



WESTERN PROVINCE ATHLETICS

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CODE OF CONDUCT FOR FUN RUNS / WALKS

1 SANCTION OF EVENT

- 1.1 All Fun Runs/walks must be held under the auspices of WPA and are subject to the rules of WPA.
- 1.2 Fun Runs shall only take place on a date, time and venue approved by WPA.
- 1.3 WPA will not normally sanction an event that competes with any WPA organised event. The location and distance of the conflicting events will be taken in to consideration.
- 1.4 The offices of WPA Road Running shall manage all affairs relating to fun runs on behalf of WPA.
- 1.5 WPA will only sanction a fun run provided it is organised under the auspices of an affiliated club.
- 1.6 Application to WPA to sanction an event should be made at least two months before the planned event date. All applications shall, as far as possible, be dealt with within 7 days.
- 1.7 There shall be no payment due to WPA.

2 PARTICIPATION

- 2.1 Licensed and unlicensed athletes may participate in these events.
- 2.2 Organisers may restrict participation based on membership of specific organisations (eg school pupils, medical profession etc) but not on criteria that are considered discriminatory (sex, religion, race etc).
- 2.3 Licensed athletes will be discouraged from participating in any event that is not sanctioned by WPA.
- 2.4 Organisers should indicate on their advertising material whether WPA sanctions the event or not.
- 2.5 No race licences (permanent or temporary) are required to be purchased or worn.
- 2.6 Licensed athletes do not need to wear club colours when participating in such events, but shall still be subject to the rules of conduct of WPA.
- 2.7 The participation by children at fun runs/walks is at the discretion of their parents. The following minimum ages are offered as a guide :

<u>Distance</u>	<u>Age on race day</u>
Up to 3 km	6 years running or walking
Up to 5 km	8 years running, 6 years walking
Up to 8 km	12 years running, 8 years walking
- 2.8 An adult should accompany young children.
- 2.9 Entry fees charged shall be at the discretion of the organisers.
- 2.10 The participation of athletes in wheelchairs, prams, scooters, roller blades and similar appliances as well as participation of dogs and other pets is at the discretion of the organiser with due consideration to other participants and the route.
- 2.11 The beneficiary of the Fun Run should be clearly indicated on any advertising material.

3 ROUTE

- 3.1 The distance of a Fun Run should not normally exceed 5 km, but under no circumstances may it exceed 8 km. Any event longer than 8km is subject to the rules of road races.
- 3.2 The route should be safe for all participants.

- 3.3 Responsibility to obtain the necessary permission from landowners, traffic department, municipality, council or other authorities rests with the organiser.
- 3.4 Water and/or other liquid refreshment should be supplied at approximately 2.5 to 3 km intervals. This would imply one refreshment station up to 5 km and two stations above 5 km.
- 3.5 Marshals and all services on the route should remain in place until the last participant has passed.
- 3.6 It shall not be a requirement to accurately measure fun run routes although organisers are encouraged to ensure that the route distance is as close as possible to that advertised.

4 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

- 4.1 First aid and the services of a qualified medical doctor should be available at the event. Provision should be made to get such services out on to the route if required.
- 4.2 Emergency services (ambulances etc) should be on standby if they are not stationed at the event.

5 PRIZES OFFERED

- 5.1 Neither performance prizes, nor participation payments may be offered at a fun run.
- 5.2 Prizes should normally be awarded on a “lucky draw” basis.

6 RESPONSIBILITIES

6.1 Organiser

- Permission from WPA under the aegis of an affiliated club.
- Permission from all necessary authorities.
- Safety of the participants on the route.
- Compliance with this code of conduct.
- Provision of medical services at the event.
- Fair allocation of prizes.
- Value for money for the participants.
- Cleaning of route and venue.

6.2 Affiliated Club

- To ensure that timeous application is made to WPA.
- Implementation of this code of conduct and the rules of WPA.
- To guide the organiser in all aspects of staging the event and as far as is reasonably practical, conform to the WPA minimum standards for road races.
- To ensure that the organiser has taken all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of the participants on the route.
- WPA will hold the club responsible for any breach of WPA rules or this code of conduct.

6.3 Western Province Athletics

- To ensure that the rules of ASA and the domestic rules of WPA are applied.
- To manage the race calendar to ensure that road race and fun run events do not clash or detract from other events.
- To promote the growth of the sport from grass-roots level.

7 GENERAL

- 7.1 WPA shall not appoint officials for Fun Runs.
- 7.2 Timing at fun runs is not required although organisers are encouraged to place a timing clock at the finish.
- 7.3 Adequate provision for toilets and litter should be made on the route and at the venue.
- 7.4 Fun runs are athletic events and the purpose of this code is to ensure that as such they promote a positive image for the sport.