# *RACE WALK*
# *PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS*
# *TECHNICAL RULES*

## *Anapoima – Colombia*
## *17th May 2025*

## 1 – Organising Committee

### PAN AMERICAN ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION (APA) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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| Ciro Solano Hurtado | COL | President |
| Gloria Ramos Henríquez | ESA | Vice president |
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| Gerardo Acosta Pérez | PAR | Member |
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| Mario Quintero | PAN | Member |
| Gerardo Suero Correa | RD | Member |
| Michel Albert Sanz | BAH | President of NACAC |
| María Colon Ruenes | CUB | Member |

### FEDERACION COLOMBIANA DE ATLETISMO

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| Felix Marrugo Torres | President |
| Orlando Rafael Ibarra Echeverría | Senior Vice President |
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| Américo Ortega | Financial Vice President |
| Hernán de Jesús Atehortúa Quintero | Sport Technical Vice President |

### PAN AMERICAN ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION DELEGATES

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| Organisational Delegate | Julio Roberto Gomez | COL |
| Technical Delegate | Guillermo Pera Vallejos | ARG |
| Race Walk Panel | Nilton Fers | BRA |
| | Paul Delgado | PER |
| | Karina Alarcon | BOL |
| | Jeffrey Keith Salvage | USA |
| | David Obed Dominguez | MEX |
| | Candido Velez | GUA |

## 2 – General

2.1. Pan American Athletics Association (APA) shall conduct the Pan American Race Walk Championships every two (2) years.

2.2. The full title of the event shall be Pan American Race Walk Championships followed by the place and year of the competition. A shorter version of the event title may be considered subject to APA approval.

2.3. Championships shall only be held on a street course, measured in accordance with WA technical regulations.

## 3 – Venue Information

**Anapoima** is a Colombian municipality in the department of Cundinamarca, located in the province of Tequendama. It is 87 km south-west of Bogota, with an average temperature of 28-35º C**.**

## 4 –TEAMS´ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

Teams´ arrivals and departures will take place through the Dorado International Airport in the city of Bogota.

Upon arrival, teams will be met at the airport by the logistics and transportation staff and transferred to their accommodation in Anapoima. Teams will be received from Thursday 15 May as indicated in the general schedule. Please, specify their itinerary times so that they can be provided with all the necessary facilities.
The Organizing Committee will provide the transportation with all the protocol and biosecurity measures from the arrival, during the circuit visit, transfer to the competition and return to the airport of departure.

## 5 – ACCREDITATION

The accreditation centre will be situated in an assigned area in the Lobby of the host hotel.
All teams will be required to provide all their members' passports upon arrival.
The passport is to verify the ages of the U20 athletes entered.
The accreditation centre will be open from Thursday 15 May and will close on 16 May 2025.
The accreditation hours will be from 09:00 in the morning until 20:00 in the evening

## 6 – INSURANCE

Member Federations are responsible for their own insurance either for illness or injury to any member of their team, which must be covered by their insurance policy.

## 7 – Events

7.1. The Championships shall normally be held on one day.

7.2. The Championships events are as follows:

- ✓ U-20 Women 10 Km
- ✓ U-20 Men 10 Km
- ✓ Senior Women 20 km / 35 km
- ✓ Senior Men 20 Km / 35 Km

## 8 – GENERAL PROGRAMME

| Day | Time | Activity |
|---|---|---|
| Thursday 15 May | All day | Teams' Arrival & Accreditation |
| Friday 16 May | 10:00 am | Circuit visit |
| Friday 16 May<br>Friday 16 May | 16:00 pm | Technical Meeting<br>Opening Ceremony |
| Saturday 17th May | 7:30 am | 35 km Women<br>35 km Men<br>20 km Women<br>20 km Men<br>10 km Women<br>10 km Men<br>Award Ceremony |
| Sunday 18 May | All day | Departures |

## 9 – Participation

9.1. Invitation to Participate

All APA´s Member Federations, hereinafter referred to as 'Members', shall be invited by APA to participate in the Pan American Race Walk Championships. This invitation, in APA´s official languages, shall be sent out at the earliest possible time to all Member Countries.

The Local Organising Committee, hereinafter referred to as 'LOC', shall, at the same time, send a letter of invitation to all Members to participate.

9.2. Age Categories

9.2.1. Any athlete who is 18 and 19 on 31 December of the year of the competition may participate in the Pan American Race Walk Championships.

No athlete under 16 on 31 December of the year of the competition may be entered.

9.3. Participation Requirements

9.3.1. Only Member Federations in good standing with APA and World Athletics (WA) shall be eligible to participate in the championships.

9.3.2. Requirements for an athlete to participate in the championships are as follows:

a) To be born or naturalised in the country he/she represents;

b) Be within the age limit established by the competition;

c) Be duly registered with his/her National Federation;

d) Be duly entered by his/her National Federation.

Athletes from other geographical areas of WA, specially invited by APA, may participate in the championships, up to a maximum of 2 (two) per event, but will not be considered for the event's scoring and awarding.

9.3.3. The age of the athletes shall be verified, if necessary, with official documents issued in their respective countries, such as:

a) passport;

b) Identity card, with the indication of the year of birth.

## 10 – Entries

10.1. Entries shall be made by the participating Federation within the deadline determined by APA..

10.2. There will be 2 (two) entry phases:

10.2.1. Preliminary Entry: specifying approximate number of athletes and male and female officials, in total and per event, informing arrival and departure details, on the forms established by APA no later than Friday 28 March 2025 (Midnight Colombian local time 24:00), to the Organisation's mails: col@worldathletics.org with copy to APA's official mail asociacion.panamericana.de.atletismo@athleticspanam.com

10.2.2. Final registration, in the official form to be sent to the Organisation's e-mail address: col@worldathletics.org with copy to the official APA's mail asociacion.panamericana.de.atletismo@athleticspanam.com no later than Wednesday 30 April 2025 (Midnight Colombian local time 24:00), and it must contain the following data:

a) List of athletes, with their names and date of birth;

b) List of athletes by event, with name, date of birth and his/her best performance in the year of competition;

c) List of officials and coaches ;

d) Certificate of athletes' medical fitness.

10.2.3. In the Senior events, up to four (4) athletes may compete per event, scoring only three (3) of them. In the U20 events, up to three (3) athletes may compete per event, scoring only two (2) of them.

10.2.4. Participating Federations may make changes in their team until the Competition's Technical Meeting.

10.2.5. The maximum number of officials or coaches, in the case of incomplete delegations, shall be as follows::

| ATHLETES | OFFICIALS |
|---|---|
| From 1 to 3 | 1 |
| From 4 to 6 | 2 |
| From 7 to 9 | 3 |
| From 10 to 12 | 4 |
| From 13 to 15 | 5 |
| From 16 to 18 | 6 |
| From 19 to 22 | 7 |

10.3. Entries shall be free of charge.

## 11 – Accommodation & Meals

5.1. Accommodation and meals expenses of the participating teams shall covered by the event organisers. The Organising Committee will make hotel reservations for 2 (two) days before and 1 (one) day after the date of the championships, on a full board basis.

5.1.1. Any arrival and departure outside this period must be reported by the federation to the LOC so that the respective hotel reservation can be made.

## 12 – Team Classification

13.1 In the Championships a points classification will be made to determine the placing of teams in the competition result.

13.2 The teams' scoring is as follows:

| POSITION | POINTS |
|---|---|
| 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 2 |
| 3 | 3 |
| 4 | 4 |
| 5 | 5 |
| 6 | 6 |
| 7 | 7 |
| 8 | 8 |

13.2.1 Each event will be scored separately.

13.2.2 All athletes shall score in each event for Senior and U20 Men and Women.

13.2.3 The results of each team will be decided by the sum of the positions obtained by the scoring athletes.

13.2.4 If a team fails to finish with the number of scoring athletes, the finishing race walkers will be counted in the individual classification of the event.

13.2.5 No adjustment shall be made to the final positions.

## 14 – Awards

14.1 The following prizes, provided by the host Federation, will be awarded at the championships,:

a) Gold, silver and bronze medals for athletes ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in the events.

b) Trophies for champion, vice-champion and third place teams in the male and female category and a trophy for the overall male and female champion combined.

## 15 – Management & Judging

15.1 The management of the championships will be the responsibility of the host Federation, under the supervision of APA.

15.2 APA is responsible for the nomination of the international officials for the championships, according to WA rules and they will be:

a) 1 (one) Technical Delegate.

b) 6 (six) International Race Walk Judges (area).

c) Jury of Appeal.

15.2.1 The Jury of Appeal for the championships shall be made up of 3 (three) members of APA Council who are present and/or selected from the delegates at the Technical Meeting.

15.3 Judging shall be carried out by the international panel appointed in due course.

15.4 In order to organize the judging team, the host federation should be guided by the WA technical rules.

15.5 The distribution of the events and the time schedule will be in charge of the host Federation, under the approval of the Technical Delegate appointed by APA for the championships.

## 16 – Technical Meeting

16.1 A Technical Meeting will be held which will bring together the delegates of the federations present at the event one day before the start of the competition.

16.1.1 The Technical Meeting will be conducted by the Technical Delegate appointed by APA, accompanied by the Competition Director and the secretary.

16.1.2 APA's President and the President of the host National Federation, who are also members of the board of directors, will open the meeting,

16.2 Up to 2 (two) delegates per federation may participate in the Technical Meeting.

16.3 The Technical Meeting shall only be used to discuss technical matters related to the competition, including confirmations.

## 17 – Opening Ceremony

17.1 It is compulsory to hold an opening ceremony on the day before or prior to the start of the competitions.

17.2 It is up to the host Federation to draw up the programme of the opening ceremony of the championships, which must be approved by APA.

17.3 At the ceremony, the national anthem of the host country shall be sung and its flag shall be carried on the flagpole, together with APA's flag.

17.4 The highest authority of the host country present will be in charge of the opening declaration of the championships.

## 18 – Protests

18.1 All protests must be made in the first instance verbally to the Referee by the athlete or his/her delegate immediately; or through the championships technical information centre if it is about the result of an event, no more than 30 minutes after it has been announced.

18.2 Appeals related to results must be submitted in writing on forms provided by the Organization, signed by the official delegate on behalf of the athlete, no more than 30 minutes after the results have been officially announced. In these cases the WA regulations will be applied, accompanying the appeal with US100 or its equivalent value in the national currency of the host country of the championships, such value being in favour of the athlete's decision will be returned or against will be for APA.

## 19 – Publicity & Promotion

19.1 The host federation shall make every effort, together with the media, to give the widest possible publicity to the championships.

19.2 For this purpose, the affiliate shall, obligatorily, create the necessary structure to attend the media professionals.

19.3 APA shall have all commercial rights, for any form of publicity, related to the Pan American Athletics Championships organised or sponsored by APA, and may transfer them, in whole or in part, to the host federations of the event.

19.3.1 Recording and transmission by television, streaming or any other means or recording of the championships shall depend on the authorisation of APA.

19.3.2 According to marketing convenience, the Overall Champion Trophy may bear the name of eventual sponsors.

19.3.3 The Organiser shall ensure the on-line broadcasting of the results of the competitions on the official APA website.

## 20 – Doping Control

20.1 At the Championships there must be an obligatory doping control, complying with WADA and WA (AIU) standards and rules, which is in charge of the host Federation, and, in the case of an official governmental agency in the host country in charge of this control, it will be the responsibility of the host Federation to make all the contacts for the implementation of the control.

## 21 – Reneral Provisions

21.1 All urgent matters not bound by these regulations shall be subject to the decision of APA.