

Competition Regulations

2019 IAAF Race Walking Challenge & 2019 Suzhou Wuzhong

“Around Taihu” International Race Walking Multi-Day Competition

I . Host: Chinese Athletics Association, Sports Bureau of Jiangsu Province

II . Organizer: The People’s Government of Wuzhong District of Suzhou, Suzhou Sports Bureau

III. Co-organizer: Suzhou Wuzhong Culture, Sports & Tourism Bureau, Taihu Tourism Group, Tongcheng Network Technology Co., Ltd

IV. Competition Dates & Location

Date: 20-22 October, 2019

Location: Taihu Lake Scenic Area, Wuzhong District, Suzhou

V. Events Setting (3 legs in total)

(1) Professional Group: Team and individual events for both men and women at three legs:

1st leg -- Taihu Lake Resort: 20km

2nd leg -- Taihu New City: 12km

3rd leg -- Mudu: 12km

(2) Youth Group:

1st leg -- Taihu Lake Resort: 6km

2nd leg -- Taihu New City: 4km

3rd leg -- Mudu: 6km

(3) “Taihu Blue” Half Marathon

VI. Race Course

(1) Taihu Lake Resort: 20km

Course: Taihu International Convention Center → Around Taihu Avenue →

Intersection of Zhoushan Rd and Around Taihu Avenue (turning point) → Around Taihu Avenue → the hydro-junction area of Taihu (turning point) → Around Taihu Avenue → Taihu International Convention Center

(2) Taihu New City: 12km

Course: Intersection of Wujun Rd & Taihu Embankment → Wujun Road → Intersection of Wujun Rd & Shaoang Rd (turning point) → Wujun Road → End of Taihu Embankment (turning point) → Intersection of Wujun Road & Taihu Embankment

(3) Mudu:

Suzhou Broadcasting and TV Studio City → South Jinshan Road → Intersection of South Jinshan Road and the West Zhongshan Road (turning point) → South Jinshan Road → Intersection of Jinshan Road and the Yushan Road (turning point) → Jinshan Road → Suzhou Broadcasting and TV Studio City

VII. Participants

1. Professional Group:

(1) The top 100 race walkers of IAAF world ranking from IAAF Member Federations, overseas race walking associations and clubs invited by Chinese Athletics Association and LOC;

(2) National race walkers registered at Chinese Athletics Association

2. Youth Group: Athletes from Reserve Talent Base for Olympics registered at Chinese Athletics Association, subject to the announcement of Chinese Athletics Association.

3. “Taihu Blue” Half Marathon

(1) Members of amateur road running clubs or associations in China;

(2) Citizens at home and abroad who are interested in outdoor sports.

VIII. Competition Schedule

Date	A.M.	Event	Remarks
20 Oct. Sunday Taihu Resort	08:00AM	<u>Professional Group:</u> Men's & Women's 20km (Individual & Team Events) <u>Youth Group:</u> Men's & Women's 6km <u>"Taihu Blue" Half Marathon</u>	
21 Oct. Monday Taihu New City	09:30AM	<u>Professional Group:</u> Men's & Women's 12km (Individual & Team) <u>Youth Group:</u> Men's & Women's 4km	
22 Oct. Tuesday Mudu	09:30AM	<u>Professional Group:</u> Men's & Women's 12km (Individual & Team) <u>Youth Group:</u> Men's & Women's 6km	

IX. Rules

1. Professional Group:

(1) The following rules shall be applied except technical penalty apply to the latest IAAF competition rules.

(2) Team Event: Each team consists of a maximum of 5 athletes, with the top three scores to count at each leg in their team score. An athlete can participate in both individual and team events. International athletes with different nationalities can team up.

A team's score for each leg is the aggregate of the top three individual scores at the leg. All teams will be ranked at each leg based on their team scores at the leg. The final ranking of each team are based on their total finishing time at all the three legs. If at one leg, only one or two team members finish the competition, the team shall be ranked after all the teams of which 3 to 5 members finish the competition, and the same rule is also applied to the final rankings. Teams with the same total finishing time will be ranked according to the rank of each team members.

(3) Individual Event: Each athlete's individual ranking is based on his/her scores

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at all the three legs in both team events and individual events. The fastest walker ranks the first.

(4) In the competition, a race walking judge can caution an athlete by giving the athlete a yellow paddle when he/she believes that the athlete's mode of progression does not completely comply with the definition of race walking. When an athlete clearly fails to comply with the walking rules, the judge shall give a red card to the athlete for the foul. Pit lanes will be used along the walking courses (pit lanes will be set up according to the distance of each event). An athlete receiving a red card shall be cautioned or remain in the pit lane based on the numbers of the red cards he/she receives from the judges. An athlete receiving pit lane penalty shall go to his/her nearest pit lane directed by a judge and he/she shall remain there for the applicable time before continuing to compete. One judge can send only 1 red card to the same athlete for each day. Details are as follows:

a. At each leg:

One red card: Caution

Two red cards: Remain in the Pit lane for 30 seconds

Three red cards: Remain in the Pit lane for 1 minutes (in addition - so in total = 1.5 minutes)

Four red cards: Remain in the Pit lane for 1.5 minutes (in addition - so in total = 3 minutes)

Five red cards: Disqualify

b. An athlete will receive a red card and be disqualified when he/she seriously violates the walking rules for instance running or is seriously guilty of unsporting behavior during the competition.

(5) Chip timing system will be used in the competition. Timing chips will be handed out before the competition. The usage and regulation rule of timing chips will be announced in further notice.

(6) The LOC will set up water stations every 5 km along the courses where athletes can store their own drinks (will be announced at the technical meeting after

the courses are finalized).

(7) All athletes are required to be dressed in their official uniform (competition vests and shorts). All clothing must comply with the requirements of the competition. Failing to meet the uniform requirements will result in the disqualification for participation in the competition.

(8) All participants are required to take an anti-doping control.

2. Youth Group: Competition rules for youth groups are to subject to the Chinese Athletics Association.

X. Entry Guidelines

1. Professional Group:

(1) Athletes of the Chinese National Team and international athletes will be invited by the Chinese Athletics Association and LOC.

(2) Chinese registered athletes shall submit entry information via the online registration system of CAA. The online registration system will open 30 days prior to the competition and will close 15 days prior to the competition.

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2. Youth Group: Entry information shall be submitted by the Youth Department of the Chinese Athletics Association.

3. “Taihu Blue” Half Marathon:

(1) Participants shall sign up via the official website of the competition or the official Wechat platform “Around Taihu Sports Carnival”.

(2) The maximum number of competitors is 10000. Online registration will close when the entries reach the maximum number.

(3) Participants shall bear their own accommodation and travel expenses.

(4) The online registration system will open 50 days prior to the competition and will close 20 days prior to the competition. Late entries are invalid (entries will be invalid once the maximum number is reached).

XI. Incentive

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1. Ranking Award (CNY)

(1) Team Prize Money (Men & Women)

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
¥100000	¥80000	¥70000	¥50000	¥40000	¥30000

(2) Individual Prize Money (Men & Women)

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
¥60000	¥50000	¥40000	¥30000	¥20000	¥10000	¥8000	¥5000

(3) Individual Prize Money at each leg (Men & Women)

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
¥6000	¥5000	¥4000	¥3000	¥2000	¥1000	¥800	¥500

2. Encouragement Award for the domestic province and city teams (CNY)

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
¥30000	¥20000	¥15000	¥10000	¥8000	¥5000

Notes: All prizes will be given out in China Yuan. LOC will negotiate with local banks to help athletes who need USD exchange with exchange rate of the day.

3. Top 3 athletes (Men & Women) in individual events will each be awarded a trophy; Top 8 athletes will each be awarded a medal, and Top 3 teams (Men & Women) will each be awarded a memorial trophy.

XII. Medical Aid

1. The LOC will set up fixed medical stops along the courses, and clear signs will be shown 50m away from these medical stops. Ambulances will available along the courses and first-aid motorbikes will also be on duty.

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2. Working staff and volunteers will be available at all medical stops, water stations and drinking stations to help with medical aids and ensure the orderliness of the competition. Participants in need may ask the working staff and volunteers for help.

XIII. Insurance

Personal accident insurance is provided for all competitors, volunteers, and working staff. *Instruction of Personal Accident Insurance* is available on the official competition website or is consulted from the LOC by phone call. All participants must fill in the entry form in detail.

XIV. Contact Us

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XV. Technical Delegates & Race Walking Judges

IAAF and Chinese Athletics Association appoint 1-2 technical delegates and around 20 international and national race walking judges officiating the competition. Other judges will be appointed by competition areas.

XVI. Any aspects unmentioned above are subjects to supplementary notes at www.athletics.org.cn.

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XVII. Interpretation of the Competition Regulations is subject to the Chinese Athletics Association and LOC.