

EUROPEAN ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

101. PROMOTION AND RIGHTS

- 101.1. The European Athletic Association (hereinafter European Athletics) shall promote a European Athletics Championships in every two years, in every even year.
- 101.2. All rights in and arising from the European Athletics Championships are the exclusive property of European Athletics. These rights include but are not limited to rights of ownership, marketing, advertising, broadcasting, filming, televising and all or any other means of exploitation. No other entity may exercise any of these rights without the written consent of European Athletics.
- 101.2.1. For the strict and limited purpose of promoting European Athletics, the sport of Athletics or any particular athletics competitions and for non-commercial use, European Athletics may without charge and on a worldwide basis use any images of European athletes in any media at or in conjunction with any athletics competitions in which European Athletics has an ownership interest, including European Athletics Championships.
- 101.2.2. Should an athlete not agree with such procedure, a written letter stating the reasons for this opposition shall be sent to the European Athletics Headquarters in Lausanne two (2) weeks prior to the respective event.
- 101.2.3. Furthermore, any competition images from any European Athletics events shall not be used by the athletes for commercial use. However, the use of event images on social media sites, as long as there is no commercial purpose, is not prohibited.
- 101.3. The athletes acknowledge and agree to European Athletics' use of the personal data, included but not limited to the first name, name, date of birth, club affiliation, results, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation Act on Data Protection, as well as disclosure of athletes' personal data to European Athletics affiliates, employees, agents, representatives and third party organisations worldwide for the purpose of promotion of the sport and to provide statistics.
- 101.3.1. Athletes further acknowledge and agree to European Athletics' use of the personal data if required to do so by law or in the good faith belief that any such preservation or disclosure is reasonably necessary to comply with legal process, enforce these Regulations, respond to claims that any content violates the rights of third parties, or protect the rights, property, or personal safety of other users or the public.

102. PROGRAMME

- 102.1. The European Athletics Championships shall be staged over a minimum of 6 (six) and a maximum of 8 (eight) consecutive days and in accordance with the applicable Competition, Advertising, Doping and other relevant Rules and Regulations of the World Athletics.

102.1.1. In the year of the Summer Olympic Games the European Athletics Championships shall be staged over 6 (six) days.

102.2. The programme shall comprise the following 24 (twenty-four) events for Men and 24 (twenty-four) events for Women, and two Mixed events:

Men	- Running	100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m, 10000m, Marathon*, 110m hurdles, 400m hurdles, 3000m steeplechase, 4x100m relay, 4x400m relay
	- Walking	Half Marathon race walk (21.0975km), Marathon race walk (42.195km)
	- Jumps	High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump, Triple Jump
	- Throws	Shot put, Discus Throw, Hammer Throw, Javelin Throw
	- Decathlon	
Women	- Running	100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m, 10000m, Marathon*, 100m hurdles, 400m hurdles, 3000m steeplechase, 4x100m relay, 4x400m relay
	- Walking	Half Marathon race walk (21.0975km), Marathon race walk (42.195km)
	- Jumps	High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump, Triple Jump
	- Throws	Shot put, Discus Throw, Hammer Throw, Javelin Throw
	- Heptathlon	
Mixed	- Running	4x100m relay, 4x400m relay

Note: Marathon* includes both individual and team ranking. Thus, there are 25 (twenty-five) men and 25 (twenty-five) women events, and two mixed events, to be considered in the overall medal/standing ranking.

102.2.1. In the year of the Olympic Games, only Half Marathon Race Walking will be part of the programme of events of the European Athletics Championships (no Marathon RW).

102.2.3. As per European Athletics Association Constitution (article 15 (k)), no further disciplines can be added to the programme of European Athletics Championships unless decided by the Congress, in due time (at least 2 years before the relevant Championships). It includes any additional discipline (s) and/or separate categories under the World Para Athletics' classification rules for the athletes using mechanical aid but not being authorised by the World Athletics to compete with other athletes under the existing programme of the European Athletics Championships.

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Any decision on authorisation of use of a mechanical aid made pursuant to the World Athletics Mechanical Aids Regulations and lies within the Mechanical Aids Review Panel established by the World Athletics for that purpose.

102.3. MARATHON*

- 102.3.1. Marathon* are both individual and team competitions (for national men's and women's teams). The teams' competition is incorporated in the overall medal & placing tables of the European Athletics Championships as well. Each European Athletics Member Federation may take part with one men and one women team.
- 102.3.2. Each European Athletics Member Federation entering a marathon* team shall take part with no fewer than 3 (three) and not more than 6 (six) runners.
- 102.3.3. The times of the first 3 (three) finishing runners of each team shall be aggregated in order to determine the finishing order, the team with the lowest aggregate time being the winner, and so on.
- 102.3.4. A tie shall be resolved in favour of the team whose last scoring runner finishes nearest to the first place.
- 102.3.5. All runners finishing shall be classified individually and shall be eligible for individual awards.
- 102.3.6. A team finishing with fewer than 3 (three) runners will not be classified in the team result.

Special format in the field events

- 102.4. In the finals of the horizontal field events, the competing order for the fourth and fifth rounds of trials shall be in the reverse ranking order based on the results after the first three rounds of trials. The competing order for the final round of trials shall be in the reverse ranking order recorded after the fifth round of trials.

Protests

- 102.5. Any protest shall be made orally to the relevant Referee in the infield by an athlete or someone acting on behalf of an athlete, during the event or immediately after the event. The decision of the Referee will be final, and no further appeals will be allowed. Video Recording and Control System will be used extensively to support immediate decisions by the Referee.

103. ENTRIES AND CONFIRMATION

- 103.1. All European Athletics Member Federations in good standing shall be entitled to enter athletes in the European Athletics Championships.

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- 103.2.1. No athlete may take part in the European Athletics Championships unless entered by the European Athletics Member Federation which he/she is eligible to represent in accordance with the World Athletics Rules.
- 103.3. Subject to the exceptions stated below, only athletes aged at least 16 (sixteen) years on 31 December of the year of the competition may participate in the European Athletics Championships.
- 103.4. Only athletes aged at least 18 (eighteen) years on 31 December of the year of the competition may participate in the Shot Put (men) and Hammer Throw (men).
- 103.5. Only athletes aged at least 20 (twenty) years on 31 December of the year of the competition may participate in the Half Marathon/Marathon Walk and Marathon*.
- 103.6. Each European Athletics Member Federation may enter up to 5 (five) athletes in each individual event of whom up to 3 (three) may participate provided all of them shall have achieved the qualifying standard for that event (see 108.1.3).
- 103.7. In each individual event, the current Reigning European Outdoor Champion will be invited to participate as a Wildcard, in the same event organised in the following European Athletics Championships, where this event will be staged, on the condition that the athlete in question is entered by his Federation in that specific event. If a Member Federation has four athletes in one event as result of this regulation, all four will be permitted to compete.

European Athletics reserves the right to exceptionally issue additional wild card(s) shall this be in the interest for the European Athletics Championships and Athletics in Europe, upon the EXBO decision and as mandated by the Council. The final decision on the entries under this condition, belongs ultimately to the Member Federation of the respective athlete accepted under this provision.

- 103.8. Alternatively to 103.6, each European Athletics Member Federation may enter athletes not achieved qualification standards or qualified otherwise. The number of such athletes and the conditions are to be defined in the qualification system for that edition of the Championships, approved by the European Athletics Council. The acceptance of these unqualified entries is at the discretion of the Technical Delegates, considering the number of entered athletes but always ensuring the quality of the event.
- 103.9. Only 16 national teams will be qualified to compete in each relay event. The qualification procedure will be based on the aggregate of the two fastest times achieved by national teams in the qualification period. A minimum of two different national teams, representing at least two Member Federations, must compete in the race for the result to be considered for qualification.
- The Host Nation has the right to be represented with one national team in each relay race. If they wish to participate and are not qualified as indicated above, the number of national teams to qualify will be reduced to 15.

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Up to 8 (eight) athletes may be entered for each relay. From these 8 (eight) athletes and from any other athletes entered for any event in the European Athletics Championships, 4 (four) athletes to participate in each round must be nominated at the time specified for the Final Declaration for that specific round.

- 103.10. Preliminary Entries: Not later than 5 (five) months (14:00 CET) before the first day of the European Athletics Championships, each European Athletics Member Federation shall send to European Athletics (usually via the teams' on-line entry system) a preliminary list of entries, indicating its anticipated numbers of athletes per event and the numbers of accompanying officials.
- 103.11. Final Entries: Not later than 10 (ten) days (14:00 CET) before the first competition day in case of 6-day Championships and 10 (ten) days (14:00 CET) in case of 7-day Championships, each European Athletics Member Federation shall send to European Athletics a final list of its entries, plus the names of accompanying officials. No subsequent changes may be made thereto without the consent of European Athletics.

No additional athletes will be accepted after the closing of the Final Entries.

Exceptional changes related to already entered athletes may be accepted by European Athletics, until the final confirmation deadline of the first competition day. In case of such changes, the respective Member Federation would be accountable for a financial penalty of EUR 1500 per case.

This amount would be deducted from the Member Federation's European Athletics subvention at the end of the year.

Final Entry information shall be supplied in the manner to be prescribed by European Athletics (usually via the teams' on-line entry system) and shall include such details as required by European Athletics, including the names and best performances of each athlete.

- 103.12. Final Declarations: Confirmation of Final Entries and the Final Declaration of athletes to compete shall be made according to the procedures defined in the Team Manual.
- 103.13. Member Federations must comply with the deadlines provided in the Circular Letters and Team Manual and provide accurate information in their entries in order to avoid causing financial loss to the LOC of the respective Event. Failure to do so may result in a range of potential sanctions including the application of financial penalties as detailed below.

Non-compliance with Deadlines

A penalty of EUR 1'000 may be imposed on any Member which does not comply with the Preliminary Entry deadlines.

Preliminary Entries VS Final Entries

A penalty of EUR 1'000 per team member, after the first eight, may be imposed on Members which:

- after having announced through the Preliminary Entries their participation do not then take part;
- after having entered in the Preliminary Entries more than eight team members, attend the competition with a number of team members 20% or more higher or lower than the entered number.

Note: the accreditation only team officials are not being counted in the above regulations.

- 103.14. Each European Athletics Member Federation may enter only those athletes who have received and hold a valid certification for having completed European Athletics Anti-Doping Education Programme – I Run Clean. The certification is to be achieved by all athletes in addition to fulfilling any requirements for the qualification for the event they are entered in.

104. APPLICATIONS TO STAGE THE EUROPEAN ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 104.1. Any European Athletics Member Federation in good standing may apply to stage the Event provided that the proposed venue and city comply with the criteria established by European Athletics and that the application is made jointly with the proposed city.
- 104.2. Each applicant shall complete the European Athletics official application forms and supply such information and undertakings as European Athletics shall require. The applications shall be completed in English and any application that is not fully and properly completed may be regarded as invalid.
- 104.3. The European Athletics Executive Board shall approve the time and deadlines for applications, which shall be announced by the Office, and these will normally include:
- i. Indication of interest in the event bidding questionnaire.
 - ii. Bidding Seminar.
 - iii. Confirmation of candidature, with the name of the bid city.
 - iv. Formal application to be submitted by the Member Federation and City.
 - v. Decision of the European Athletics Council.
- 104.4. The written undertakings required to be submitted with the application shall normally include:
- i. The bidding European Athletics Member Federation's and city's joint undertaking to respect the applicable Rules and Regulations of the World Athletics, European Athletics, and other competent authorities and to enter into an organiser agreement with European Athletics.
 - ii. A guarantee(s) from the owner(s) that all official sites used for the event, including the stadium and road race courses or other events sites shall be free of all commercial and non-commercial advertising, identifications and/or franchises.
 - iii. A guarantee by the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) member of the bidders' country to act as host broadcaster in accordance with agreements between European Athletics and EBU.
 - iv. The undertakings in writing of relevant national, regional and other authorities that they support the application.
 - v. A guarantee from the respective authorities for the right of safe passage and free entry into the country to all participants and free import and export of material/equipment as necessary for the organisation of the event.
 - vi. A detailed budget of income and expenditure for the event.
- 104.5. Other than in exceptional circumstances, European Athletics will not accept any application if, at the time of announcing the confirmation of candidature for staging the Event, the stadium which is foreseen for the event is not completed. If a European

Athletics Member Federation feels that there are exceptional circumstances it must inform European Athletics at the time of the candidature (Regulation 104.3.iii) accordingly and send all relevant documentation (construction plans, timelines and guarantees) and European Athletics shall have an absolute discretion whether or not to accept the confirmation of candidature. If an application is based on an uncompleted stadium, such stadium must be completed fully equipped and ready for use at least 3½ years before the anticipated date of the Event.

- 104.6. The European Athletics Council shall be entitled to amend or vary the above procedures if it is of the opinion that it is in the interests of the Event.

105. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE VENUE

- 105.1. The European Athletics Championships shall be staged in a stadium and city which are appropriate to the event. European Athletics may establish criteria by which the suitability of a proposed venue may be decided. The city shall be of an appropriate size and standing and the stadium shall have modern facilities and be fully equipped in conformity with the respective World Athletics rules.

106. DOPING CONTROL

- 106.1. Doping control shall be conducted in accordance with the respective World Athletics Rules and Guidelines and shall be carried out under the supervision of the European Athletics Doping Control Delegate.

107. THE ORGANISING CONTRACT

- 107.1. Immediately after the decision of the European Athletics Council to appoint an organiser, the appointed European Athletics Member Federation and city shall enter into an organising contract with European Athletics, such contract to establish the respective rights and obligations of the parties in relation to the European Athletics Championships.

108. THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE EUROPEAN ATHLETICS

- 108.1. Notwithstanding the organising contract, European Athletics shall retain the overall care and responsibility of the European Athletics Championships. In exercise of this role, the European Athletics Council shall:
- 108.1.1. Decide the dates, venue, and the organiser.
 - 108.1.2. Appoint Delegates and other persons (see 111.3).
 - 108.1.3. Set qualifying standards for entry to the European Athletics Championships. Such standards shall normally be established not later than 30 April in the year preceding that in which the respective European Athletics Championships will be held and must be achieved in bona fide competition (either indoors or outdoors) between the 1st January in the year preceding the year in which the European Athletics Championships are held

and the closing date for Final Entries. The European Athletics Council shall be entitled to vary the qualifying conditions if it is the interests of the European Athletics Championships so to do.

108.1.4. Decide the distribution of free places (quotas) as a basis for the subventions to the European Athletics Member Federations (each European Athletics Member federation shall be allocated free places for at least 1 (one) male and 1 (one) female athlete). Any Member Federation having athletes selected under the rule 103.7 will receive additional quotas accordingly.

108.1.5. Approve the procedure for deciding the timetable of events.

109. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ORGANISER

109.1. The organiser shall be responsible for organising and staging the European Athletics Championships in accordance with the organising contract and in compliance with the Rules and Regulations and directions of European Athletics.

110. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Organiser

110.1. The financial rights and obligations of the organiser shall be set out in the organising contract. Subject thereto, the organiser shall be responsible for all costs of organising and staging the European Athletics Championships but may retain the income from the sale of admission tickets, approved local marketing and subventions and grants from national and/or local authorities.

110.2. For the avoidance of doubt, the organiser shall be responsible for the costs of the following persons:

Delegates appointed by European Athletics (see 111.3); travel, accommodation and board at the event and accommodation and board at the site visits.

Staff and representatives of European Athletics specialist contractors and sponsors; according to the respective contracts.

European Athletics

110.3. European Athletics shall not be responsible for any costs other than those referred to in these regulations and/or the organising contract.

110.4. Based on the quotas referred to in 108.1.4, European Athletics may pay to the organiser a contribution to the costs of accommodation and board of participating athletes (limited to the number of competition days plus two). No contribution shall be made in respect of athletes representing the host European Athletics Member Federation.

110.5. European Athletics shall be responsible for all direct laboratory costs connected with the doping control including laboratory costs for tests requested for World or Area Records but excluding tests specifically requested by Member Federations.

- 110.6. European Athletics shall be responsible for the travelling costs of Delegates appointed by European Athletics at the sites visits prior to the event and staff members travelling costs, accommodation and board when visiting the venue.

The Participating European Athletics Member Federations

- 110.7. The European Athletics Member Federations shall be responsible for all costs incurred as a result of their participation in the European Athletics Championships which exceed any contributions made by or through European Athletics in accordance with 110.4 above.
- 110.8. The final account for accommodation attributable to each Member Federation shall be based on the numbers declared in the Final Entries and this shall be paid in full, no allowance being made for subsequent any reduction in the actual numbers of athletes and/or officials.
- 110.9. The European Athletics Member Federations are responsible for taking out their own insurance to cover illness or injury to any member of their party when travelling to and from and during the European Athletics Championships.

111. THE EUROPEAN ATHLETICS OFFICIATING PERSONS

- 111.1. The President and the CEO of European Athletics shall have the overall responsibility for the care and supervision of the European Athletics Championships.
- 111.2. European Athletics shall designate a member of its professional staff to be the Project Leader having the responsibility to coordinate the European Athletics Officiating Persons and other staff members and to direct the operational management of the event in cooperation with the organiser.
- 111.3. The European Athletics Council shall appoint the following Delegates and other persons to provide specialist advice and guidance to the organiser:
- 2 Technical Delegates;
 - 1 Doping Control Delegate;
 - 1 Medical Delegate;
 - 9 World Athletics Referees (WARs), Silver or Gold Level;
 - 7 Race walking judges, all of whom shall be included in the respective World Athletics panel and domiciled in Europe, 1 shall be the chief judge;
 - 1 International Road Course Measurer;
 - 1 International/European Starter;
 - 1 International/European Photo Finish Judge;
 - 1 Media Delegate.
- 111.4. As soon as possible after the decision to appoint an organiser European Athletics shall inform the organiser as to the names and roles of the European Athletics Officiating

Persons and the organiser shall cooperate with and follow the reasonable and proper directions of such persons.

112. PROTOCOL, CEREMONIES, AWARDS

112.1. All matters concerning protocol, ceremonies, awards and related matters shall be decided by European Athletics which may, from time to time, establish guidelines.

Opening Ceremony:

112.2. Subject to 112.1, the organiser shall propose opening ceremony of styles and content appropriate to the venue. It may include ceremony and/or celebrations held either inside or outside the stadium. Such proposals shall be subject to the approval of European Athletics and shall be appropriate to a European Athletics Championships.

112.3. Medal Ceremonies:

112.3.1. The winner, second placed and third placed shall receive gold, silver, and bronze medals respectively.

112.3.2. For relay races, the 4 (four) participants in the final race as well as other athletes who participated in preliminary rounds shall receive medals and attend the ceremony.

112.3.3. For the Marathon* teams' competition, the 3 (three) scoring members as well as non-scoring members who completed the race shall attend the ceremony and receive medals.

112.3.4. During the ceremony, the national anthem of the winner's country shall be played.

112.3.5. During the ceremony, the athletes must wear their official team uniforms.

112.3.6. The President of European Athletics shall decide the medal presenters.

113. INFORMATION, NAMES AND ABBREVIATIONS

113.1. All information shall be printed, displayed, or announced in English.

113.2. The names and abbreviations of all the European Athletics Member Federations shall, at all times, conform to those approved and decided by the World Athletics.

114. FINAL PROVISIONS

114.1. All matters not provided for by these Regulations shall be decided by the European Athletics Council.

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114.2. These Regulations are drawn up in English.

114.3. These Regulations may be amended by the European Athletics Council.