



# IAAF LABEL ROAD RACES

## REGULATIONS 2018

### 1. General principles

The IAAF Label Road Races Calendar (the “Calendar”) gathers the world’s leading road running events among those sanctioned by IAAF Member Federations. A race is included in the Calendar as a result of the granting by the IAAF of an “IAAF Road Race Label” (the “Label”) for the year in question.

A Label certifies the global sporting significance of the race, the organisational quality, the compliance with the IAAF Competition Rules, and the acceptance of the IAAF anti-doping policies.

IAAF Label Road Races are formally considered International Competitions pursuant to IAAF Competition Rule 1.1(e).

A Label is granted to one edition of the event, and is based on an evaluation of the previous year’s edition. The present regulations define the criteria to obtain Labels for 2019.

A Label is granted to a race (single- or mixed-gender), not to “events” which may encompass multiple races over various distances. Organisers shall not use a Label in conjunction with any competition(s) other than the one(s) having obtained the Label, nor in conjunction with editions of the race other than the one having obtained the Label.

The following categories of races can apply for a Label:

- Races over the following official distances for which World Records are recognised (see IAAF Rule 261): 10km – Half Marathon – Marathon.
- ‘Classic races’ over standard or non-standard distances.

There shall be 3 levels of Labels

- IAAF Road Race Gold Label
- IAAF Road Race Silver Label
- IAAF Road Race Bronze Label

### 2. Application procedures

Applications for a Label may be submitted by organisers of races that comply with the conditions mentioned in these Regulations.



Applications shall be signed by the Member Federation (MF) of the country in which the race is staged, such signature indicating the MF's support of the application.

Applications shall only be accepted from races that have been contested for at least two editions over the distance they are applying for prior to the date of Application, i.e. Labels can be granted from the third edition of a race.

New races applying for a Label must begin at Bronze level the first year.

### **Application timelines for 2019 Labels**

(a) Races part of the 2018 Calendar wishing to apply for a 2019 Label shall submit the "Renewal-Upgrade Form" (there's no "post-event report" form any longer).

Races holding a Bronze or a Silver Label for 2018 wishing to apply for a Gold Label in 2019, are advised to contact the IAAF no later 30 days *prior* to 2018 race day, to allow the IAAF to appoint an International Technical Delegate, who will attend the race and ensure that Gold Label criteria are met.

(b) Races **not** part of the 2018 Calendar and wishing to apply for a 2019 Label shall notify the IAAF per email no later than 30 days prior to 2018 race day. The IAAF may then appoint an International Technical Delegate at the cost of the race organiser, to assist the organisers in ensuring that the race is held in conformity with the IAAF Rules, and to provide a technical evaluation. After the event, the organiser shall submit the "Application Form for new races 2019".

The acceptance or rejection of an application is at the sole discretion of the IAAF. All disputes and protests related to IAAF Label Road Races will be considered by the IAAF.

## **3. Elite Field**

### **Requirements**

All IAAF Label Road Races must have an International Elite Field with a minimum of 6 men + 6 women (for single-gender races, 7 athletes) with the relevant Status as defined below, representing a minimum of 4 different nationalities and, in Silver and Gold Label races, a minimum of 2 IAAF Areas, one of which must be the Area where the race takes place (for the purpose of this rule, Oceania and Asia shall be considered one area, South America and NACAC shall be considered one area).

An athlete not completing a race will not count towards the International Elite Field count for that race if he/she has entered/enters another IAAF Label event in the 17 days preceding or following the race.

*For the purpose of the International Elite Field count, the athlete's "status" considered will be the one prior to the race itself (e.g. a Silver-status runner who acquires Gold-status in a race will not count as Gold-status athlete for the race in question).*

### **Gold, Silver and Bronze Status**

The following athletes hold Gold status for the whole of 2018:

- Those having recorded on or after 01.01.2016 at least one legal performance within these standards:
  - Marathon: 2:09:30 for men and 2:28:00 for women



- Half Marathon: 61:00 for men and 70:45 for women
- 10KM Road Race: 28:00 for men and 32:00 for women
- 10,000m: 27:45.00 for men and 31:45.00 for women
- 5KM Road Race: 13:30 for men and 15:00 for women
- Top 25 finishers in the marathon at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games
- Top 25 finishers in the marathon at the IAAF World Championships London 2017
- Top 10 finishers in the 10,000m at the IAAF World Championships London 2017
- Top 10 finishers in the 5,000m at the IAAF World Championships London 2017
- Top 25 finishers at the IAAF World Half Marathon Championships Cardiff 2016
- Top 25 finishers at the IAAF World Half Marathon Championships Valencia 2018
- Top 25 finishers in the senior races at the IAAF World Cross Country Championships Kampala 2017
- Winners of any IAAF Gold or Silver Label road race on or after 01.01.2016
- Top 3 finishers at any marathon and half marathon valid as Area Championships held on or after 01.01.2016
- Winners of any IAAF Cross Country Permit race on the 2017/2018 calendar

The following athletes hold Silver status for the whole of 2018:

- Those having recorded on or after 01.01.2016 at least one legal performance within these standards:
  - Marathon: 2:11:45 for men and 2:32:00 for women
  - Half Marathon: 62:00 for men and 72:00 for women
  - 10KM Road Race: 29:00 for men and 33:00 for women
  - 10,000m: 28:30 for men and 32:30 for women
  - 5KM Road Race: 13:45 for men and 15:30 for women
- Winners of any IAAF Bronze Label road race on or after 01.01.2016

The following athletes hold Bronze status for the whole 2018

- Those having recorded on or after 01.01.2016 at least one legal performance within these standards:
  - Marathon: 2:13:45 for men and 2:36:30 for women
  - Half Marathon: 63:30 for men and 74:00 for women
  - 10KM Road Race: 30:00 for men and 35:30 for women
  - 10,000m: 29:30 for men and 34:45 for women
  - 5KM Road Race: 14:00 for men and 15:45 for women

### **Appearance negotiations, athletes' contracts, prizes and payment terms**

Race Directors may only conduct negotiations for the appearance and promotion of athletes:

- through the Athletes' Member Federation;
- directly with the Athletes (in this case, the relevant National Federation must be informed);  
or
- through duly authorized Athletes' Representatives (ARs)

A complete list of authorized ARs is available from the IAAF website at [www.iaaf.org/athletes/athlete-representatives](http://www.iaaf.org/athletes/athlete-representatives).

As part of the post-race report, organisers shall provide a list of the Athletes Representatives with whom they negotiated the participation of Elite athletes.



A contract established in good faith by both parties in compliance with the IAAF rules governing International Competitions and any applicable laws of the host country of the event and outlining clearly the arrangements between the race organiser and the contracted athlete shall be signed and respected by both parties.

Organisers shall pay all sums due to the contracted athletes for reimbursement of expenses and appearance fees and any prize monies and bonus awards within the period of time specified within the contract which is normally 60 days after the receipt of doping control results conducted at the race. Suitable accommodation, meals and transportation shall be provided for the athletes. As a general rule all travel expenses should be paid upon the athlete's arrival at the race venue and no later than the day before the athlete's departure from the race venue.

The contract between the Athlete and the Organiser shall mention any withholding taxes in respect of appearance fees, prize monies or bonuses that may be levied by the fiscal authorities of the country hosting the race. The Organiser shall in due course supply the Athlete or their AR with the relevant document from the fiscal authorities certifying that any such charges have been duly paid.

The contract shall stipulate that any athlete who is subsequently determined to have committed a doping offence at the time of the event or is suspended from competition due to an offence committed prior to the event resulting in his/her performance at the event being invalidated, shall be liable to refund any and all sums from the race organisers relating to his/her performance at the event. This includes any commission paid to an Athlete Representative.

Prize money offered to competitors, including bonuses for times achieved shall be equal for all competitors regardless of their nationality or gender – in other words prize money for places should be equal for men and women and for nationals of the host country and athletes of other nationalities. Races may offer specific incentive prizes to nationals of the host country to encourage national participation and development.

#### **4. IAAF Observers and Technical Delegates**

The IAAF may nominate one or more observer(s) and/or one International Technical Delegate (TD) to attend races that have applied for or have been awarded a Label. The observer(s) and/or the TD will ensure compliance with the IAAF Label Road Race Regulations and may also be available to assist the race organisation if such assistance is requested by the Race Director.

The race organisation shall pay the following for one designated observer or TD: economy class travel, on-site accommodation for a maximum of three nights, meals and local transport.

The race organisation will provide all necessary passes, accreditation and assistance to give to observers and TDs access to the requested operational areas and pre-race meetings, and generally facilitate their work.

The IAAF will send to the Race Director a copy of the report completed by the IAAF observer/TD whenever relevant.



## 5. Medical

The availability of medical services shall be commensurate with the number of participants in the race and the prevailing weather conditions. A Medical Director shall be identified, and his/her contact details transmitted to the TD should the IAAF appoint one for the race.

## 6. Anti-Doping

All tests shall be conducted in accordance with the IAAF Anti-Doping Regulations at the expense of the race organiser. The minimum number of samples to be collected shall be:

- IAAF Gold Label Road Races: 12 samples for mixed races (6 men and 6 women) or 6 samples for single gender races;
- IAAF Silver Label Road Races: 10 samples for mixed races (5 men and 5 women) or 5 samples for single gender races;
- IAAF Bronze Label Road Races: 6 samples for mixed races (3 men and 3 women) or 3 samples for single gender races.

EPO testing shall be conducted in accordance with the IAAF Anti-Doping regulations in force at the time of the race and the Athletics Integrity Unit shall advise the number of samples to be tested for EPO prior to the race.

The doping samples shall be analysed by the WADA accredited laboratory, as advised by the Athletics Integrity Unit.

Additional doping tests shall be conducted:

- Systematically when a World Record and/or an Area Record is broken or equalled;
- When requested by any athletes who has broken a National Record (at the athlete's expense).

## 7. Technical

Races shall be organised in accordance with the IAAF Competition Rules.

Courses must hold an IAAF/AIMS international measurement certificate valid at least through race day.

### Before the race

It is mandatory to organise a pre-race technical meeting with the elite athletes and their representatives, where all arrangements for the race (warm-up schedule, desired, configuration of refreshment stations, how to reach the finish line in case of drop-out; etc.) must be communicated, and the pacemakers introduced to the athletes. If the technical meeting is conducted in a language other than English, English translation should be provided.

The Chief Referee must be present at the technical meeting.

A "gear check" shall be organised for the eve of the race (or, for afternoon/evening competitions, no later than the morning of the race day) to ensure compliance of the elite athletes' race kits with the IAAF Advertising Regulations. Only elite athletes with IAAF-compliant kit should start the race from the first corral.



In an effort to make all athletes more recognisable, it is strongly recommended to provide personalised bibs with first or last name to the elite athletes, for them to wear on race day.

Organisers shall permit athletes to provide their own refreshments, in which case the athlete shall nominate at which stations they shall be made available to him. Refreshments provided by the athletes shall be kept under the supervision of officials designated by the Organisers from the time that the refreshments are lodged by the athletes or their representatives. Those officials shall ensure that the refreshments are not altered or tampered with in any way.

### **Road Closures**

The whole course must be closed to vehicular traffic, with the exclusion of official vehicles, for the duration of the event until the published cut-off time. The Start will be traffic free until the last runner has started and the Finish will be traffic free until the last runner finishes or the cut-off time is reached.

In the case of dual carriageways, only the carriageway on which the participants will run needs be closed to vehicular traffic. Whenever possible, for safety reasons, all carriageways should be closed to vehicular traffic.

The safety of all runners is paramount; therefore police and/or traffic controllers must be present at all intersections.

### **The race**

The original Course Measurer or other suitably qualified official designated by the Course Measurer with a copy of the documentation detailing the officially measured course shall ride in the lead vehicle during the competition to validate that the course run by the athletes conforms to the course measured and documented by the official Course Measurer. In the case of separate men and women races, a certified Measurer or other suitably qualified person should be in the lead vehicle for each race. All intermediate timing points shall be measured and marked by the Course Measurer and included in the course map.

Each Label Race shall be started independently of races on any other distance. Exception to this rule can be made only if the buffer between the elites taking part in the Label competition and the participants of other races is ample enough to prevent disruption to the elite race. Once the race is started, it is essential that elite athletes participating in the Label race do not enter in contact with persons not participating in the same race, as this would result in a violation of the IAAF Competition Rule 144.3(a) on assistance.

There shall be a lead vehicle preceding the lead runners to direct the runners around the course and that shall also include a time clock indicating the time elapsed since the start of the race. Where it is safe to do so, in mixed races, a lead vehicle shall precede both men's and women's race leaders.

The Chief Referee, or designated person, shall follow the leading pack of a road race closely, on a motorbike or bicycle. In the case of separate men and women races, a referee should be with the leading pack for each race. It is in the power of the Referee to give warnings in case of rule violations and, for particularly serious cases, disqualify athletes.

In Gold Label races, a photo-finish device shall be utilised to determine the placings in case of close finishes.

### **Pacing**





Pacemakers are authorised and should be clearly identifiable through a distinctive uniform or similar. To better promote the image of all athletes, a pacemaker's main bib shall include his first of last name. If a pacemaker has no distinctive uniform, it is allowed to have the word "PACE" together with his name on the bib, or on a second bib to be placed either on the chest or on the back of the athlete.

No more than three pacemakers may be engaged to run at any given pace.

Pacemakers can hand refreshments to any competitor. However any continuous support from any athlete to one or more others may be regarded as unfair assistance and warnings and/or disqualifications may be applied.

### **Drinking/Sponging and Refreshment Stations**

Drinking/Sponging and Refreshment stations adequately staffed by competent personnel shall be available on the course in accordance with IAAF Rule 240.8.

Umpires shall be present at all refreshment stations, to ensure the treatment provided to all elite athletes is fair, and to report any violations.

Elite athletes may only take water or refreshments at the official stations provided by the race organisation.

### **Timing Data Processing and Results**

Races must provide fully electronic timing by transponders to all finishers. Real time splits and final results which shall include the official time based on the "gun time" should be made available to media, spectators and on the official race website within the shortest possible time. Where available, split times shall be properly recorded and made available for statistics, records and judging purposes.

Races shall email the official results of the competition for the top 20 male and top 20 female finishers to the IAAF immediately following the completion of the competition in a single PDF file containing both men and women results.

### **Insurance**

Race Organisers shall subscribe to an appropriate third party liability insurance policy to cover the risks for which the race organisation may be held liable, including any accident which might occur to athletes and officials.

## **8. Communications**

### **On-site Video Screen**

All Gold Label Races must provide in the finish area a giant video screen to allow spectators to follow the race.

### **Media Services**

Appropriate media services shall be provided to the press and photographers which shall include the following minimum requirements:

- Individual delivery of results of top 20 men and women



- Dedicated website with start-lists and results in the language of the host country and in English.
- TV monitors + high-speed Internet connection

### **International Broadcast Requirements**

- Gold Label Races must ensure full coverage of the race in the host country as well as in at least five different international territories (either live, delayed or streaming).
- Silver Label Races must ensure full domestic coverage of the race (either live, delayed or streaming).
- Bronze Label Races must be able to provide highlights of the race at least domestically (live, delayed or streaming).

### **TV Coverage to the IAAF**

Each IAAF Label Road Race shall provide the IAAF with the full race footage (“Dirty International Feed”), in the form of a web-link to a video-sharing website (YouTube, Vimeo, YouKu, etc.) or a digital file. This is for reviewing purposes only, and the IAAF will NOT re-distribute, or have any rights on any of this footage.

Upon request of the IAAF, the organiser shall provide a broadcast-quality record of the competition (“Clean Feed”), allowing the IAAF to use, free of charge, up to five minutes of footage, unless existing media rights contracts prevent the organiser from doing so.

### **IAAF Branding and Promotion**

All Label Road Race organisers are required to:

- Produce and display, at their cost, at least two IAAF boards (or banners) in the finish area within the final 100 metres and/or prominently display the IAAF Road Race Label logo on the finish gantry. Layouts are to be supplied by the IAAF. As part of the post-race report, organisers shall be required to provide photographs of the IAAF Road Race Label recognition.
- Display the relevant IAAF Road Race Label logo on the homepage of the race website.
- Include the relevant IAAF Road Race Label logo on all printed material (i.e. brochures, leaflets, official programme, start lists, results). Logo artwork is to be provided by the IAAF.

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