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To: MEMBER FEDERATIONS

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Committee/Commission Chairpersons
Area Associations
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Dear General Secretary,

RE. ATHLETE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT

It is my pleasure to send you the Athlete Acknowledgement and Agreement.

Rule 30.3 of the IAAF Competition Rules 2009 stipulates as follows:

“ In order to be eligible to compete or participate in, or otherwise be accredited at, an International Competition, Athletes (and where applicable) Athlete Support Personnel and other Persons must have signed an agreement to the Anti-Doping Rules and Regulations in a form to be decided by the Council. In guaranteeing the eligibility of its Athletes for an International Competition (see Rule 21.2 above), Members guarantee that the Athletes have signed an agreement in the required form and that a copy of the signed agreement has been sent to the IAAF Office.”

The IAAF Council has agreed to broaden the scope of the Agreement to cover the IAAF Competition Rules and IAAF Regulations.

It has also been decided to implement this Rule in a strict manner starting with the 18th IAAF World Half Marathon Championships – **Birmingham 2009** and for all future IAAF World Athletics Series Competitions. The next step will consist of implementing this Rule for the remaining categories of International Competitions. The agreement for Athlete Support Personnel and other persons (where applicable) is being finalised and shall follow in the near future. Once on record at the IAAF, the signed Agreement shall be valid throughout the athlete's career.

As a provision for an athlete's eligibility to participate in the World Half Marathon Championships, it is imperative that the IAAF receive a signed agreement for each athlete part of your National Team. To avoid unnecessary delays and confusion at accreditation in Birmingham, please ensure that the IAAF has received a copy of the signed Agreement for each athlete by the Final Entry deadline (**28 September 2009**). We strongly urge you to proceed as follows:

1. Starting now, send this Agreement to any athlete who might be part of your National Team participating in the 18th IAAF World Half Marathon Championships: providing a suitable deadline, e.g., 1 September 2009 to return, appropriately filled in and signed.
2. After this deadline, send a copy of each signed Agreement received to the IAAF (email: athletes-agreement@iaaf.org or fax: +377.93.15.95.15) and keep a copy for your records.
3. Once you have covered the athletes that might compete in Birmingham, please proceed to send the Agreement to all the remaining athletes who might participate in any other future IAAF World Athletics Series Competition, such as: the World Indoor Championships – Doha 2010, the World Cross Country Championships – Bydgoszcz 2010, etc...

Should you have any questions regarding the above, do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Kind regards,

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to be 'P. Weiss', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Pierre Weiss
General Secretary

ATHLETE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT

1. In consideration of the right to compete in International Competitions, I,

_____ of _____
[Last Name, First Name] [National Federation]

hereby acknowledge and agree as follows:-

- 1.1 I am aware of and have had the opportunity to review the IAAF Rules (the "Rules") and the IAAF Regulations (the "Regulations") available on the IAAF website at <http://www.iaaf.org/aboutiaaf/publications/regulations/index.html>. I consent and agree to comply with and be bound by the Rules and Regulations (and any amendments to the Rules and Regulations as may be made from time to time).
 - 1.2 I consent and agree in particular to comply with and be bound by the IAAF Anti-Doping Rules (Chapter 3 of the Rules) and by the IAAF Anti-Doping Regulations and the International Standards incorporated into the IAAF Anti-Doping Regulations. I declare that I am not currently using and will not in the future use any substance or method or other practice which violates the IAAF Anti-Doping Rules. I undertake to compete in Athletics drug free at all times.
 - 1.3 I am aware of and have had the opportunity to review the Athlete Information Notice available on the IAAF website at <http://www.iaaf.org/aboutiaaf/publications/regulations/index.html> concerning the use of my personal information by the IAAF. I consent and agree that my personal information may be used by the IAAF in accordance with the Athlete Information Notice.
 - 1.4 I consent and agree in particular that my Personal Information including without limitation my Sensitive Personal Information (as those terms are defined in the Anti-Doping Regulations) may be processed for anti-doping purposes in accordance with the IAAF Anti-Doping Rules and the IAAF Anti-Doping Regulations (and the International Standard for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information incorporated into the Anti-Doping Regulations) by and amongst the IAAF and its Area Associations and Member Federations, the World Anti-Doping Agency, National Anti-Doping Agencies and/or other Anti-Doping Organisations, including, but not limited to, as part of the ADAMS database system.
 - 1.5 I consent and agree that for the limited purpose of promoting the IAAF, the sport of Athletics, or particular athletics competitions, the IAAF may without charge and on a worldwide basis use any images that are taken of me in any media at or in conjunction with any athletics competitions in which the IAAF has an ownership interest, including the World Championships in Athletics and other World Athletics Series events.
 - 1.6 I acknowledge and agree that any dispute arising out of a decision made pursuant to the Rules may be appealed exclusively as provided in the Rules to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). I acknowledge and agree that all decisions of CAS under the Rules shall be final and binding and that I will not bring any claim, arbitration, lawsuit or litigation in any other court or tribunal.
2. Unless renewed upon the IAAF's request at any time, this Agreement shall be of indefinite duration and shall terminate only upon my retirement from Athletics.
3. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Laws of Monaco. I acknowledge that, by signing this Acknowledgement and Agreement, I have read and understand this Acknowledgement and Agreement and that it is legally binding.

Date: _____

Name: _____
[Print Last Name (in Capitals), First Name]

Date of Birth: _____
[Day/Month/Year]

Signature: _____