

## Proposed change to Competition Regulation 4.1 – Authorised Competition

### Background:

Athletics NZ believes in gender equity and has received criticism when an event has had more prize money or bonuses for men's events than women's events. Currently there is no requirement in Athletics NZ Competition Regulations for Merit Prizes and Bonus Awards to be of equal value for male and female athletes.

Advice has been received that "World Athletics strongly recommends that all prize money at World Athletics licenced one day meetings (Diamond League, Continental Tour etc) be evenly split between the genders. This will now be included in the regulations at the end of the season when they are next updated." The purpose of this proposal is to ensure that all competition authorised by Athletics NZ complies with gender equity principles.

### Proposal:

Add clause "f" below to Competition Regulation 4.1:

#### 4.1 Authorised Competitions

- a. All athletic competitions in New Zealand which are intended to permit Members to enter must be authorised.
- b. A competition which is not an Automatically Authorised Competition listed as clause 4.2 needs to be granted authorisation prior to taking place by either the relevant Centre or by Athletics NZ as per clause 4.3 in order to become an Authorised Competition.
- c. Except where specifically excluded, all Authorised Competitions shall be entitled to services provided by Athletics NZ. This includes the publication of the competition in the calendar of events, and public liability insurance.
- d. The entry form and all other entry information for every Authorised Competition shall include a statement that the competition has been "Authorised by Athletics NZ and is to be held under the Rules of Athletics New Zealand".
- e. Merit prizes and spot prizes may be offered for any Authorised Competition. Where spot prizes are offered, the requirements of the Gambling Act 2003 shall apply. Attention is drawn to the need to satisfy the tax laws.

- f. In all Authorised Competitions, the distribution and value of Merit Prizes and Bonus Awards must be equal for women and men.

**Comment:**

This Proposal is now posted for the required 50-day consultation period before any recommendation for adoption goes to the Board. Comment, in support or otherwise, would be appreciated.

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