

Competition Regulations

2017 “Around Taihu” International Race Walking Multi-Day

Competition in Wuzhong, Suzhou

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

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

III. Co-organizer: Sports Competition Management Center of Jiangsu Province, Sports Competition Management Center of Suzhou City, Suzhou Wuzhong Sports & Culture Bureau

IV. Competition Dates & Venue:

Dates: Sept. 24 - 28, 2017

Venue: Taihu Lake Scenic Area of Wuzhong District, Suzhou City

V. Events

1. Professional Group: 20 Kilometers at Taihu Station, 10 Kilometers at Mudu Station, 10.5 Kilometers at Yuanboyuan Station, 10 Kilometers at Dongshan Station. (Four Stations in total). Professional Group consists of Men’s Team Events, Women’s Team Events, Men’s Individual Events and Women’s Individual Events.

2. Junior group: 5.7 Kilometers at Taihu Station, 6 Kilometers at Mudu Station, 7 Kilometers at Yuanboyuan Station and 4.3 Kilometers at Dongshan Station.

3. Mass Walking: Ten-thousand People Walking Tour at Taihu Station, Ten-hundred

People Walking Tour at Dongshan Station.

VI. Walking Route

1. Taihu Station

Taihu International Convention Center → Around Taihu Avenue → walk back from Taihu Bridge No.1 → walk back from the site 0.1K away from the hydro-junction area of Taihu → Around Taihu Avenue → Taihu International Convention Center



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太湖站 专业组 20KM



2. Mudu Station

Suzhou Broadcasting and TV Studio City → South Jinshan Road → West Zhongshan Road → Lingtian Road → Zhuyuan Road → Shoutaohu Road → Yushan Road → Jinshan Road → Suzhou Broadcasting and TV Studio City

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木渎站 10KM



| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 起点与终点 Start and Finish Line | 计时点 Timing Point |
| 竞走赛道 Walking track | 饮用水 Drinking Water |
| 罚停点 Pit Lane | 医疗 Health Care |
| | 卫生间 Toilet |

3. Yuanboyuan Station

Start from the square at the east entrance of the scenic area, walk around the scenic

area for four laps and return to the square.



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园博园站 专业组 10.5KM



4. Dongshan Station

Dongshan Hotel → Round-the-mountain Road → Luxiang Ancient Village.

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■ 东山站 专业组 10KM



VII. Participants

1. Professional Group

(1) The world's top 100 race walkers from IAAF Member Federations, overseas race walk associations and clubs invited by Chinese Athletic Association;

(2) Race walkers across China registered at Chinese Athletic Association.

2. Junior Group

Athletes from Reserve Talent Base for Olympics and National Junior Team registered at the Athletics Administration Center under the General Administration of Sport of China.

3. Mass Walking Group

(1) Members of amateur road running clubs, walking, hiking and fitness walking clubs or associations across China;

(2) Walking fans around the world and citizens across China.

VIII. Competition Dates

| Date | Time | Event |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Sept. 24 Taihu Station | 9:15 | Professional Group: Men's & Women's 20K (Individual & Team Events) Junior Group: Men's & Women's 9K |
| Sept. 25 Mudu Station | 9:30 9:40 | Professional Group: Men's & Women's 10K (Individual & Team Events) Junior Group: Men's & Women's 6K |
| Sept. 26 Yuanboyuan Station | 9:00 10:00 | Professional Group: Men's & Women's 10.5K (Individual & Team Events) Junior Group: Men's & Women's 7K |
| Sept. 27 Dongshan Station | 9:30 | Professional Group: Men's & Women's 10K (Individual & Team Events) Junior Group: Men's & Women's 4.3K |

IX. Competition Rules

1. Professional Group

(1) The following rules shall be applied except that the latest IAAF competition rules are applied for technical penalty.

(2) Team Event: Each team consists of 5 athletes, with the three best scores to count at each station. An athlete can participate in both individual and team events. Foreign athletes with different nationalities can compete for the same team.

A team's score for each station is the aggregate of the three best scores for the station according to their times. All teams will be ranked at each station based on their team scores at the station. Final rankings of each team are based on their total scores of all the four stations. If at one station, only one or two team members finish the competition, the team shall be ranked after all the teams in which 3 to 5 team members finish the competition, and the same rule is also applied for final rankings. Teams with the same total times will ranked according to the highest personal scores of each team.

(3) Individual Event: Each athlete's individual ranking is based on all the athletes' results 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 when he/she believes that the athlete's mode of progression does not completely comply with the definition of race walking by showing the athlete a yellow paddle. When an athlete clearly fails to comply with the walking rules, the judge shall send a red card to the chief judge for his/her offense. Pit lanes will be used along the walking courses (Pit lanes will be set up according to the distance of each event). An athlete who receives red cards shall be cautioned or enter the Pit lane based on the number of the red cards he/she receives from the judges. An athlete with three red cards will be required to enter the nearest Pit lane directed by a judge and he/she shall remain there for the applicable period before continuing to compete. Details are as follows:

a. At each station:

One red card: Caution

Two red cards: Remain in the Pit lane for 1 minute

Three red cards: Remain in the Pit lane for 1 minute

Four red cards: Remain in the Pit lane for 1.5 minutes

Five red cards: Disqualify

b. An athlete will receive a red card and be disqualified when he/she seriously violates the walking rules 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. Usage and regulations of timing chips are to be confirmed.

(6) From the second station, the first place in the individual event at the previous station will wear a yellow jersey in the competition.

(7) The LOC will set up water stations every 5 kilometers along the courses where athletes can store their own drinks.

(8) 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. Athletes fail to meet the uniform requirements will be ineligible for participating in the competition.

(9) All participants are required to take a drug test.

2. Junior group

Competition rules for junior groups are to be confirmed by Athletics Administration Center under the General Administration of Sport of China.

X. Entry Guidelines

1. Professional Group

(1) International athletes and athletes of the Chinese National Team will be invited by Chinese Athletic Association.

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

URL: www.athletics.org.cn

2. Junior Group

Entry information will be provided by the Youth Department of the Athletics Administration Center under the General Administration of Sport of China.

3. Mass Walking

(1) Participants can enter for events at Taihu Station and Dongshan Station via the official website of the competition or the WeChat platform “Walking in Beautiful Wuzhong”.

(2) For the Taihu Station event, the maximum number of competitors is 15,000. For the Dongshan Station event, the maximum number of competitors is 1,000. Online registration will close when the entries reach the maximum number.

(3) Participants of mass walking shall bear their own accommodation and travel

expenses.

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

XI. Prize Money

1. Prize money based on rankings (USD)

(1) Team Prize Money (Men & Women)

| 1st Place | 2nd Place | 3rd Place | 4th Place | 5th Place | 6th Place |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| USD20,000 | USD15,000 | USD10,000 | USD7,500 | USD6,000 | USD4,500 |

(2) Individual Prize Money (Men & Women)

| 1st Place | 2nd Place | 3rd Place | 4th Place | 5th Place | 6th Place | 7th Place | 8th Place |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| USD10,000 | USD7,000 | USD6,000 | USD5,000 | USD4,000 | USD3,000 | USD2,000 | USD1,000 |

(3) Individual Prize Money at Substation (Men & Women)

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11-15 |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| USD1,000 | USD800 | USD700 | USD600 | USD500 | USD400 | USD300 | USD200 | USD100 | USD100 | USD100 |

(4) Yellow Jersey (Men& Women): USD1,000

2. Encouragement award for Chinese province-level and city-level teams (CNY)

Final team rankings (Men & Women)

| 1st place | 2nd place | 3rd place | 4th place | 5th place | 6th place |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| ¥ 30,000 | ¥ 20,000 | ¥ 18,000 | ¥ 16,000 | ¥ 14,000 | ¥ 12,000 |

Notes: Prize money above is all after-tax. Chinese athletes' prize money is in CNY (USD equivalent).

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

XII. Medical Care

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

2. Working staff and volunteers will be assist with medical care and ensure the competition goes well. Participants in need may ask them for help.

XIII. Insurance

Personal accident insurance is provided for all competitors, volunteers and working staff. *Instruction Book of Personal Accident Insurance* can be checked via the official competition website or phone call to the LOC. All participants shall fill in the entry form in detail.

XIV. Contact Us

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XV. Technical Delegates and Race Walking Judges

Athletics Administration Center under the General Administration of Sport of China will appoint 1 to 2 technical delegates. Around 20 international and national race walking judges will officiate for the competition. Other judges will be appointed by competition areas.

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

XVII. Interpretation of the Competition Regulations is subject to Chinese Athletic Association and the Organizing Committee.

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