



World Athletics just carved the discus out.

*A new rule changes how throwers can punch an automatic
ticket to Beijing.*

The footnote that changes everything.

"Discus Throw performances for Entry Standards must be achieved within the confines of a traditional athletics facility unless otherwise approved at least one month in advance by World Athletics Competition Unit. But will be accepted for World Rankings."

Source: World Athletics, Beijing 27 Qualification System and Entry Standards
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Ramona is not getting decertified.

Alekna's 75.56 m world record from April 2025 still stands. New records can still be set there. And throws from Ramona will still count toward World Rankings.

The change is narrow. It governs only one path: hitting an automatic Entry Standard for Beijing 2027.

These are the marks
that now require
a stadium.

MEN

67.20

meters

WOMEN

64.50

meters

Hit either of those marks at a non-traditional venue, and World Athletics will not count it as a direct entry. Hit them inside a certified, enclosed track and field stadium, and you are in.

Two meets,
two purposes.

01 Chase distance and ranking points.

Open-field venues like Ramona are still where wind aided personal bests and World Rankings results will be hunted.

02 Lock in the auto standard separately.

To hit 67.20 or 64.50 for direct entry, the throw has to happen in a certified stadium environment. That is now a distinct competition goal.

Expect more deliberate scheduling, and expect the World Rankings pathway to carry even more weight.



Don't take my word for it.

The discus footnote is on page 6 of the official Beijing 2027 Qualification System and Entry Standards document, approved by the World Athletics Council and published May 26, 2026.

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