

Introduction and Objectives

1. The Group's role is to advise, and make recommendations to, the UKA Board from time to time, as appropriate, concerning, and only concerning, matters relating to the rules for competition adopted for regulation of the conduct of all competition disciplines of the sport of Athletics in the UK (the 'Rules'). Such advice shall extend also to:
 - (i) proposals for changes to, or clarification of, the Rules, whether received from World Athletics ("WA") or otherwise;
 - (ii) any regulations, directives, policies or codes of WA or UKA which are affected by, or are likely to affect, as the case may be, the Rules, and upon which the Group shall be consulted or which the Group has otherwise had brought to its attention; and
 - (iii) any other matter assigned to it by the Board from time to time.
2. As part of its role, the Group shall:
 - a) advise the Board on compliance by UKA with relevant obligations as the Member Federation of WA responsible for athletics in the United Kingdom and on any improvements that might be considered, to the Rules or otherwise, in this respect, including, if necessary, a recommendation to propose to WA a change to its rules;
 - b) advise the Board on recommended supplements to the WA Rules that add contextual understanding to aspects of the sport that are specifically applicable to the UK and which are presented in the UKA Rules of Competition book;
 - c) identify changes to ensure that the Rules are consistent as a whole, that they are (given that many will be drafted by WA) as relevant, clear, easily accessible and understandable for all participants as is reasonably achievable, and that there are appropriate and effective notification, education and awareness programmes in place to ensure all amendments and clarifications to the Rules can be promptly communicated to those whom they affect;
 - d) carry out, a formal biennial review of the supplements to the Rules, during which those involved in the sport shall be invited to propose changes to the Rules and all major stakeholders (including the National Associations) shall be consulted to the extent any change may affect them, following which, the Group, having sought such additional advice as it considers necessary, shall make appropriate recommendations to the Board, accompanied by brief explanations of the impact of the suggested changes, where deemed necessary, and identifying any requested changes that were rejected whether on the grounds that they were inappropriate or may give rise to controversy or reputational damage. The updated supplements will be published in the UKA Rules of Competition book;
 - e) as and when any notification is received from WA that it has changed or intends to change its rules or has issued a clarification in relation thereto, consider such change or clarification and report to the Board on the perceived impact upon the Rules and the need for any change in order to comply with

the WA position, accompanied by brief explanations of the impact of the suggested changes, where deemed necessary, and identifying any that may give rise to controversy or reputational damage;

- f) over and above the formal biennial review, the Group may, on a quarterly basis, ensure that changes to WA Rules and any corresponding UKA supplements shall, subject to the approval of the UKA Board, be published in the online version of the Rules of Competition;
- g) for the purposes of conducting its responsibilities under (c), (d), (e) and (f) above, the Group will conduct such additional consultation with such bodies, including the Standards, Ethics and Rules Committee, as it considers appropriate; and
- h) provide non-executive oversight and support for the executive having responsibility for matters covered by the Rules.

Constitution

1. The Group, including the chair, will be appointed by the Board and report on its decisions and actions directly to the Board through the accountable executive or otherwise as appropriate.
2. The Group will be comprised of no less than 6 and no more than 10 individuals (including the chair, the accountable executive and the administrator) and shall between them possess such skills and experience as may be required from time to time for the Group properly to conduct its role. Where a vacancy arises, or an additional appointment would benefit the Group's work, the Group shall take such steps as may be necessary to identify a suitable candidate. Once a candidate with the relevant skills and experience is identified, the Group shall provide the Board with appropriate information to enable it to confirm the appointment.
3. Members may serve for so long as it is considered their skills and experience are valuable to the performance of the Group's role, provided that the chair shall serve for a maximum period of eight years and a relevant review shall be conducted every two years to ensure that all members continue to have the necessary skills, and the time to devote to the Group's work. A member may resign at any time and may be removed by the Board in the case of wilful misconduct or of a recommendation of the Group following any biennial review.
4. The Group shall carry out its role through correspondence and meetings in such manner and frequency as determined by the chair. The Group shall be able to establish sub-committees and working groups of its members, subject to ratification by the Board.
5. The number of members of the Group that must be in attendance at a meeting for it to be quorate shall be at least fifty per cent of the establishment of the Group.
6. The meetings of the Group may take place remotely using an appropriate electronic virtual meeting platform, or they may be face-to-face meetings or a hybrid version of both.

7. The Administrator to the Group will ensure that minutes of the formal meetings of the Group are recorded and that the decisions that they have made are noted.

Executive Authority and Budget Responsibility

1. The Group shall not have independent authority to take executive action or to commit expenditure.
2. A UKA executive will be accountable to the UKA Chief Executive for all necessary executive action, including:
 - a. conduct of all the above activity, including ensuring Rules are fit for purpose, that the Board is informed whenever appropriate and that there are effective notification, education and awareness programmes in place to ensure all amendments to the Rules can be promptly communicated to those whom they affect;
 - b. ensuring that proper channels of communication exist with World Athletics so as to ensure that any proposed changes or guidance relating to, or action otherwise affecting, Rules are received promptly by UKA and communicated to the Group without delay;
 - c. where necessary, as requested by the chair, engaging appropriately skilled and experienced lawyers or other professional advisors to ensure the Rules, or any proposed changes thereto, are compliant with all relevant legislation;
 - d. liaising generally with relevant other authorities, such as relevant anti-doping agencies and the CEO Forum.