

The Fellowship of International Centurions

Event qualification requirements:

To be admitted to the Fellowship of International Centurions, the following minimum criteria must be achieved at the qualifying event:

1. Properly measured course, using the AIMS / IAAF standard process or similar. For first year only, a manual, calibrated, hand measuring wheel, coupled with 2 x GPS measurements (each direction) will suffice.
 - a. The wheel measurement to be used as “official” with the GPS measurement to demonstrate support of the wheel distance.
 - i. The measurement must be undertaken by an experienced and competent operator.
 - b. Approximate lap distance (e.g. from online mapping tool) to be provided a minimum four months prior to the event, with final measurement to be provided a minimum of one week prior to the event.
2. Engagement of a chip timing system.
3. An explanation of how the event will undertake basic judging of entrants, to ensure fair walking throughout the entire event duration.
 - a. This does not have to be constant judging or at every visual point on the course, but might be applied randomly and regularly at key places unknown to the entrants.
 - b. A commitment to ensure that entrants are informed of, and required to conform to basic rules for the event (see General Walker Rules documentation).
 - c. A commitment to ensure walkers will conform to the “B” rules as adopted by the International Centurion Committee (see “General Walker Rules documentation)
 - d. Appointment of one or more judges for the event.
 - i. Judges may not be participants in the event, and must maintain impartiality.
 - ii. Judges must either be formally qualified as such, or be highly experienced race walkers or international centurions.
4. A first aid / medical resource to be provided at all times through the event.
5. An online resource to be created, providing details of the event.
 - a. Facebook page or group, website or similar that is publicly available is sufficient.
6. Basic event details to be publicly available through the online resource, a minimum of three months prior to the starting date of the event. As a minimum:
 - a. Start date, time and exact location.
 - b. High quality map and clear description of the course and its approximate length, and approximate elevation change throughout each lap.
 - c. Facilities available to entrants and their location; for example:
 - i. Toilets
 - ii. Showers
 - iii. Tables / undercover space for entrant gear, and nutritional supplies.
 - iv. A list of any nutritional supplies provided by the event.
 - d. Details of the timing system to be used.
 - e. Nature of the course:
 - i. Which must be fully sealed if possible, and smooth underfoot.
 - ii. Which must be well lit overnight if possible.
7. Online entry and payments, which will be accepted a minimum of three months prior to the starting date of the event.
8. A minimum three event commitment from the event organiser.
 - a. A commitment to produce a uniquely numbered centurion badge, sympathetic to the current range of international badges, and awarded to entrants after the first event.
9. All communications to be in English.

Application process:

The event organiser must forward responses to required details above by email to fellowshipofcenturions@gmail.com.

The committee, after the provision of details noted above, will then meet online and ratify the addition of any new event, a minimum of three months prior to the event starting date (i.e. that allows one month from the minimum time that details are provided to the committee).

Additional notes for event organisers:

1. It is advised that application for event permits has been undertaken, and a list generated of the organisations and government institutions that the event director believes permission needs to be obtained from, a minimum of six months prior to the starting date of the event. For example:
 - a. Local councils.
 - b. Local businesses or clubs whose land is used.
 - c. Local police and law enforcement.
 - d. Residents in any area affected by the course.
2. It is advised that event insurance (public liability), if required, has been applied for and / or is available for the event, a minimum of four months prior to the event.
3. Event organisers are encouraged to consider and document how the event will be resourced from a personnel perspective at least 4 months in advance of the event.
 - a. Use of community or sporting groups.
 - b. Links to family and friend networks.
 - c. General public call for volunteers.
4. Consider having a video, or manual record timing system to complement the chip timing system in the case of any issues.
5. To maximise participation, consider developing a course that has a minimum of elevation change.
6. Consider periodically publishing entry numbers and / or names and agreed details of entrants. This may lead to additional participation.
7. Consider having other events to maximise entry numbers. This could take the form of shorter walking events (e.g. 12 hours, 6 hours, 3 hours, 100km, 50km, marathon) and / or be combined with running events.
 - a. If running events are combined, it is advised to distinguish between runners and walkers with either visually different race number bibs, or segregation of entrants (e.g. different lanes if an athletics track is used).
8. Consider linking to a specific national athletics body to help ensure the future viability and ownership of the event.
 - a. If the event is proposed to be staged at the same location each time, then consider formalising a partnership with local athletics clubs and other groups.
9. Consider discussing the proposed event details with event directors from other international centurion qualifying events.

Event organisers may choose to provide details of the above to the committee, however there is no formal obligation to do so.

For further details, contact fellowshipofcenturions@gmail.com