

Permit Application Notes

1. Under UK Athletics rule 302, all open race walking events require specific permission. Permits for events staged in England, the Isle of Man or the Channel islands are issued by the Race Walking Association. An OPEN event is defined as one which is open to all athletes within a particular geographical location and/or age group.
2. Track walking races held as part of a general track and field meeting do not require a separate permit, provided that the meeting is permitted in accordance with rule 101.
3. Applications for RWA race permits should be sent to the Honorary General Secretary either electronically to rwasecretary@yahoo.co.uk or by post to:
Colin Vesty, 1 Crossley Close, Barrow upon Soar, Loughborough. LE12 8QL.
4. An application fee of £3.00 is chargeable for all permits.
5. An entry levy of 50p per athlete is chargeable for RWA permitted events, except for: national championships; area championships; events where the entry fee is not at the discretion of the promoting body; events for which no entry fee is charged.
6. A levy return and application fee invoice will accompany each issued permit. Payment of this invoice is due within one month of the event date.
7. Only one application is required for a league of races where the format and course for each meeting are the same. Please list the dates for each event. A separate permit will be issued for each meeting.
8. For each race within the meeting, please list the distance, category, gender and age groups. Also specify the type of each course and whether or not it is completely traffic free. Tick all boxes that apply to each race in the meeting.
9. If a certificate of course accuracy is available please indicate the certificate number. Such a certificate is a requirement for national championships.
10. The distances for each race must not exceed the maximum distances for any age group as specified in the RWA and UKA rules for competition.
11. Events including under 11s must be staged as a development race and judged according to the protocol laid out in the RWA rules for competition.
12. The race organiser has a duty of care to all competitors, officials, volunteers and the general public. For any race where the course is not fully on a licensed athletics track a suitable risk assessment must be undertaken and the findings kept on record. The required level of first aid provision should also be assessed and recorded.
13. If you answer 'NO' to any of the questions regarding rules, informing the police, risk assessment or first aid provision please explain why in the additional information box and / or use a separate sheet if necessary. Please note that permits are not normally issued without answering 'yes' to each question.
14. Copies of the RWA rules for competition and UKA guidelines for risk assessments are available on request from the RWA Honorary General Secretary using the contact details in point 3 above.