

Application for Permission to Access the “Field of Play” to take photos and/or videos at track & field, cross country, Para, road and trail and race walk events sanctioned by Athletics Ontario and Agreement concerning photography, including video.

The undersigned (the “Photographer/Videographer”) is applying for permission to have access to the “Field of Play” for the photography and/or videography of athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, spectators and other participants at track and field, cross country, Para, road and trail and race walk events sanctioned by Athletics Ontario (“AO”) **between January 1st, 2026, and December 31st, 2026. NOTE: COACHES AND PARENTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR MEDIA ACCREDITATION.** To be granted access to the “Field of Play,” the Photographer/Videographer confirms and agrees to the following.

1. The Photographer understands that AO receives multiple requests from individuals seeking to take photographs, videos, or other images (“photographs”) and that access to the “Field of Play” must be limited for safety and to ensure the orderly running of the event.
2. Interested photographers must declare their attendance at the event or events to be considered and approved by Athletics Ontario.
3. AO grants permission in its sole discretion, and permission is further subject to the event organizer's discretion.
4. Once AO confirms to the Photographer/Videographer by e-mail that AO has accepted the Photographer/Videographer’s application, the Photographer/Videographer understands that they must request permission from the event organizer to access the “Field of Play” at that event. AO will notify the event organizer of the names of individuals whose application(s) has/have been accepted. It is within the event organizer's discretion to disallow access to the “Field of Play”, even if AO has accepted the Photographer/Videographer’s application.
5. The Photographer/Videographer understands that among AO's values is **Inclusivity: Leave no one out. As such, AO welcomes people of all abilities, ages, racial, ethnic, cultural, gender, and sexual identities.** We encourage appropriate diversity in photographs and videos used. A lack of diversity may result in minimal or no use of the pictures, images or videos provided.
6. The Photographer/Videographer confirms that they have read the **AO Code of Conduct** in the **AO Safe Sport Manual** posted on the **AO website** and agree to comply with the **AO Code of Conduct**. Without limiting this confirmation, the Photographer/Videographer confirms that they have read and agree to abide by the **AO Code of Conduct** sections **“Responsibilities - Participants”** and **“Social Media.”**
7. The Photographer/Videographer acknowledges that, due to the nature of the sport and the activities of the athletes and other participants, photographs may capture images that could be considered embarrassing, disrespectful, or otherwise inappropriate, even when the Photographer/Videographer has no intention of capturing such an image. The Photographer/Videographer agrees to delete any such photographs/videos, not to share them in any way, and agrees to comply immediately with any request by AO to delete any such photographs/videos and not to share them in any way.
8. If AO believes, in its sole discretion, that the use by the Photographer/Videographer, whether by posting on social media or any other sharing, contravenes the **AO Code of Conduct**, AO may, in its sole discretion, revoke any permission given to the Photographer/Videographer to access the “Field of Play.” The Photographer/Videographer understands that such consent may be withdrawn without prior notice and has no right to appeal such revocation.
9. The Photographer/Videographer will make available to AO, upon reasonable request by AO and at no charge, photographs and/or videos taken at events sanctioned by AO. This will be facilitated via the link provided by the Photographer or, upon request, via a link provided by AO. The Photographer/Videographer understands that AO will use such photographs only for non-commercial purposes unless AO has secured the specific permission of the Photographer/Videographer to use the pictures/videos for a commercial purpose. The Photographer will be credited for the photos and/or videos used.

This application and these confirmations and agreements are made this _____ day of _____, 2026, by (name/signature): _____

E-mail & Phone: _____

This application is accepted and effective until December 31st, 2026, and permission is granted to access the “Field of Play” on the terms and conditions of this agreement this _____ day of _____, 2026.

By Athletics Ontario (name/signature): _____