

UKA Registration Checks

Dear Athlete

UKA introduced the following rules in April 2016:

- All competitions under the rules of UKA and Domestic Competitions held under IAAF Rules are confined to eligible athletes as defined by these rules. All athletes in Age Groups covered by these Rules (Age Group Under 13 upwards) must be registered with their National Association and comply with their terms and conditions including payment. [[UKA rule 21 S 1](#)]

Athletes will be disqualified when competing in individual championships or in other track & field, race walking or cross-country events with a UKA permit if they are not currently registered to a National Association. Registration is not mandatory for unattached athletes in their first year of competition or overseas-resident competitors in these events who are not members of a UKA registered club [[UKA rule 21 S 3](#)]

- Any affiliated Club accepting an athlete as a Second Claim member must satisfy themselves that the athlete is already registered with their National Association. [[UKA rule 21 S 3](#)]
- Athletes competing in non-championship road or trail individual races, must be granted a minimum discount of £2 from the advertised race entry fee if they are a member of a registered club and who has a current individual registration with their National Association. [[UKA rule 2 S 2](#)]

This has the following consequences for all BMAF members:

1. A new affiliated member without a first claim club, must start the process of choosing a first claim club and obtaining UKA registration if they are intending to compete in BMAF national competitions or area club cross-country or track and field events with UKA permits. They will need to maintain this registration on annual basis for as long as they are competing. UKA registration is done via EA, WA, SA or ANI depending which national athletics association their first claim club is registered with. In some instances e.g. during their first year of competition, the National Association may permit the athlete to register without first joining an affiliated club.
2. Any competing athlete joining an area club or renewing their membership must have a current UKA registration
3. Online entry to all BMAF national competitions or the area club cross-country, track & field or race walking competitions with a UKA permit will be blocked unless the athlete is logged as UKA registered in the Opentrack database. Registration information for EA and WA registered athletes comes in real-time from the EA database. SA and ANI are providing us

with a list of their registered athletes each month but we can update this information for any athlete who sends us evidence that they have recently registered.

Members will shortly be able to see their UKA registration status in Section E of their personal data in OpenTrack, updated to the latest information received, and if the status is Red or Amber they may need to take action before they can enter the competition of their choice.

A message will be placed on the BMAF website Urgent News section when OpenTrack will automatically block entry to competitions as necessary – see (3) above. In the meantime, anyone not registered when entering an event for which UKA registration is mandatory will have to complete their registration before the start of the competition or be liable to disqualification.

Do not delay in sorting out registration issues if you are not currently registered. Your first claim club will in practice take a week to deal with this and if you wish to change the EA/SA/ANI first claim club shown in Open Track you may need up to 2 months for this to take effect.