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# APPROVED ATHLETIC SHOES

Following World Athletics' communication, as the governing body of the world athletics sport, with reference to the technical and competition rules, particularly with regards to the **regulations concerning the use of approved athletic shoe** in official events, we remind everyone that athletes must use only approved athletic shoes for each respective event in World Athletics Ranking competitions, taking into special consideration that there is a new accepted sole thickness in place as of **1 November 2024**, as follows:

► Except for race walking events, in all track and field events (both outdoor and indoor), the **maximum** permitted sole thickness is **20 mm**, so that:

o In events from **800 m and longer** (inclusive) the maximum thickness **was reduced** from 25 to 20 mm

o In **triple jump** events, the maximum thickness **was reduced** from 25 mm to 20 mm

o In **cross-country** events, the maximum thickness **was reduced** from 25 mm to 20 mm

As a consequence, the number of athletic shoes models that were previously approved does not continue to conform to these events, so **they cannot be used in World Athletics Ranking events**, including the upcoming South American Championships.

For this purpose it is vital to remember the following regulations to be applied:

✓ **Athletes are responsible** for verifying that the athletic shoes they intend to wear are in accordance with WA regulations.


✓ The athletic shoes check should be done in the official application established by: <https://certcheck.worldathletics.org/>

✓ As shown in the following image, you will type the brand and model of the athletic shoe in question, after which it will display an image, indicating for which events or group of events it is authorised:



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**WORLD ATHLETICS**
**LIST OF APPROVED ATHLETIC SHOES**

**SHOE CHECKER**

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Please type the Model Name or the Model Number of the shoe to search for a shoe within the List of Approved Athletic Shoes

Air Zoom Alphafly Next % 2 X

Nike - Air Zoom Alphafly Next % 2




Photo indicative only. Actual colours may vary

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For Competition for:

- Road Races (including Track Race Walking Events)
- Cross Country Races
- Mountain and Trail Races

Development Shoe: No  
Available for Sale from: 31 DEC 1999\*

\* Default date for shoes approved before March 2024

✓ All athletes should check if the athletic shoes to be used in the event are still approved for the event, as previously used and approved shoes may no longer be current (e.g. triple jump).

✓ The complete list of approved athletic shoes can be viewed and downloaded at: [h  
https://certcheck.worldathletics.org/FullList](https://certcheck.worldathletics.org/FullList)

✓ It is the athlete's responsibility to keep the shoes in his/her possession at all times, including after the end of the event and while passing through the mixed zone to the post event area.

✓ Shoe checks may be carried out before, during or after the competition.

✓ As in the case of anti-doping controls, checks may be conducted on a random basis.

✓ In case of any questions, a frequently asked questions guide is available in the World Athletics Technical Material Library.: [https://worldathletics.org/about-iaaf/  
documents/technical-information](https://worldathletics.org/about-iaaf/documents/technical-information)

✓ In case of detection and verification of the use of athletic shoe that does not comply with the specific regulations, this will have the appropriate consequences - even after the end of the event or the awards ceremony.

## ✓ Frequently asked questions:

### o Do I need to know the brand and model of my shoe?: YES

#### o What happens if I cannot find my shoe on the list?

In most cases, the shoe is currently not approved, either because the manufacturer has not submitted an application for it, or because the application is still ongoing or because the shoe is not compliant. In these cases, you **may not wear** the shoe in any **World Rankings Competitions**. It might also be possible that the shoe was manufactured prior to 1 January 2016, in which case it is deemed to be compliant. However, in this case, it is your responsibility to provide a proof that it was already available before 1 January 2016.

#### o Which athletes do the Regulations apply to?

The Regulations apply to all athletes who participate in World Rankings Competitions where the South American Championships are included.

#### o What happens if I am requested to go to shoe control?

The Shoe Control Officer will simply take note of who you are, may photograph your shoes and record if they are on the List of Approved Athletic Shoes for your event or not. The purpose is to identify your shoe not to measure or examine it. However, your shoe might be collected and sent to World Athletics for further examination by an Independent Expert, which may include the shoe to be cut.

It is a requirement to always keep your shoes with you even after you have finished competing in case you are required to go to shoe control.

#### o What if I am an athlete who is competing in later rounds or events?

Athletes need to ensure they have spare approved shoes that they can wear in case their first pair is collected. If you are competing in later rounds or events of the same competition, then the **Referee** may authorise that you keep them for these and can set further conditions concerning that.

#### o Do I need to conduct any checks in the Call Room?

No, due to the limited time in the Call Room, it is not a requirement to conduct checks in the Call Room. However, all athletes must be reminded to keep their shoes with them once they have finished competing, because they may be subject to shoe control after the event.

#### o What happens if an athlete is found to have competed in a non-approved shoe?

Consequences and sanctions are defined in the Athletic Shoe Regulations. They may include the athlete to be disqualified and the performance to be declared invalid with all resulting consequences.



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