

PROCEDURAL GUIDELINE

National Plogging Championship

2024

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GLOSSARY

- > **Plogging**: picking up litter and running (Pick and jog).
- > Littering: scattering small waste into the environment.
- Plogging International Committee (= PIC): Committee founded in 2020, organiser and supervisor of the World Plogging Championship, composed of:
 - AICA International Association for Environmental Communication, based in Alba (CN), a cultural project that since 2003 intends to know, study and promote environmental communication actions on a national and international level.
 - E.R.I.C.A. soc. coop. based in Alba (CN), was founded in 1996 with the aim of dealing with the environment, both in terms of communication and technical support to public bodies and private organisations. In more than twenty-five years of activity it has worked in over 2,000 municipalities, provinces, regions, consortia and companies throughout Italy, Europe and in various parts of the world.
 - Acea Pinerolese Industriale Spa, a modern multi-utility structure that manages a plurality of services on the territory in favour of municipalities, companies and citizens. The company is an established European model of circular economy with its organic waste treatment plant.
 - Erik Ahlström and the Plogga Association, Swedish runner and inventor of the term "Plogging".
 - **Carlo Degiovanni**, for years an organiser of trail races in the Piedmont region and a leading voice in the tradition of Alpine marching.
 - Sandro Fioravanti (permanent guest), RAI sports commentator. He has been commentating for the state broadcaster for years on the Olympics, World and European swimming championships. His commentaries of the historic Italian swimming feats in the Sydney 2000 Olympics are memorable.
- National Committee (= NC): Organising Committee of the National Plogging Championship, representing the entire Nation, including any regional organisations, recognised by the International Committee.







- Nation: by Nation we mean the States recognised according to the division of the United Nations, by way of example only we list: Italy, Spain, France, United Kingdom, United States, Brazil, Holland, Greece, Portugal, Argentina, etc.
- National Plogging Championship (= NPC): the final competition, held in each State, which decrees the team or athletes that will make up the team qualified for the World Championships.
- DNF: Did Not Finish the athletes who do not reach the finish line or who miss a checkpoint or commit an irregularity described in point Z of this procedural guideline.
- > **DNS:** Did Not Start the athletes who do not present themselves at the start.







A. INTRODUCTION

Littering - the abandonment of small and very small waste - is a universally widespread phenomenon. It contributes at least 75 percent to the concentration of litter in water bodies particularly in the sea. Among the priorities of global authorities and the European Union is the fight against littering. In particular, the European Union has identified **10 May** as the **European Clean Up Day** against littering.

Awareness-raising and communication have been identified as the most effective measures. Environmental awareness through sporting events has become an increasingly widespread practice in recent years, which also led to the drafting of the International Charter for Sustainable Sporting Events or <u>Courmayeur Charter</u>.

Among sports events, running accompanied by the collection of waste on the ground is a particularly effective practice, especially from a communication point of view. Since 2015, the International Association for Environmental Communication (AICA) has coordinated the **Let's Clean Up Europe** campaign, of which <u>Keep Clean And Run</u> is the central event. In 2017, Sweden's **Erik Ahlström** launched the neologism *plogging* to define running and waste collection.

In 2020, AICA, in collaboration with ERICA soc. coop., launched the pilot edition of the **World Plogging Championship (Individual)**, followed by the first official edition, held in Val Pellice (TO) between 1 and 3 October 2021, the second, from 30 September to 2 October 2022 in the Olympic Valleys of Turin 2006, and the third from 29 September to 1 October in Genoa.

Since 2024, for the first time, team-based World Plogging Championship will be launched: teams representing their nations will compete in the finals, after qualifying through their National Plogging Championship.

B. ORGANISATION - NATIONAL COMMITTEE (NC)

Each Nation must set up a **National Committee (NC)**, which will be in charge of organising the **National Plogging Championships** (NPC) in the manner described below, in order to







obtain official recognition from the **Plogging International Committee (PIC)** and the status of **Qualifying Championship** for the **World Plogging Championship by Team**. Management and organisation of the event, promotion and incoming, internal and external communication through materials and communication supports (according to PIC guideline) and any expenses related to these activities will be borne by the **National Committee**.

The NC must represent the entire national territory and must consist of a minimum of 3 people. Where there are several regional organisations, a delegate will represent them on the National Committee, in accordance with the guidelines provided by the PIC.

The NC shall annually communicate its composition to the International Plogging Committee (organiser of the <u>World Plogging Championship</u> - and composed by: International Association for Environmental Communication (AICA), ERICA soc. coop., ACEA Pinerolese Industriale, Carlo Degiovanni, Erik Ahlström with the association PLOGGA and Sandro Fioravanti). Each National Committee member is asked for a **telephone and email contact**, as well as the region they represent.

In **National** Plogging Championship, the **National** may be replaced by the name of the country in question - e.g. Spanish Plogging Championship.

C. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE NATIONAL PLOGGING CHAMPIONSHIP (NPC)

The period should be between 31st March 2024 and 31st July 2024, so that the <u>results</u> and the <u>composition</u> of the team representing the country's national team that will participate in the World Team Championships can be communicated by **the 15th of September**.

- 1) Competition area
 - a. The National Committee identifies, on the basis of possible applications, a main area that guarantees the possibility of competing simultaneously for three hours and allows athletes to cover a minimum distance of 12 kilometres.
 - b. The area identified must include several municipalities (minimum 2).







- c. The National Plogging Championships (NPC) can take place indifferently on trails, asphalt roads, beaches, etc., according to the principles of trail running (mountain running) and running (road running).
- d. It is recommended, though not compulsory, that the National Championships take place in an area involving several environments (urban area, countryside/mountain, seaside, lakeside, etc.).
- e. In the competition area, there may be trails with different degrees of hiking difficulty, according to the different international classifications (T E EE).
- f. The precise boundaries delimiting the racecourse and detailed instructions will be given to the athletes at the pre-race technical briefing.
- g. The start and finish must preferably be located in the same place, set up with a specific arch and equipped with timing equipment.
- h. The course will be free, but it is compulsory to stay within the boundaries of the race course defined by the organisation, which will be communicated during the technical briefing.
- i. The route is to be considered semi-autonomous, it will be necessary to provide for the presence of at least 2 compulsory refreshment points, which will also act as checkpoints (for complete teams). The arrival here must be certified on the athletes' bib (through a stamp or symbol).
- j. It is possible to provide additional refreshments, but these will not have the value of checkpoints.
- k. The number and the exact location of the checkpoints will be communicated to the athletes during the technical briefing, the minimum distance of the 2 compulsory checkpoints must be 3 km from the start (or finish) and they must be at least 6 km from each other.
- 2) <u>Timing</u>
 - a. The duration of the competition is set at **3 hours.**
 - b. It will be allowed to return earlier with a proportional reduction of the score (1' = 1 point). Five minutes before and five minutes after the agreed finish time, the time will be considered identical.







- 3) Equipment
 - a. Each NC is free to provide for the delivery or not of a race pack to the participating athletes.
 - b. Together with the race pack, if foreseen, **6 sacks** per team must be delivered with the team bib number and the indication of the **6 separate material flows**:
 - i. Paper
 - ii. Plastic
 - iii. Metals (steel and aluminium/ferrous and non-ferrous)
 - iv. Glass
 - v. Undifferentiated
 - vi. WEEE (= Waste form Electrical and Electronic Equipment) and batteries (NO bulky car batteries)
 - c. Exclusively at the **2 compulsory checkpoints** the possibility will be given to **replace** bags if they are damaged or to **request additional** ones (a kit with 6 bags, one per product group, will be given to each team requesting one) up to a maximum of <u>2 additional bags</u> per product group. There is no replacement or addition at the additional refreshment points.
 - d. It is compulsory to download one of the apps chosen by the organising committee for route tracking. The APPs will be communicated by the organisation during the technical briefing.
- 4) Finish line
 - Bags may contain mixed materials during the competition, but it is compulsory to pass under the finish arch with bags containing separate materials in the 6 categories.
 - b. Each team member is allowed to pass through the finish arch with a maximum of 2 items out of the sacks (provided they are in direct contact with the athlete) for a maximum total of 8 bulky items out of the sacks in total per team. Each team is allowed to pass through the finish arch with a maximum of 3 sacks per category for a maximum total of 18 sacks.







- c. It will be the duty of the organising NC to ensure that each team complies with this request, in the manner it considers most appropriate.
- d. Teams must stay together, leave and present themselves together at the checkpoints and on arrival.
- e. It will be asked to set up the finish area with some official materials of the event.

D. BIBS

Bibs will only be handed out to registered participants and all team members (including reserves) on presentation of a photo ID.

The bib must always be visible on the chest or belly.

The layout of the bibs will be sent via e-mail by the International Committee to the individual National Committees, which will be responsible for printing and delivering them to the individual athletes.

For the personalisation of the bibs, the National Committee must provide the International Committee with the **athletes' names and surnames**, team name and any sponsors, up to a maximum of 3 logos, **no later than 20 days before** the National Championships, so that the International Committee can create the graphic files and send them to the National Committee for printing. Beyond this deadline, the International Committee will provide generic bibs in which the names of the competitors and teams are not present.

E. GPS TRACKER

Since athletic scoring is not envisaged, the adoption of the tracker is optional; it is necessary to use one APPs to communicate the route taken and to check that the athletes have remained within the competition area. It will be the task of the NC to provide a list of APPs recommended to athletes.

The National Committee is free to appoint judges to check the athletes' compliance with the boundaries.







It is at the discretion of the National Committee to adopt GPS trackers or other instrumentation for the measurement of distances and altitude difference, for possible national rankings or local awards, without value for qualifying for the World Finals.

F. SEMI-SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND RACE COURSE CHARACTERISTICS

The race may take place on a course with one or more environments with natural routes, including high mountains, the presence of watercourses, forests and paths or dirt roads, asphalt roads or urban areas.

Athletes must have at their disposal **2 compulsory refreshment points**, which coincide with as many checkpoints, where it is compulsory (for all team members) to have their passages stamped.

For sections on asphalted and/or open to vehicles roads, it is essential to comply with the highway code in force in the country of the race and/or locally binding.

For the recovery of waste, awareness of the risk involved in handling found objects is essential.

WARNING!

Underestimating one's psychophysical preparation, clothing and equipment can lead to extreme, even fatal consequences.

Semi-self-sufficiency is defined as the ability to be autonomous for the 3 hours of the race, referring to safety, food and equipment, and the ability to solve and manage problems that may arise (bad weather, physical discomfort, injuries, etc.).

The National Committee is obliged to carry out an inspection of the race course, in the days immediately preceding the event, in order to point out (with appropriate notices/tags) illegal dumps, hazardous waste, etc., which will be excluded from the competition.







G. RACE COURSE MODIFICATIONS OR RACE CANCELLATION

The organisers reserve the right to change the race course at any time, the final boundaries of which will be announced at the technical briefing to be held at the start line at least half an hour before the start of the race.

In the event of unfavourable weather conditions (strong depression with heavy rain and snow at high altitude, high risk of thunderstorms, etc.) the start and/or finish time may be changed, even shortening the overall race time.

Only in case of extreme emergency and intervention of the superordinate authorities may the race be cancelled.

H. NPC SCORING

The **score** for the elaboration of the official ranking, valid for the qualification for the World Team Championships, will be calculated on the basis of **the environmental parameters only**.

The score will be calculated using the WPC algorithm owned by ERICA soc. coop..

The score will be awarded 1 point for every gram of CO2 saved and will be calculated by the technical office of ERICA soc. coop. by translating the weight of each individual waste collected, delivered at the end of the competition (as described above) and expressed in CO2 equivalent.

The CO2 does not coincide with the weight but is a function of the type of material. The weights are to be reported by the National Committee for the 6 materials:

- i. Paper
- ii. Plastic
- iii. Metals (steel and aluminium/ferrous and non-ferrous)
- iv. Glass
- v. Undifferentiated
- vi. WEEE and batteries (NO bulky batteries)







The items carried by individual competitors, out of their bags, after being weighed, must be illustrated by means of a photograph, entered in the <u>appropriate file</u> provided by the International Committee.

The scoring is processed live and completed <u>within 2 hours</u> after the end of the competition, so that the National Committee is in a position to proceed with the awards on the day of the competition.

I. NPC CLASSIFICATIONS and AWARDS

The winner of the National Championship is the team that has accumulated the most points, resulting from the calculation of the weight of collected waste converted into CO2 equivalent and subtracting any time less than the maximum time set at 3 hours.

The **ranking** will be **unique** and drawn up from the environmental score alone.

The first ranked team will be proclaimed **National plogging champion**.

It is left up to the individual National Committees to identify additional scores, whether athletic or environmental; by way of example only: the greatest distance covered, or the number of times the athletes have bent over, or even the number of a specific litter (e.g. number of butts, number of straws, number of packaging, etc.).

It is at the discretion of the National Committee to decide on further prizes and/or national rankings and/or further special prizes.

However, these scores will not be decisive for qualification for the World Finals.

J. NATIONAL TEAM QUALIFIED FOR THE WORLD FINALS

The National Committee of each country has the right to indicate to the International Committee the team that will represent its country at the World Finals.







It is left up to each National Committee to indicate the winning team of the National Championships or a selection of athletes from several teams, provided that the athletes themselves have participated in the National Championships.

Athletes who did not take part in the National Championships may not participate in the World Finals.

K. MEMBERSHIP FEE

Each National Committee must pay to the International Committee the **membership FEE**

That FEE is composed of:

- One basic FEE: mandatory, non-refundable, same for all Commettee and equal to
 500 euros (excluding VAT), to be paid in <u>advance</u> within <u>10 days of the recognition</u> of the candidacy of the National Championship (10 April 2024).
- One variable FEE: based on the number of team registration received to each National Championship, to be paid within 10 days of the National Championship realization.

The membership is quantified with the following criterion:

- From 0 to 10 registered teams in the National Championship → Included in the basic fee of 500 euros.
- From 11 to 20 registered teams entered in the National Championship → 500 euro (base FEE) + 300 euro (variable FEE).
- From 21 to 30 registered teams entered in the National Championship → 500 euro (base FEE) + 500 euro (variable FEE).
- 4. <u>Over 31 registered teams</u> in the National Championship → 500 euro (base FEE)
 + 700 euro (variable FEE).

This sum guarantees the following services performed by ERICA Soc. Coop.:

1) Live ranking processing, completed within 2 hours of the end of the weigh-in;







- 2) Graphic design of the official customised and generic bibs, sent by e-mail to the National Committee 15 days before the competition.
- 3) Logo cage for official T-shirts to be delivered to the team qualified for the World Championships.
- 4) Concession for the use of the World Plogging Championship logo.
- 5) Graphics for visibility materials to be placed at the finish and start.
- 6) Official file in which to enter the weights of the various materials and photos of the waste, to be returned to the International Committee for the purpose of drawing up the classification.
- 7) Assistance in writing the waivers (photo/privacy and liability release).

L. NPC PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS for athletes

The National Championship must provide for the participation of teams that meet the following minimum requirements and verify their compliance:

- 1) Teams consisting of 4 components with possible reserves (a maximum of 2, one per gender).
- 2) Each team must comprise at least 2 components of each gender.
- **3)** Each athlete must be in good physical-athletic condition confirmed by an appropriate non-competitive sport **medical certificate**.
- 4) Each athlete must attend the technical briefing.
- 5) Each athlete must accept the competition regulations in their entirety, hand in the countersigned waiver form and privacy policy at least the day before the competition.
- 6) Each athlete must be registered with a sports club, or, alternatively, have adequate insurance cover to be provided by the day before the competition.

The requirements, registration and participation conditions must be communicated to the athletes by means of regulations. These regulations will be adapted by each National Committee, based on the specific characteristics of each National Championships,







supplementing the regulations provided by the International Committee after acceptance of the application. Each athlete must provide the relevant National Committee with a signed and dated copy of this document.

M. TEAMLEADER

When the bibs are distributed and the documents checked, the team must indicate the team leader and the deputy team leader. The Race Director will refer to them, who may submit any observations or appeals.

N. NPC REGISTRATION FEE

Any registration fee for the National Championships by athletes is set by each National Committee but **is not compulsory**.

O. ACCOMPANIMENT

Accompaniment along the route is prohibited, under penalty of disqualification of the team, except in the case of a team consisting of or with the presence of Paralympic athletes whose disability category provides for accompaniment.

P. MAPS AND GPS TRACKS

The boundaries of the competition field will be sent, together with the location of the compulsory checkpoints and a copy of the athletes' regulations, by e-mail, to the e-mail address given at the registration by the team intending to take part in the National Championships, no later than the day before the race and described at the technical briefing on the day before the race.

Athletes will be sent a map with the boundaries of the race course and the main trails/paths.







Athletes will be able to use GPS, without any restrictions whatsoever, to orient themselves.

Q. REST AND SHOWERS

At the end of the race, near the finish line, the National Committee may set up a facility to allow athletes to change, take a shower, go to the toilet, etc. and a possible massage area.

It is strictly forbidden to sleep outdoors on the race course.

R. MATERIAL for ATHLETES

When the bibs are distributed, the National Committee will also give each team the competition material, consisting of:

- official bags of the event on which the race bib number and product group is marked;
- cut-resistant gloves (one pair per competitor).

The collection of the material must be carried out directly by all team representatives and, at that time, confirmation will be given of the 4 full members who will start the race, with an indication of the 2+2 members representing gender.

When the race packet is handed over, the identity of all members, including any reserves, will be verified through an identity document (identity card or passport).

The mobile phone number of all members will be checked.

The presence of the official event app on at least one of the smartphones/smartwatches in the possession of one of the participants will be checked.







S. EQUIPMENT

Each runner must carry the equipment necessary to safely cope with the weather conditions, the course and the altitude throughout the race. This must be carried in a sufficiently large rucksack.

Along the route, in particular conditions (adverse weather, technical difficulties of the route, etc.), the Race Marshals may check the runner's equipment and report back to the Race Direction coinciding with the National Committee. The Race Direction, having assessed the situation with the safety and rescue officials, may decide at its sole discretion to stop the runner.

1. MANDATORY EQUIPMENT

Material that must accompany the competitor throughout the entire route:

- Glass or other suitable container for drinking at refreshment posts NO disposable
 material should be provided;
- Mobile phone (enter the organisation's security number, do not mask the number and do not forget to start with a charged battery);
- Identity card and health card (or similar);
- Survival cloth;
- Food reserve;
- Water reserve (minimum 1 litre);
- GPS navigator with a map of the territory;
- Maps of the 'racecourse' (provided at the briefing);
- Altimeter and compass (suitable smartphone apps are accepted);
- Official event bags (provided by the organisation);
- Cut-resistant gloves (a pair will be provided by the organisation).







2. MATERIAL RECOMMENDED TO FACE THE TEST SAFELY

- Shoe category between A2 and A5 (intermediate-> Trail).
- Rain-proof shell jacket with breathable waterproof membrane with heat-taped seams and hood.
- Spare clothing.
- Whistle.
- Self-medication kit.
- Power bank to recharge phone or other equipment.
- Knife.
- Rope.
- Yellow-lensed goggles.

According to the selected race and the national rules on sports events, The National Committee may decide to add mandatory or recommended materials, providing the athletes with more details in the regulation.

T. WAIVER AND MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

WAIVER

It is the responsibility of each National Committee to ensure that each runner signs a waiver stating that he/she is aware of the difficulties of the race, that he/she undertakes to bring with him/her all the equipment necessary to face the race safely and to release the organising National Committee as well as the International Committee from any liability in the event of damage, including physical damage, caused to him/herself or to others. Furthermore, he/she accepts that he/she may be photographed and filmed and that he/she is aware of these regulations and accepts their clauses.







The **waiver** form can be freely adapted by each National Committee from the basic release, provided by the International Plogging Committee, and must be completed no later than **the day before the competition**.

The National Committee may request any other certification, according to the indications of future regulations issued at national and/or international level aimed at containing the SARS COV 2 pandemic (COVID-19) and/or any other local specificities.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

In order to participate, the National Committee must require each athlete to provide a medical certificate of fitness for non-competitive sports, with the following specification: **certificate of fitness for sport and dated no later than one year prior to the date of the competition.** The National Committee must refer to the regulations in force in its own country, in full compliance with the relevant national law.

U. SAFETY AND MEDICAL CARE

Regarding health safety and medical assistance during the event, the National Committee must refer to the regulations in force in its own country, in full compliance with the relevant national law.

In case of need, the national emergency number should be called.

V. HEALTH COVER

Regarding health safety and medical assistance during the event, the National Committee must refer to the regulations in force in its own country.

W. INSURANCE

The National Committee / Race Direction / Organisation must take out liability insurance for the entire duration of the event, valid in the country in which the competition takes place. Participation takes place under the full responsibility of the athletes, who waive all







recourse against the organisers in the event of damage and further consequences arising from the race. When registering online, the runner signs a release of international and national liability.

The National Committee will consider on a case-by-case basis whether to provide additional membership of each registered runner to a local ASA (in the event that they are not already registered with an ASA), thus guaranteeing everyone's accident insurance cover.

However, it is recommended that each runner take out personal accident insurance.

The **ITRA** (International Trail Running Association) has devised a **specific insurance for trail running**, designed to adapt to the needs of a trailer that finds itself in difficulty during a race (read all the details <u>here</u>).

X. ASSISTANCE DURING THE RACE

Assistance along the entire route including refreshments is prohibited, except in the case of a team of Paralympic athletes whose disability category provides for assistance. A team caught being helped by external assistants, e.g. for carrying bags, must be immediately disqualified by the race management.

Y. TAKE-OVERS, DROP-OUTS AND RETURNS

The substitution of a team member may only take place at one of the refuelling/checkpoints indicated during the technical briefing.

The judges present at the control point will be informed by the team leader of the name of the person being replaced and the name of the person taking over.

In the event of the need to drop out far from a control point, the team leader is obliged to contact the SOS number communicated during the technical briefing and to accompany







the member intending to drop out to the nearest control point, informing them of the replacement; the organisation will take charge of their return to the start/finish line.

In order for the team's performance to be considered valid, 4 members must still arrive at the finish line.

z. **DISQUALIFICATIONS and DNF**

Race Marshals will be present on the course to check and verify the athletes' compliance with the regulations.

In the event of irregularities or infringements of the regulations, the marshals may stop the team, after notifying the Race Direction.

The Race Direction, having established the irregularities, will disqualify the team.

The following offences are liable to disqualification:

- Refusal to be checked.
- Failure to assist other athletes in difficulty.
- Refusal to comply with an order of the Race Direction, Race Commissioner, doctor or rescuer.
- Doping or refusal to submit to doping controls.
- Failure to pass a control point.
- Use of a means of transport.
- Conduct inconsistent with the conduct of the race.
- Bib exchange.
- Failure to comply with the highway code in the case of transit on roads open to vehicles.
- Accompaniment by fans, assistants, staff.
- Assistance during the race by supporters, assistants, staff.
- Abandonment of litter.
- Mistreatment of animals and damage to plants and habitats crossed.







Disqualification is immediate and in the event of an offence by even one member the whole team will be disqualified.

The team will not be considered a finisher in the case of:

- Leaving the race course.
- Crossing the finish arch without any rubbish.
- Crossing the finish arch with rubbish outside the bags in a number of 3 or more per person or by throwing rubbish

AA. COMPLAINTS

Only written and documented, non-anonymous complaints submitted exclusively by the team leader before the award ceremony are accepted.

BB. JURY

The jury must consist of five members:

- race director appointed by the National Committee, representing the territory in which the race will take place.
- 4 other members indicated by the race director chosen within the framework of the organising National Committee, with the focus on representing different regional realities.

The jury shall deliberate in the time required to carry out the necessary checks and in any case by the scheduled time for the prize-giving ceremony. Decisions made are without appeal.





CC. IMAGE RIGHTS

Each competitor expressly waives the use of image rights, authorising the organisation and its partners (National and International Committee, Sponsors and Partners) to use photo or video images of him/her throughout the day of the event, free of charge and without any time or medium limit. This authorisation will be given by each athlete through the delivery of the signed privacy document. It is expressly forbidden to disseminate, by any means (web, social networks, TV, newspapers, magazines, etc.), for commercial purposes, images (videos or photos) taken during the event without the written authorisation of the National or International Committee.

DD. TRADEMARK and COMMUNICATION

Campionato del Mondo di Plogging – World Plogging Championship - Championnat du Monde de Plogging - and its declinations in the official languages are trademarks owned and used exclusively by ERICA soc. coop.

Each National Committee may add the name of the country instead of the "National" Plogging Championship whose name will have to be approved by the International Committee at the moment of the acceptance of the application under point B.

All communications about the event or the use of images of the event must be made in respect of the name of the event and the registered trademarks, according to the guidelines given to each National Committee and after agreement with the International Committee. The International Committee will therefore have to approve any type of communication material bearing the World Plogging Championship logo, except for those materials previously set out by the PIC.

Each National Committee will be asked to set up a minimum number of World Plogging Championship visibility materials in the finish and start areas, according to the agreements made during the application phase.







EE. PRIVACY

The NC must provide the teams with all the necessary documents for the privacy policy and the use of sensitive data, to ensure they are correctly completed and signed by all the members of the teams. The document containing the privacy policy of each National Committee must be edited on the base of the privacy policy communicated to each organizer by the PIC.

IMPORTANT: The original version of the document is written in Italian and English. In case of inconsistencies or discrepancies with the versions in other languages, the Italian/English version will prevail.

FF. ANNEXES

In addition to this specification, the following documents will be provided:

- 1. Template Rules for Athletes
- 2. World Plogging Championship Logo Usage Manual and Communication Instructions
- 3. Kit proposal for visibility material
- 4. Document for materials divided into respective product groups.
- 5. Template for Privacy according to regulations in Italy
- 6. Waiver Form
- 7. Application document to be signed.

This documentation will also be present in the Google Drive folder at the link: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1iWTM4GrO4fWJM0Y5ZgE39AEpFkJtaqxm?usp=sha ring







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