For clarity, places 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> in the 1500m/Mile, the 3000m/5000m and 3000m SC races do not score points.*

- b. To qualify for the Diamond League Final, each of the 32 Diamond League disciplines athletes will earn points at the Diamond League Series Meetings where the discipline is staged.
- c. In case of a tie:

- For the same discipline, the points will not be divided between the tying athletes, but each tying athlete will receive the full amount of points corresponding to the place;
  - For the same position to qualify for the Diamond League Final, the athlete will be chosen according to the best legal performance amongst those achieved in the Diamond League Meetings.
- d. The Athlete winning the final of a Diamond League discipline will become the “Diamond League Champion” of that discipline.

### 3.7 Medical

All Meetings of the Diamond League shall include:

- an emergency medical structure and ambulance on site, including resuscitation and minor stitching;
- physiotherapy at the stadium and at the athletes’ hotel.

### 3.8 Anti-Doping

- a. The Anti-Doping Regulations in force are to be strictly observed;
- b. Facilities available at the doping control station must meet the minimum requirements as set out by the AIU and provided to the Organisers by the AIU ahead of the season;
- c. A minimum of twelve (12) doping control tests are to be conducted, of which four (4) must be EPO tests. Additional tests shall be conducted:
- systematically when an Athlete breaks or equals a World and/or an Area Record (if more than one athlete breaks or equals the record in the same event, then all athletes concerned must be tested);
  - when requested by any Athlete who has broken a National Record.
- d. Samples shall be analysed by a WADA accredited laboratory designated by the AIU:
- at the Organisers' expense, when the doping controls are conducted at the AIU's request and in the case when an Athlete breaks or equals a World and/or an Area Record;
  - at the Athlete's expense, if the control is made at their request;
- e. Doping Control for men and women must be conducted in separate rooms;
- f. Athletes having to undergo doping control must be provided with dedicated transport,
- g. EPO testing shall be conducted in accordance with the EPO Protocol;
- h. If the sample indicates the presence of a substance that is on the current WADA List of Prohibited Substances and Methods, the Athlete concerned shall be



informed through his/ her Member Federation in accordance with the test results management procedure and will not be allowed to compete provisionally in further competitions until resolution of the case as appropriate.

### 3.9 Media

The services to be provided to the press and photographers must comply with the current World Athletics Media Guidelines as well as these Regulations, Media tribune facilities, result services, Internet and press conferences minimum requirements are as follows:

- Tribune                      Dedicated seats
- Equipment                 TV monitors + CIS
- Results service            Hard copies (upon request) + CIS
- Internet / Web              Meeting website with start-lists and results
- Press releases              Frequency to be determined by each Organiser
- Photographers              High-speed internet access - WIFI or cabled - should be guaranteed for photos to be sent electronically from stadium Media working area
- Press conferences         A minimum of 2 (two)

### 3.10 Television

- a. The international TV rights for the Diamond League are marketed by IMG;
- b. Television production and service to broadcasters will have to comply with the Diamond League TV Production Standards;
- c. Broadcast (60 minutes minimum) is compulsory in the host country;
- d. Each Diamond League Meeting/ host broadcaster will provide IMG and the Diamond League AG with a professional quality, digital recording of the competition on hard drive and cloud solution.

### 3.11 Logistics

Diamond League Meeting headquarters hotel and transport facilities provided by the Organiser must comply with the following:

- Hotel star rating            4\*
- Athletes' transport        to/from hotel, stadium, airport, train station
- Delegates                    Pool cars
- Vaulting poles              Transport and storage

### 3.12 World Athletics Delegates and Staff

World Athletics Delegates and Staff attending the Diamond League Meeting shall be given full co-operation and support as defined in the respective agreements between the Diamond League AG and the Organiser.

### 3.13 Insurance

The Organiser must ensure the Diamond League Meeting is covered by a liability insurance policy, in favour of the athletes, officials and spectators, to cover risks for which they may be liable. Another insurance policy should be taken against the risks

of cancellation by the Organiser. Athletes, however, are responsible to take out their own insurance cover for medical and accidents.

### 3.14 Marketing and other rights

The Organiser and Diamond League Association guarantee to abide by the agreements between the Diamond League Association and World Athletics regarding all marketing and other rights granted to World Athletics.

## 4. **Entry of Athletes**

4.1 Participation of athletes in Diamond League Meetings is at the discretion of the Organisers. However, invitations are subject to compliance with the Rules and Procedures agreed by the General Assembly of the Diamond League Association.

4.2 Based on points received at Diamond League Meetings, the following number of athletes will be invited to participate in the Diamond League Final:

- Lane disciplines: Top 8 in 100m, 100m Hurdles, 110m Hurdles and 800m (Top 7 for the 200m, 400m and 400m Hurdles should the stadium where the Final is held only has 8 lanes)
- Middle / long-distance disciplines (1500m / 5000m/ 3000m SC): Top 10
- Field disciplines: Top 6

4.3 National wild cards at the Diamond League Final are permitted as follows:

- For all track disciplines, one male and one female athlete from the country in which the final is taking place can be offered a wild card provided that their standard is adequate to compete at that level.
- For all field events, one male or one female athlete from the country in which the Final is taking place can be offered a wild card provided that their standard is adequate to compete at that level.

## 5. **Technical**

5.1 Organisers shall make the provisional Entry List and Timetable available on the Diamond League website ([www.diamondleague.com](http://www.diamondleague.com)) at least seven days before the Diamond League Meeting.

5.2 World Athletics ([worldathleticsmeetingresults@worldathletics.org](mailto:worldathleticsmeetingresults@worldathletics.org)) shall be notified as soon as the Entry List and Timetable are available.

5.3 The Organiser is also recommended to stage a Technical Meeting the day before the competition and shall inform World Athletics ([worldathleticsmeetingresults@worldathletics.org](mailto:worldathleticsmeetingresults@worldathletics.org)) of its date, time and venue.

5.4 After the Technical Meeting, the Organiser shall post the Start Lists on the Diamond League website ([www.diamondleague.com](http://www.diamondleague.com)) and send them to World Athletics: ([worldathleticsmeetingresults@worldathletics.org](mailto:worldathleticsmeetingresults@worldathletics.org)). If there is no Technical Meeting, it shall be done the day before the competition.



5.9 The minimum number of athletes in technical disciplines is six (6).