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Monaco, 10 April 2020

**To: MEMBER FEDERATIONS**  
Copy: Council Members  
Executive Board Members  
Commission Chairpersons  
Area Associations  
Dentsu Athletics

**Re: Proposed Dates for National Senior Outdoor Championships in 2020-21**

Dear all,

The Global Calendar Unit has been actively engaging with Member Federations and Area Associations with a view to planning the adjusted calendar for the 2020 northern hemisphere summer season in a coordinated manner.

In cooperation with Member Federations, the Wanda Diamond League and the World Athletics Continental Tour, the Global Calendar Unit has agreed the weekend of August 8/9, 2020 as the protected National Championships window for this year.

World Athletics strongly encourages Member Federations, where possible, to stage their rescheduled 2020 National Championships on this weekend as no Wanda Diamond League or World Athletics Continental Tour meetings will take place, helping to ensure the availability of all the top athletes for the Championships.

Furthermore, in order to help with your long-term planning, the Global Calendar Unit has agreed that the 2021 National Championships protected windows will now be on the weekends of June 5/6 and June 26/27, 2021.

As previously advised, these protected dates for the National Championships are set primarily for the northern hemisphere summer season.

World Athletics has been in regular dialogue with the Athletes' Commission and it is the strong wish of the athletes that a 2020 season happens, and competitive opportunities are provided as soon as it is safe and feasible to do so. Feedback from the athletes is that they are prepared to compete into October 2020 in order to participate in as many competitions as possible. As also agreed with the Athletes' Commission and World Athletics Council, results achieved at any competition during this period, specifically from 6 April 2020 through to 30 November 2020 inclusive, will not be considered for Tokyo 2020 entry standards or world rankings. Further information is provided in the press release available by clicking [here](#).

The Global Calendar Unit continues to have weekly meetings with the Diamond League and Continental Tour organisers, and it is anticipated that an announcement will be made on the 2020 summer season rescheduled dates for these one-day meetings towards the end of April.

Kind regards,

**Jon Ridgeon**  
Chief Executive Officer