



Home of World Athletics
International Association of Athletics Federations



Erin Talcott in the 50km at the IAAF World Race Walking Team Championships Rome 2016 (Getty Images) © Copyright

23 JUL 2017 **PRESS RELEASE**
MONACO

WOMEN'S 50KM RACE WALKING EVENT ADDED TO IAAF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

LONDON 2017 PROGRAMME

Based on its wish to ensure gender equality on the field of play, the IAAF Council has decided to create a new 50km race walk competition for women at the IAAF World Championships London 2017.

Scheduled to start at the same time as the men's event, the women's 50km race walk in London will have separate results and prize money. The entry standard is 4:30:00 to be achieved by Tuesday 25 July midnight Monaco time.

In order for athletes to be allowed to finish the race in London, they shall be required to start the last two-kilometre lap within the time limit of 4:17:00.

IAAF Member Federations have been advised of the decision along with the qualifying standard.

"IAAF Council's decision to create a new 50km race walk competition for women with separate results and prize money at the World Championships in London follows the 2016 IAAF Race Walking Team Championships in Rome, where one female athlete from the USA joined her four male teammates," said IAAF President Sebastian Coe. "There has been equal prize money for men and women at the IAAF World Championships since the introduction of financial rewards in the early 1990s and this decision brings gender quality in terms of competition opportunity too.

"But we must acknowledge this has been a last-minute decision based upon the request of a small group of athletes," added Coe. "Therefore, to ensure the long-term credibility of the World Championships, we will follow the recommendation of the Race Walking Committee and assess the development of the event to determine whether there are sufficient numbers of athletes and countries legitimately interested."

IAAF

;