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ULTRA Distance Track Licensing Guidance 2024

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Where to apply:

All licences: <https://www.mysporthost.com/TFEventLicence/>

Apart from Scottish Basic and Level 1:

<https://www.scottishathletics.org.uk/events/organising-an-event/licensing-and-returns/>

Useful links

International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU):

<https://iau-ultramarathon.org/>

England Athletics, organising an event:

<https://www.englandathletics.org/clubs-and-facilities/organising-an-event/>

Scottish Athletics, licensing an event:

<https://www.scottishathletics.org.uk/events/organising-an-event/licensing-and-returns/>

Athletics Northern Ireland, organising an event:

<https://athleticsni.org/Permits>

Welsh Athletics, competitions:

<https://www.welshathletics.org/en/page/track>

Level 1 Licence

Most licences issued in the UK will be level 1 and results are eligible for Power of 10 inclusion.

In accordance with UK Athletics rule book, CR1 S1 (7), licences should be applied for preferably at least 8 weeks in advance of a competition. Applications for licences submitted after that date will be considered on merit.

Level 2 Licence

Enhanced level of licence where performances are eligible for international selection. This means that a facility must have a UKA approved track and field measurement and levels survey. Additionally, a greater number of officials are required with a higher level of qualification.

In accordance with UK Athletics rule book, CR1 S1 (7), licences should be applied for preferably at least 8 weeks in advance of a competition. Applications for licences submitted after that date will be considered on merit.



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International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU)

Licence holders should apply to the International Association of Ultrarunners for an IAU label at least **60 days in advance**, so that all athletic performance in the event can be recognised by the IAU for ranking and competition grant purposes.

Rules

Competitions must be delivered under UKA Rules for Competition (Rule G9 from page 339 onwards) and IAU (International Association of Ultrarunners) guidelines.

Rules continued: *There are new compulsory requirements relating to UK Anti-Doping, please see Appendix one on page 3 below.*

Licences are issued by:

Level 1 licences issued by:

- England Athletics - applications will be reviewed by a Regional Council representative and then a National Officer will issue the licence. Contact: tandfeventlicensing@uka.org.uk
- Scottish Athletics, contact: Events@scottishathletics.org.uk
- Welsh Athletics, contact: darran.williams@welshathletics.org
- Athletics Northern Ireland, contact: info@athleticsni.org

Level 2 licences

- Issued by UK Athletics – contact: tandfeventlicensing@uka.org.uk

Track Facilities

All races must be held at venues that have achieved TrackMark accreditation in the units appropriate to the event. Non-technical track only events can take place as long as the venue has operational floodlighting. For World/British records (including age group bests) a level 2 licence is required and a certification of track measurement. For further information on UKA's TrackMark accreditation can be found here:

<https://www.uka.org.uk/about/what-we-do/facilities/>
or by contacting TrackMark@uka.org.uk

Equipment

Chip timing. A second back up system either chip and or video - but for a level 1 competition, this could be in the form of manual timing. For World/British records (including age group bests) a level 2 licence is required



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Race Director
Should be a competent and experienced person at previous ultra-events or experience of shadowing established ultra-events. A UK Athletics officials qualification would be desirable.
Minimum athlete age
In accordance with the current rules, the minimum age is 20 years on the first day of running.
First Aid
Appropriate first aid provision must be made. If in doubt, please refer to the 'Purple Guide': https://www.thepurpleguide.co.uk/ Or some useful information is included here .
Power of 10
All results from licensed competitions are eligible for Power of 10 inclusion. Exclusions may occur if the UK Athletics/IAU rule book has not been followed or if the numbers of qualified officials in attendance falls below the minimum standard required. Occasionally spot checks are made to ensure this has happened. Power of 10 have a section in their help tab to assist with results presentation.
Changes to licence: events/date/venue
Must be informed to tandfeventlicensing@uka.org.uk before the competition so that the application can be amended and if necessary, the licence will be reissue.
UK Records
If UK Records are likely to be set, any Record Application must be signed by Referees or Chiefs in the relevant disciplines who are Level 4. For more information see UKA rule book C35 S1. Applications forms can be found here: https://www.uka.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/ukrecord_form1.pdf
Ultra-Track Running Distance Definition
Any distance further than a marathon distance (42195m)



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Appendix 1 – Officials Required for Ultra Running Events 2024

Officials on duty	<i>At least 3 qualified officials must be present at all times, meaning an absolute minimum of 6 qualified officials required for the whole event. These can be made up with a mixture of the following track judges/timekeepers/endurance officials.</i>	
	Level 1	Level 2
Track Referee (Can be track judge or endurance qualified)	Level 2+	Level 3+ (Level 4 for UK records)
Additional Qualified Track Judges or Endurance Officials	Plus at least 2 additional qualified track or endurance officials	Plus at least 2 additional qualified track or endurance officials
Chief Timekeeper (Can be qualified timekeeper or endurance official)	Level 2+	Level 3+
Additional Timekeepers or Endurance Officials	Plus at least 2 qualified timekeepers or endurance officials all using timers of a kind approved by UKA	Plus at least 2 qualified timekeepers or endurance officials all using timers of a kind approved by UKA
Starter	<p>Qualified Starter (Level 1+) required if a gun start is used.</p> <p>If a horn/electronic/other start is used, a competent and experienced person may perform the starter role, although a Starter qualification is desirable</p>	



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Appendix 2 - UK Anti-Doping Process

The Home Nation Athletics Federations (HCAF) have slightly different guidelines for Clean Sport and organisers are advised to contact England Athletics, Welsh Athletics, Scottish Athletics and Athletics Northern Ireland respectively for advice.

The UK Athletics Anti-Doping Rules can be found here: <https://www.uka.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/210507-UKA-AD-Rules-3-combined-final.pdf>

In summary the points that impact on competition providers and clubs are as follows:

- The Anti-Doping Rules affect all licensed competition held in the UK (track & field, indoor, cross country, road, multi terrain etc), but excludes in house fun type of events.
- Track & field athletes competing in league competitions are covered by their membership to their individual HCAF.
- All organisers of championship/open/school events must include a statement on entry forms so an athlete is aware that by entering a competition they are agreeing to the UK Athletics Anti-Doping Rules and World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code – this can be by tick box for online entries. For on the day entries, this must be included on entry forms or at the top of an entry list to include a place for the athlete/parent/carer to sign.

The wording that all competing athletes must agree to is as follows:

All entrants shall be deemed to have made him/herself/themselves familiar with, and agree to be bound by the UKA Anti-Doping Rules and to submit to the authority of UK Anti-Doping in the application and enforcement of the Anti-Doping Rules.

The UKA Anti-Doping Rules apply to entrants participating in the sport of Athletics, for 12 months from the [date of entry], whether or not the entrant is a citizen of, or resident in, the UK.



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