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Ref. *Proposal for Modification of London 2017 Women's 50km Race Walk Entry Standard through Executive Board Action*

Dear Mr. Hardy:

Thank you for your e-mail of June 1, 2017, responding on behalf of Lord Coe to my May 21, 2017 request for immediate Executive Board action to have a separate women's entry standard for the 50km race walk event at the upcoming London World Championships.

I appreciate that the IAAF has opened up the 50km event to both genders, resulting in the existence of one entry standard applicable to male and female walkers, as you pointed out. I am therefore modifying my proposal to take account of your position, by requesting a change of the single entry standard from 4:06:00 to 4:55:00, in order to achieve the Objects of the IAAF Constitution: encourage athletics participation regardless of gender (art. 4(3)); to strive to ensure that no gender discrimination exists (art. 4(4)); and that all may participate in athletics regardless of their gender (art. 4(4)). I recommend two further changes to fulfill the promise of the IAAF Constitution: the women's world record holder should be allowed to participate; and each Member may select up to three male walkers and up to three female walkers for the 50km event, provided those athletes qualify.

The analysis (see below) of who qualifies for the London Worlds under the 4:55:00 entry standard should assuage your legitimate concern that, by lowering the entry standards for male and female athletes, the number of participants would increase quite significantly. Under the 4:06:00 standard, 130 walkers have met the standard but due to the three-per-

Member limit, only 78 of them may take the start in London. Changing the entry standard for everyone to 4:55:00 means that even though 245 men and women have walked faster during the requisite qualifying period at a race listed on either the 2016 or 2017 List of Qualifying Race Walk Competitions (Lists), only 118 of them would be able to be selected. The special case of the world record holder would make that 119.

The 1987 World Race Walking Cup 50km event had 135 participants. The 20km Cup race in 1997 had 140 walkers. Those races took place before the advent of electronic timing using chip technology. It is highly unlikely that all 119 athletes who could be selected under the modified proposal would be selected as some Members have more stringent selection requirements, either objectively (e.g., British Athletics imposes a 4:00:00 entry standard) or subjectively. Hence, the increase in the number of participants is within reason, especially given that the reason for the modest expansion is the worthy goal of alleviating gender discrimination in athletics.

The case of the new women's 50km world record holder, Inês Henriques of Portugal, requires special attention. Ms. Henriques established her record of 4:08:26 on January 15, 2017, in a race that was not included on the Lists. But her world record was ratified in the meantime. (See IAAF June 1, 2017 Press Release.) The *Qualification System and Entry Standards* should be amended to provide that setting a 50km world record entitles its holder to automatic World Championship qualification provided the record was set and ratified during the qualification period. It would be a pity not to have her present at the inaugural opportunity for women to contest the 50km world championship event.

The table below indicates who qualifies and who does not, assuming the following: an entry standard of 4:55:00; allowing Members to enter up to three male and up to three female athletes; and allowing the world record holder (who meets specified conditions) an entry. The 255 athletes listed all walked a sub 5-hour 50km at an event listed on either the 2016 or 2017 List of Qualifying Race Walk Competitions (with the exception, as noted above, of the new women's world record holder). The first column notes whether an athlete qualifies (Q) or not (blank due to one of two reasons: the three M/three W limit per Member; or time exceeded 4:55:00 threshold). The second column lists the consecutive number from 1 through 254 based on performance (women athletes also have consecutive W numbers). The third column lists the athlete's name. The fourth column lists the athlete's country and the athlete's ranking among that country's athletes irrespective of gender. The fifth column lists the athlete's best 50km time during the qualifying period. The sixth column lists the event location. The seventh column lists the event date. Please note that a Member may not necessarily select the athletes with the top three times to London. Some Members conduct trial races, others make subjective selections, and many Members do not use their entire allotment in selecting athletes. But these numbers accurately reflect the most athletes that potentially could be selected by their federations.

Q1	1.	Yohann Diniz	FRA-1	3:37:48	St. Sebastien-sur-Loire	3/13/16
Q2	2.	Matej Tóth	SVK-1	3:40:58	Rio de Janeiro	8/19/16
Q3	3.	Zhendong Wang	CHN-1	3:41:02	Huangshan	3/6/16
Q4	4.	Jarred Tallent	AUS-1	3:41:16	Rio de Janeiro	8/19/16
Q5	5.	Hirooki Arai	JPN-1	3:41:24	Rio de Janeiro	8/19/16
Q6	6.	Evan Dunfee	CAN-1	3:41:38	Rio de Janeiro	8/19/16
Q7	7.	Kai Kobayashi	JPN-2	3:42:08	Takahata	10/23/16
Q8	8.	Yucheng Han	CHN-2	3:42:43	Huangshan	3/6/16
Q9	9.	Wei Yu	CHN-3	3:42:54	Huangshan	3/6/16
Q10	10.	Andrés Chocho	ECU-1	3:42:57	Ciudad Juarez	3/6/16
Q11	11.	Rafał Augustyn	POL-1	3:43:22	Dudince	3/19/16
	12.	Hang Zhang	CHN-4	3:43:31	Huangshan	3/6/16
Q12	13.	Håvard Haukenes	NOR-1	3:43:40	Dudince	3/25/17
Q13	14.	Robert Heffernan	IRL-1	3:43:55	Rio de Janeiro	8/19/16
Q14	15.	Ihor Hlavan	UKR-1	3:44:02	Rome	5/8/16
Q15	16.	Takayuki Tanii	JPN-3	3:44:12	Wajima	4/17/16
Q16	17.	Marco De Luca	ITA-1	3:44:47	Rome	5/8/16
Q17	18.	José Leyver Ojeda Blas	MEX-1	3:45:09	Naumburg	4/23/17
Q18	19.	Omar Zepeda	MEX-2	3:45:28	Ciudad Juarez	3/6/16
	20.	Wenbin Niu	CHN-5	3:46:12	Huangshan	3/5/17
Q19	21.	Aleksi Ojala	FIN-1	3:46:25	Dudince	3/19/16
Q20	22.	Caio Bonfim	BRA-1	3:47:02	Rio de Janeiro	8/19/16
Q21	23.	Adrian Blocki	POL-2	3:47:16	Dudince	3/19/16
Q22	24.	Horacio Nava	MEX-3	3:47:44	Dudince	3/19/16
	25.	Jian Liu	CHN-6	3:47:51	Huangshan	3/6/16
Q23	26.	Carl Dohmann	GER-1	3:47:57	Andernach	10/8/16
	27.	Pedro Daniel Gómez	MEX-4	3:48:04	Dudince	3/25/17
	28.	Faguang Xu	CHN-7	3:48:07	Huangshan	3/6/16
Q24	29.	Ivan Banzeruk	UKR-2	3:48:15	Podebrady	5/21/17
	30.	Lin Zhang	CHN-8	3:48:23	Huangshan	3/6/16
Q25	31.	Teodorico Caporaso	ITA-2	3:48:29	Rome	5/8/16
Q26	32.	Alex Wright	IRL-2	3:48:31	Dudince	3/19/16
	33.	Qianlong Wu	CHN-9	3:48:38	Huangshan	3/5/17
Q27	34.	Chris Erickson	AUS-2	3:48:40	Rio de Janeiro	8/19/16
	35.	Tongda Bian	CHN-10	3:48:41	Huangshan	3/5/17
Q28	36.	Rafał Fedaczyński	POL-3	3:48:42	Dudince	3/19/16
	37.	Luis Amaury Bustamante	MEX-5	3:48:45	Naumburg	4/23/17
Q29	38.	Veli-Matti Partanen	FIN-2	3:49:00	Dudince	3/25/17
Q30	39.	João Vieira	POR-1	3:49:05	Dudince	3/19/16
Q31	40.	Michele Antonelli	ITA-3	3:49:07	Podebrady	5/21/17
	41.	Satoshi Maruo	JPN-4	3:49:17	Wajima	4/16/17
Q32	42.	Quentin Rew	NZL-1	3:49:32	Rio de Janeiro	8/19/16
	43.	Hayato Katsuki	JPN-5	3:49:49	Wajima	4/16/17
Q33	44.	Brendan Boyce	IRL-3	3:49:49	Podebrady	5/21/17
	45.	Qin Wang	CHN-11	3:50:16	Huangshan	3/6/16
	46.	Dongpo Luo	CHN-12	3:50:38	Huangshan	3/5/17
Q34	47.	Jarkko Kinnunen	FIN-3	3:50:40	Dudince	3/19/16
Q35	48.	José Ignacio Díaz	ESP-1	3:51:10	Rome	5/8/16
	49.	Jorge Alejandro Martinez	MEX-6	3:51:11	Ciudad Juarez	3/6/16
	50.	Rafał Sikora	POL-4	3:51:18	Dudince	3/19/16
Q36	51.	Claudio Villanueva	ECU-2	3:51:35	Lima	5/14/17
Q37	52.	Luis Fernando López	COL-1	3:51:35	Lima	5/14/17
Q38	53.	Jorge Armando Ruiz	COL-2	3:51:42	Rio de Janeiro	8/19/16
Q39	54.	Chilsung Park	KOR-1	3:52:26	Dudince	3/19/16
	55.	Julio César Salazar	MEX-7	3:52:30	Dudince	3/25/17
	56.	Matteo Giupponi	ITA-4	3:52:27	Rome	5/8/16

Q40	57.	Karl Junghanss	GER-2	3:52:46	Andernach	10/8/16
Q41	58.	José Montaña	COL-3	3:52:48	Ciudad Juarez	3/6/16
Q42	59.	Jaime Quiyuch	GUA-1	3:53:01	Dudince	3/19/16
	60.	Damian Blocki	POL-5	3:53:01	Dudince	3/25/17
Q43	61.	Ivan Trotski	BLR-1	3:53:12	Dudince	3/19/16
Q44	62.	Serhiy Budza	UKR-3	3:53:22	Rio de Janeiro	8/19/16
	63.	Maryan Zakolnytskyy	UKR-4	3:53:50	Podebrady	5/21/17
Q45	64.	Miguel Ángel López	ESP-2	3:53:52	Motril	2/28/16
Q46	65.	Máté Helebrandt	HUN-1	3:53:54	Dudince	3/19/16
Q47	66.	Mathieu Bilodeau	CAN-2	3:53:56	St. Sebastien-sur-Loire	3/13/16
Q48	67.	Mikel Odriozola	ESP-3	3:54:21	Motril	2/28/16
Q49	68.	Lukáš Gdula	CZE-1	3:54:29	Dudince	3/19/16
	69.	Jesús Ángel García	ESP-4	3:54:29	Rio de Janeiro	8/19/16
Q50	70.	Rolando Saquipay	ECU-3	3:54:32	Rome	5/8/16
	71.	Zhongkai Meng	CHN-13	3:54:35	Huangshan	3/5/17
	72.	Francisco Arcilla	ESP-5	3:55:06	Rome	5/8/16
Q51	73.	Nathaniel Seiler	GER-3	3:55:13	Podebrady	5/21/17
	74.	Federico Tontodonati	ITA-5	3:55:17	Rome	5/8/16
Q52	75.	Jonathan Rieckmann	BRA-2	3:55:26	Dudince	3/19/16
Q53	76.	Dominic King	GBR-1	3:55:48	Andernach	10/8/16
Q54	77.	Marc Mundell	RSA-1	3:56:12	Dudince	3/19/16
	78.	Andrea Agrusti	ITA-6	3:56:17	Andernach	10/8/16
Q55	79.	Pedro Isidro	POR-2	3:56:38	Podebrady	5/21/17
	80.	Iván Pajuelo	ESP-6	3:56:47	Podebrady	5/21/17
Q56	81.	Miklós Srp	HUN-2	3:57:06	Dudince	3/19/16
	82.	Isaac Palma Olivares	MEX-8	3:57:32	Dudince	3/25/17
	83.	Dexian Yan	CHN-14	3:58:14	Huangshan	3/5/17
Q57	84.	Dušan Majdán	SVK-2	3:58:25	Rio de Janeiro	8/19/16
Q58	85.	Pavel Chihuán Camayo	PER-1	3:58:32	Dudince	3/19/16
	86.	Andriy Hrechkovskyy	UKR-5	3:58:35	Podebrady	5/21/17
	87.	Min Cheng	CHN-15	3:58:38	Huangshan	3/6/16
Q59	88.	Anders Hansson	SWE-1	3:58:42	Podebrady	5/21/17
Q60	89.	Tadas Šuškevičius	LTU-1	3:58:44	Dudince	3/25/17
	90.	Yuki Ito	JPN-6	3:58:53	Wajima	4/16/17
Q61	91.	Yerko Araya	CHI-1	3:58:54	Ciudad Juarez	3/6/16
	92.	Kōichirō Morioka	JPN-7	3:58:59	Rio de Janeiro	8/19/16
Q62	93.	Alexandros Papamichail	GRE-1	3:59:21	Rio de Janeiro	8/19/16
	94.	Takeshi Okuma	JPN-8	3:59:30	Takahata	10/23/16
	95.	Omar Daniel Sierra	COL-4	4:00:21	Ciudad Juarez	3/6/16
	96.	Pablo Oliva	ESP-7	4:00:31	Motril	2/28/16
	97.	James Rendón	COL-5	4:00:31	Rome	5/8/16
Q63	98.	Martin Tišťan	SVK-3	4:00:43	Dudince	3/19/16
	99.	Yudong Geng	CHN-16	4:00:50	Huangshan	3/6/16
	100.	Yadong Luo	CHN-17	4:01:00	Huangshan	3/5/17
	101.	Hu Yang	CHN-18	4:01:04	Huangshan	3/5/17
Q64	102.	Hyunsub Kim	KOR-2	4:01:06	Dudince	3/19/16
	103.	Sichao Xie	CHN-19	4:01:29	Huangshan	3/5/17
	104.	Luis Manuel Corchete	ESP-8	4:01:39	Podebrady	5/21/17
	105.	Liang Yang	CHN-20	4:01:47	Huangshan	3/5/17
Q65	106.	Artur Mastianica	LTU-2	4:01:56	Podebrady	5/21/17
Q66	107.	Luis Lopez Menjivar	ESA-1	4:01:59	Ciudad Juarez	3/6/16
Q67	108.	Ronal Qiuspe	BOL-1	4:02:00	Rio de Janeiro	8/19/16
	109.	Hongzhen Fang	CHN-21	4:02:01	Huangshan	3/6/16
Q68	110.	Bence Venyercsán	HUN-3	4:02:35	Dudince	3/19/16
Q69	111.	Alex Flórez	SUI-1	4:02:37	Dudince	3/19/16
Q70	112.	Narcis Ștefan Mihăilă	ROU-1	4:02:46	Rio de Janeiro	8/19/16

Q71	113.	Yerenman Salazar	VEN-1	4:02:48	Rome	5/8/16
	114.	Tengliang Li	CHN-22	4:03:01	Huangshan	3/6/16
Q72	115.	John Nunn	USA-1	4:03:21	Santee	2/21/16
Q73	116.	Florin Alin Stirbu	ROU-2	4:03:36	Podebrady	5/21/17
	117.	Cristian David Berdeja	MEX-9	4:03:45	Monterrey	3/19/17
	118.	Hao Wang	CHN-23	4:03:47	Huangshan	3/6/16
	119.	Su Jiang	CHN-24	4:04:19	Huangshan	3/6/16
	120.	Jonathan Cáceres	ECU-4	4:04:29	Rome	5/8/16
	121.	Tao You	CHN-25	4:04:29	Huangshan	3/5/17
	122.	Yingyi Yang	CHN-26	4:04:37	Huangshan	3/5/17
	123.	Tomofumi Kanno	JPN-9	4:04:58	Wajima	4/16/17
Q74	124.	Pavel Schrom	CZE-2	4:05:09	Dudince	3/19/16
Q75	125.	Arnis Rumbeniaks	LAT-1	4:05:20	Dudince	3/19/16
Q76	126.	Pavel Yarokhau	BLR-2	4:05:31	Dudince	3/19/16
Q77	127.	Mario Alfonso Bran	GUA-2	4:05:37	Ciudad Juarez	3/6/16
	128.	Yuki Yamazaki	JPN-10	4:05:43	Takahata	10/23/16
Q78	129.	Luis Henry Campos	PER-2	4:05:47	Rome	5/8/16
	130.	Shuto Goto	JPN-11	4:05:50	Takahata	10/23/16

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	131.	Xing Zhong	CHN-27	4:06:30	Huangshan	3/5/17
Q79	132.	Hugo Andrieu	FRA-2	4:06:42	La Roche-sur-Yon	3/12/17
	133.	Alexis Ferney Rojas Mesa	COL-6	4:07:16	Lima	5/14/17
	134.	Xuejing Hou	CHN-28	4:07:43	Huangshan	3/5/17
	135.	Grzegorz Sudol	POL-6	4:07:53	Rome	5/8/16
Q80	136.	Sandeep Kumar	IND-1	4:07:55	Rio de Janeiro	8/19/16
	137.	Qingwei Zhao	CHN-29	4:08:01	Huangshan	3/6/16
	138.	Qingsheng Ceng	CHN-30	4:08:03	Huangshan	3/5/17
Q81	139.	Miguel Carvalho	POR-3	4:08:16	Rio de Janeiro	8/19/16
Q82	140W1	Inês Henriques	POR-4/W1	4:08:26	Porto de Mos	1/15/17
Q83	141.	Jitendra Singh Rathore	IND-2	4:08:36	Rome	5/8/16
	142.	Rusi Liu	CHN-31	4:08:39	Huangshan	3/5/17
Q84	143.	Ondřej Motl	CZE-3	4:08:52	Dudince	3/19/16
	144.	Dávid Tokodi	HUN-4	4:08:56	Andernach	10/8/16
	145.	Dionisio Ventura	POR-5	4:09:40	Dudince	3/19/16
	146.	Toru Yamamoto	JPN-12	4:09:55	Wajima	4/16/17
	147.	Denghua Xiong	CHN-32	4:10:35	Huangshan	3/5/17
	148.	Ihor Sakharuk	UKR-6	4:10:41	Monterrey	3/19/17
	149.	Fredy Hernández	COL-7	4:10:53	Rome	5/8/16
	150.	Jian Huang	CHN-33	4:10:59	Huangshan	3/5/17
	151.	Yueceng Xu	CHN-34	4:11:25	Huangshan	3/5/17
Q85	152.	Uladzimir Burundukau	BLR-3	4:11:33	Dudince	3/19/16
	153.	Andreas Janker	GER-4	4:11:45	Andernach	10/8/16
Q86	154.	Bruno Erent	CRO-1	4:13:01	Dudince	3/25/17
Q87	155.	Brendon Reading	AUS-3	4:13:02	Rio de Janeiro	8/19/16
	156.	Benjamin Sánchez	ESP-9	4:13:22	Valverde	3/4/17
Q88	157.	Rosiewicz Maciej	GEO-1	4:13:23	Naumburg	5/22/16
	158.	Haitao Liu	CHN-35	4:13:25	Huangshan	3/5/17
	159.	Qi Zhao	CHN-36	4:13:47	Huangshan	3/6/16
	160.	Hideaki Miyajima	JPN-13	4:15:20	Takahata	10/23/16
	161.	Guodong Li	CHN-37	4:15:24	Huangshan	3/6/16
	162.	Takane Sato	JPN-14	4:15:46	Takahata	10/23/16
	163.	Yongqiang He	CHN-38	4:15:53	Huangshan	3/6/16
Q89	164.	Vladimir Savanović	SRB-1	4:15:53	Rio de Janeiro	8/19/16
	165.	Qingwei Zhao	CHN-39	4:16:31	Huangshan	3/5/17

	166.	Rongjiang Shan	CHN-40	4:16:34	Huangshan	3/6/16
	167.	Haixin Zhang	CHN-41	4:17:55	Huangshan	3/6/16
	168.	Ryota Shiojima	JPN-15	4:18:36	Takahata	10/23/16
Q90	169.	Daniel King	GBR-2	4:19:12	Dudince	3/19/16
Q91	170.	Jürgen E. Grave Chavez	GUA-3	4:19:36	Monterrey	3/19/17
	171.	Chengfa Li	CHN-42	4:20:13	Huangshan	3/6/16
Q92	172.	Rodrigo J. Zeballos Peña	BOL-2	4:20:21	Lima	5/14/17
Q93	173.	Kildon Kang	KOR-3	4:20:24	Rome	5/8/16
	174.	Tianxiang Li	CHN-43	4:20:40	Huangshan	3/6/16
Q94	175.	Rob Tersteeg	NED-1	4:21:33	Rome	5/8/16
Q95	176.	Maxime Lecaplain	FRA-3	4:21:40	La Roche-sur-Yon	3/12/17
Q96	177.	Mohamed A. Deifalla	EGY-1	4:22:04	Dudince	3/19/16
	178.	Hongyue Lu	CHN-44	4:22:17	Huangshan	3/6/16
Q97	179W2	Hang Yin	CHN-45/W1	4:22:22	Huangshan	3/5/17
Q98	180.	Nick Christie	USA-2	4:22:31	Santee	2/21/16
	181.	Takeshi Nakagawa	JPN-16	4:22:36	Takahata	10/23/16
	182.	Rafael Ballesteros Garcia	ESP-10	4:24:36	Motril	2/28/16
	183.	Takaji Higuma	JPN-17	4:25:18	Wajima	4/16/17
	184.	Florian Mayer	FRA-4	4:25:34	La Roche-sur-Yon	3/12/17
Q99	185.	Nenad Filipović	SRB-2	4:25:41	Rio de Janeiro	8/19/16
Q100	186W3	Katie Burnett	USA-3/W1	4:26:37	Santee	1/28/17
	187.	David Velasquez	ECU-5	4:26:40	Lima	5/14/17
Q101	188.	Michael Mannozi	USA-4/M3	4:26:46	Santee	1/28/17
	189.	Takahita Otsubo	JPN-18	4:26:58	Wajima	4/17/16
Q102	190W4	Shuqing Yang	CHN-46/W2	4:27:24	Huangshan	3/5/17
	191.	Steven Washburn	USA-5/M4	4:28:20	Rome	5/8/16
	192.	Tatsuya Tanaka	JPN-19	4:28:58	Takahata	10/23/16
	193.	Matthew Forgues	USA-6/M5	4:29:14	Lima	5/14/17
Q103	194W5	Erin Taylor-Talcott	USA-7/W2	4:29:33	Santee	1/28/17
Q104	195.	Ahmed Magdy Mobarak	EGY-2	4:30:25	Dudince	3/19/16
	196.	David Reyes Alfonso	ESP-11	4:30:45	Motril	2/28/16
	197.	Hiroyoshi Murakami	JPN-20	4:30:46	Wajima	4/16/17
	198.	Jiexin Wang	CHN-47	4:31:18	Huangshan	3/6/16
Q105	199.	Deiby Cordero Zuñiga	CRC-1	4:31:30	Monterrey	3/19/17
	200.	Junichi Fujima	JPN-21	4:32:13	Takahata	10/23/16
Q106	201W6	Shanshan Jiang	CHN-48/W3	4:32:14	Huangshan	3/5/17
	202.	Giovanni Renò	ITA-7	4:32:31	Naumburg	5/22/16
Q107	203.	Remo Karlström	SWE-2	4:32:42	Podebrady	5/21/17
	204.	Lukáš Pazdena	CZE-4	4:32:52	Dudince	3/19/16
	205.	Hélder dos Santos	POR-6	4:32:56	Hillingdon	10/2/16
	206.	Luis Manuel Pérez Osorio	ESP-12	4:33:51	Motril	2/28/16
	207W7	Kang Zhou	CHN-49/W4	4:34:01	Huangshan	3/6/16
	208.	Shioiri Kousuke	JPN-22	4:34:08	Takahata	10/23/16
	209.	Grzegorz Grinholc	POL-7	4:34:34	Andernach	10/8/16
	210.	Yuichi Yarita	JPN-23	4:35:57	Takahata	10/23/16
	211.	Katsuya Kimura	JPN-24	4:36:14	Takahata	10/23/16
	212.	Matthew Griggs	AUS-4	4:36:14	Melbourne	12/11/16
	213W8	Lixue Wang	CHN-50/W5	4:36:40	Huangshan	3/5/17
Q108	214.	Christen Svensson	SWE-3	4:37:02	Dudince	3/19/16
	215.	Thomáš Hlavenka	CZE-5	4:37:16	Dudince	3/25/17
	216W9	Dan Wang	CHN-51/W6	4:38:48	Huangshan	3/5/17
Q109	217W10	Nair da Rosa	BRA-3/W1	4:39:28	Lima	5/14/17
Q110	218.	Predrag Filipović	SRB-3	4:39:48	Rio de Janeiro	8/19/16
	219.	Benjamin Leaute	FRA-5	4:39:54	La Roche-sur-Yon	3/12/17
	220.	M. Monterrubio Fernandez	ESP-13	4:40:29	Motril	2/28/16
	221.	Horacio Olivares Ruiz	MEX-10	4:40:31	Monterrey	3/19/17

	222.	Hiroki Arimasu	JPN-25	4:40:54	Takahata	10/23/16
	223.	Kazuya Onishi	JPN-26	4:41:42	Takahata	10/23/16
	224.	Christian Curopos Costa	ESP-14	4:41:51	Motril	2/28/16
	225.	Etiel Soto Maldonado	MEX-11	4:42:25	Ciudad Juarez	3/6/16
	226.	Kenta Okada	JPN-27	4:44:21	Takahata	10/23/16
	227.	Hiroyasu Taniguchi	JPN-28	4:44:41	Takahata	10/23/16
Q111	228.	Hatem Ghoula	TUN-1	4:40:50	Rome	5/8/16
Q112	229.	Ozan Pamuk	TUR-1	4:44:46	Rome	5/8/16
	230.	Arata Saito	JPN-29	4:45:44	Wajima	4/17/16
	231.	Marco Amaral	POR-7	4:45:49	Hillingdon	10/2/16
	232.	Maxime Faiteau	FRA-6	4:46:20	La Roche-sur-Yon	3/12/17
Q113	233.	Samir César Sabadin	BRA-4/M3	4:47:35	Hillingdon	10/2/16
	234.	Lingyu Ma	CHN-52	4:48:12	Huangshan	3/6/16
Q114	235W11	Maria Dol. Marcos Valero	ESP-15/W1	4:48:26	Naumburg	4/23/17
	236.	Toshiki Koseki	JPN-30	4:48:40	Takahata	10/23/16
	237.	Masahiro Yamaguchi	JPN-31	4:49:01	Takahata	10/23/16
Q115	238W12	Yocy Caballero	PER-3	4:49:45	Lima	5/14/17
	239.	Victor Man. Castro Mateo	ESP-16	4:49:59	Valverde	3/4/17
	240.	David Pueyo Ministral	ESP-17	4:50:18	Motril	2/28/16
	241.	José Man. Gomez Garcia	ESP-18	4:51:18	Valverde	3/4/17
Q116	242.	Jonathan Hobbs	GBR-3	4:51:51	St. Sebastien-sur-Loire	3/13/16
Q117	243W13	Agnieszka Ellward	POL-8/W1	4:52:56	Dudince	3/25/17
	244.	Ian Whatley	USA-8/M6	4:53:06	Santee	2/21/16
Q118	245.	Peter Tichý	SVK-4	4:53:27	Dudince	3/25/17
		(Qualifies because reigning world champion is from Slovakia)				
Q119	246W14	Susan Randall	USA-9/W3	4:54:12	Santee	1/28/17

-----Suggested Entry Standard of 4:55:00-----

	247.	Luis Roque	MEX-12	4:55:26	Ciudad Juarez	3/6/16
	248.	Cláudio dos Santos	BRA-5/M4	4:55:55	Dudince	3/19/16
	249.	Antonio Gonzalez Arrabal	ESP-19	4:56:13	Motril	2/28/16
	250.	Marlon Stiven Flores	COL-8	4:56:13	Rio de Janeiro	2/28/16
	251.	Matthew DeWitt	USA-10/M7	4:57:10	Santee	1/28/17
	252.	Katsuhiko Nishiguchi	JPN-32	4:57:22	Takahata	10/23/16
	253.	Yuji Ban	JPN-33	4:57:41	Wajima	4/16/17
	254.	Christophe Erard	FRA-7	4:58:40	La Roche-sur-Yon	3/12/17
	255.	Dave Talcott	USA-11/M8	4:59:25	Santee	1/28/17

-----5:00:00 Performance Standard-----

This table allows for easy reference to determine how many overall qualifiers and women qualifiers exist depending on the time cut-off. For instance, an entry standard of 4:30:00 yields 103 qualifiers, five of them women. An entry standard of 4:40:00 (proposed last year as the women's standard by Race Walk Committee Member Maryanne Daniel) yields 110 qualifiers, including ten women.

Any fears that an entry standard that is relaxed to accommodate both genders might open the floodgates of requests for women athletes in other events to participate in a men's event with a liberalized entry standard are unfounded, as only the 50km event is a mixed one. Any other event is split into two, a men's event and a women's event.

I am not making the case here to split the 50km into two events. The mixed event format may serve the athletics community well in long distance events. This format may spark increased broadcast and spectator interest, in itself a welcome benefit. Beyond London 2017, the rules and regulations should be changed to allow for different men's and women's entry standards. The proposal to modify the London standard is simply a stopgap measure to immediately alleviate gender discrimination.

The mixed nature of this event requires an accompanying change to the regulations so that a member federation may select up to three men and three women. Limiting a member to only three athletes total has a disparate discriminating impact on the qualifying women walkers, as can be seen in the table below. The table assumes an entry standard of 4:55:00 which has been met by 14 women; only 11 of them may be selected as six Chinese women would be limited to three positions even with the change to three female-only selections:

Qualifier 1: Inês Henriques is the fourth-ranked Portuguese athlete and the first-ranked (4:08:26) Portuguese female athlete. Without separate female selections, she would be left out if the three positions are awarded to the top three (who are all men).
OUT

Qualifier 2: Hang Yin is the 45th-ranked Chinese athlete and the first-ranked Chinese (4:22:22) female athlete. Forty-four male walkers with a lower time than hers would lay claim to only three positions.
OUT

Qualifier 3: Katie Burnett is the third-ranked U.S. athlete and the first-ranked U.S. (4:26:37) female athlete.
IN

Qualifier 4: Shuqing Yang is the 46th-ranked Chinese athlete and the second-ranked (4:27:24) Chinese female athlete. She faces the same problem as Hang Yin.
OUT

Qualifier 5: Erin Taylor-Talcott is the seventh-ranked U.S. athlete and the second-ranked (4:29:33) U.S. female athlete. She would not be selected if only three selections are available and none for women.
OUT

Qualifier 6: Shanshan Jiang is the third-ranked Chinese female athlete but only the (4:32:14) 48th-ranked Chinese athlete, facing the same problem as Hang Yin.
OUT

Qualifier 7: Nair da Rosa is the third-ranked Brazilian athlete and the first-ranked (4:39:28) Brazilian female athlete.
IN

Qualifier 8: Maria Dolores Marcos Valero is the 15th-ranked Spanish athlete and the first-ranked Spanish female athlete. She would not be selected if the only three positions are awarded by time performance.
(4:48:26)
OUT

Qualifier 9: Yoci Caballero is the third-ranked Peruvian athlete and the first Peruvian female athlete.
(4:49:45)
IN

Qualifier 10: Agnieszka Ellward is the 8th-ranked Polish athlete and the first-ranked Polish female athlete. She would not be selected if the only three positions are awarded based on time.
(4:52:56)
OUT

Qualifier 11: Susan Randall is the 9th-ranked U.S. athlete and the third-ranked U.S. female athlete. She would not be selected other than in the third woman walker position.
(4:54:12)
OUT

Even with the modified 4:55:00 standard, only three of the eleven women could be selected unless three women walker positions per member were made available for this mixed event. The three who could make it were fortunate enough to be third-ranked on their respective nation's 50km list during the qualifying period. The three are ranked third (Burnett), tenth (da Rosa) and twelfth (Caballero) among the 14 women who walked below 4:55:00. Hence, any modification of the entry standard should be accompanied by an allowance for federations to select up to three athletes of each gender, to make the participation of women at the London 50km event meaningful and non-discriminatory.

Once the race is over, the top three women should be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals. The women's podium ceremony does not require any regulation changes as the Competition Rules already provide that "[w]hen a Mixed Competition is organized outside the stadium, ... separate men's and women's classification results should still be declared or otherwise indicated." (Rule 141(3).)

On separate pages below (pp. 10-11), I offer specific legislative language to incorporate my proposal into the rules.

With best regards,



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cc: IAAF Executive Board & Council

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE *TECHNICAL REGULATIONS FOR IAAF WORLD ATHLETIC SERIES (October 1, 2016 version)*

Note: Language in the current version of the regulation that is proposed to be deleted is presented in strikethrough format.

Language that is proposed to be added to the current regulation is presented in italics.

Proposal One: Amend Technical Regulation 103.3.3 to read as follows:

“103.3.3 *Qualification by Finishing Position at Designated Competitions or by Establishment of World Record*

Athletes shall also be considered as having achieved the Entry Standard in the following cases:

- The **Area Champions** in each individual events (except for the Marathons and field events, which are at *the* discretion of the Technical Delegates). The Member Federation of the Area Champion will have the ultimate authority to enter the athlete or not, based on its own selection criteria. For details see *the* specific Regulations at the end of the section.
- For the **10,000m**, the top 15 athletes finishing in the senior Men’s and Women’s races at the previous edition of the IAAF World Cross Country Championships.
- For the **Combined Events**, the top three in the previous year’s Men’s and Women’s IAAF Combined Events Challenge.
- For the **20km Race Walk**, the top three in the previous year’s Men’s and Women’s IAAF World Race Walking Challenge.
- For the **50km Race Walk**, the top three in the previous year’s IAAF World Race Walking Team Championships; *and any athlete who sets a men’s or women’s world record in the event, provided that the record is set during the qualification period and the record has been ratified.*
- For the **Marathon**, the top ten finishers at the IAAF Gold Label Marathons held in the qualification period.”

Proposal Two: Amend Technical Regulation 103.4.1 to read as follows:

“103.4.1 Member Federations can compete with up to three athletes in each event with the exception of the Relays (see 103.4.3) and Mixed Events (see 103.4.4) on condition that they are all qualified. A fourth athlete can compete as the Reigning World Champion or Diamond League / Hammer Throw Challenge Winner Wild card - see 103.3.4.”

Proposal Three: Add Technical Regulation 103.4.4 as follows:

“103.4.4 Member Federations can compete with up to three male and up to three female athletes in any Mixed Event (see 102.2.3) on condition that they are all qualified. A fourth male and/or female athlete can compete as the Reigning World Champion(s).”

Proposal Four: Amend the *Qualification System and Entry Standards* for the 2017 World Championships as follows:

ENTRY STANDARDS

Men	Event	Women
4:06:00 4:55:00	50km Race Walk	4:06:00 4:55:00”