

RULE CHANGES – 1 APRIL, 2016

In May 2015 UKA set out their timelines for considering Rule changes in advance of the publication of the 2016 Rule book. The final stage of consultation is now open and your thoughts on the proposals presented will be welcomed and appreciated.

Age Groups- No changes will apply in the 2016 Rule book as described in the UKA Press release issued on 29 September 2015.

Merged rules (IAAF with UKA)- Several changes have been proposed as a consequence of merging the two rule books but these are mainly of wording, formatting and do not affect substance.

Registration- Only two objections were received by the deadline for consultation of 27 July, 2015. Hence it is proposed that compulsory registration will be introduced in the 2016 Rule book for all athletes (note that athletes who compete only in Road, Fell and Hill and Trail races will be exempt from the requirement to join a club after one year of competition).

The complication of implementation of this rule is understood and UKA has appointed a Group to consider such complications and report back. Currently all championship athletes and those in the Northern and Midland Track & Field Leagues comply, such that those most affected will be Youth Development League and Southern Leagues; members of those affected organisations, together with Power of 10 are represented on that Group. In addition many more local events will be affected although there is an “opt out” proposed that Home Country Associations may utilise where appropriate.

New rules (or amendments to existing rules)- 97 proposals were submitted across the spectrum of corporate issues (e.g. sponsorship), eligibility, general competition matters and technical rules. Many of these were seeking clarification and improved wording. Of the rest 9 rules of principle are set out on the attached schedule for your comments: positive, neutral or negative. In addition four technical rules are to be brought into line with IAAF wording. These have been noted on the schedule.

Returns- We need your responses back by **11 November, 2015** at the latest so we can maintain the timeline to ensure they can be considered by the UKA Board and the new rule book issued by end of February 2016 in time for their 1 April, 2016 commencement.

Please submit all replies to rules@uka.org.uk

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