



PNG GAMES 2017

Athletics Competition Rules

1.0 Entries

1.1 The maximum number of athletes per province that may enter in the PNG Games - Athletics competition is three male per track and three per field event and the same for women's events. The half Marathon is only open to athletes who are 17 years of age and older, and the maximum number of entries allowed for the event is three athletes of each gender per province. The minimum age rule will be enforced and any athlete challenged must be able to produce evidence of their date of birth.

1.2 With the exception of the sprint events, an athlete may enter a maximum of three individual events plus the relays. This could be three (3) track events, or three (3) field events, or it could be two (2) track events and one (1) field event, or two (2) field events and one (1) track event. Due to the number of races involved in running the sprint events, no athlete may take part in all three sprint events of 100m, 200m and 400m. An athlete may only enter two of these three events plus one other (non sprint) event.

1.3 In order to run in the relays, athletes must be nominated for, or they must have entered and competed in, at least one individual event. Any infringement of this rule will result in disqualification of the team.

1.4 Events for Athletes With a Disability will be staged in accordance with the rules of the AWD competition. In 2017 this competition will be staged separately from the mainstream track and field programme.

2.0 Competition Rules and Regulations

The PNG Games - Athletics competition will be conducted in accordance with the current rules of the International Association of Athletics Federations, with the exception of the False Start Rule (Rule 162.7).

2.1 All athletes must be familiar with the false start rule as it applies for this competition. Only one false start per race is allowed and any athlete who is subsequently adjudged to have made a false start will be disqualified. In sprint events, at the end of the race, athletes should remain in their lanes until the finish judges have finalised placing.

There will be a full range of track and field events in the Open division for both men and women as per the list of events.

In cases of disputes the Jury of Appeals decision shall be final.



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3.0 Warm Up at Competition Sites

Once athletes arrive at the competition site, and before the starting time for the event, each athlete may have practice trials. In the case of the throws this will be in draw order, and always under the supervision of the judges.

4.0 Progression from Heats to Finals (Track Events)

The number of rounds and heats to be conducted for all track events, and the number of athletes who progress to the next round, will be determined in accordance with **IAAF Rule 166**.

It is the responsibility of athletes and team leaders to familiarise themselves with the rules in relation to rounds, heats and semi finals in the sprint events (100m to 400m). If there are three semi finals, the first two finishers in each race plus the two fastest of all the other competitors will progress to the final. If only two semi finals then the first three finishers in each race will progress to the final plus the two fastest of all the other competitors. However if there are four rounds including the final in any sprint event, then the first four from each of two semi finals will proceed to the final. This rule will be explained further at the Technical Meeting.

It is expected that there will be a need for qualifying rounds in the sprints due to the large number of entries.

For these events and for the 800m and 1500m semi finals, the progressions will be explained at the Technical Meeting.

4.1 Athletes who qualify for the final in a sprint event **MUST** run in the final. If an athlete qualifies for the final and fails to report then unless the athlete has a medical reason, he or she will not be eligible to take any further part in the competition. Disrespect for this rule may result in the disqualification of relay teams.

5.0 Progression from Qualifying Rounds to Finals (Field Events)

In field events other than high jump, if there are twelve or less competitors they shall advance straight to the finals and have six attempts each. Where there are more than twelve entries a qualifying round will be held. A qualifying mark will be set by the Technical delegates and all athletes who reach the qualifying mark will advance to the final. In the event that less than twelve athletes achieve the qualifying mark then the top twelve will advance to the final.

Where there are more than eight finalists, except in high jump, all competitors shall have three attempts with the top eight then having three more attempts.

Starting heights for the High Jump event will be determined at the Technical Meeting.



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6.0 Withdrawals and Late Entries

At the Technical Meeting team managers may withdraw athletes previously entered where it is known that the athlete will not compete. The purpose of this meeting is to confirm entries and allow organisers to distribute start lists before the competition begins.

Late submission of entries delays the start of competition and inconveniences everyone, including the athletes, and will not be allowed.

7.0 The Start

7.1 Starters Commands

The Starters command will be in English. ("On your marks", "Set", and the "sound of the Starters Gun" for sprints and "On your marks" and the "sound of the Starters Gun" for the longer races.)

7.2 Starting Blocks

Starting blocks will be provided for all events up to and including 400m.

7.3 Running Shoe Spikes

In order to protect the running track from damage due to spikes of incorrect length being used, athletes shoes will be inspected at the call room. No spikes longer than 7mm will be allowed..

8.0 Relay Confirmation

The Team Managers must complete relay confirmation sheets, listing the members of the relay team in order and must be handed in to the Technical Information Centre at least one hour prior to the start of the event. If the team fails to run in the order specified, the team will be disqualified.

9.0 Simultaneous Events

If an athlete is already competing in another event at the designated call time, the Team Manager must notify the Call Room of this prior to the commencement of competition of the second event. The athlete can move straight across from one event to the other provided the second event is still in progress upon his arrival.



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10.0 Call Room and Check in Times

10.1 Track Events

Competitors must report to the Call Room 20 minutes before competition to confirm their participation. There will only be one call. This call is made 20 minutes before competition to confirm participation and then athletes are escorted to the start. A Call Room judge will escort competitors from the Call Room to the competition area.

10.2 Field Events

Competitors will report to the Call Room when called to confirm participation and will then be escorted to the competition area 30 minutes prior to competition to allow for practice jumps or throws.

11.0 Elite Athletes

The PNG Games Council has, through the Games Charter given the responsibility to Athletics PNG to define what is meant by the term "elite athlete" and to determine to what extent these athletes may participate in the Games. Elite athletes in our sport may participate in relay races, and in any individual event other than their specialist event (s). This will be made clear to the athletes concerned well in advance of the Games.

A list of Elite athletes will be agreed by the APNG Executive and the athletes will be informed. It is not considered necessary to publish a list because these athletes are all overseas anyway and most would not be planning to participate in the PNG Games.

Generally speaking the policy of APNG is to exclude from the Games, athletes who are currently training overseas and already have adequate competition opportunities. All PNG based national representatives and development squad members may participate on the same basis as all other athletes. This includes athletes who may be considered by the general public to be elite athletes but have remained in PNG for some time and currently enjoy few competition opportunities.

12.0 COMPETITION ARENA

Athletes must stay outside of the competition arena except when competing. In addition coaches and spectators must also remain outside of the competition arena while the competition is underway. A coaches area will be identified near the field event sites where coaches can place themselves in order to interact with their athletes.

Endorsement

This four page document is endorsed by Athletics PNG and PNG Games Council as evidenced below

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