

EUROPEAN ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

101. PROMOTION AND RIGHTS

- 101.1. The European Athletic Association (hereinafter EAA) shall promote European Championships in Athletics (hereinafter European Championships) in every even year between Olympic Summer Games.
- 101.2. All rights of the European Championships are the exclusive property of the EAA which, unless otherwise specified in these regulations, are retained by EAA. These rights include all marketing, advertising, broadcasting, filming, televising or any other means of reproduction rights. The EAA may grant concessions or licences in respect of these rights.

102. PROGRAMME

- 102.1. The European Championships shall be staged over a minimum of 6 (six) and a maximum of 8 (eight) consecutive days and in accordance with the applicable Rules of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF).
- 102.2. The programme shall comprise the following 24 (twenty-four) events for Men and 23 (twenty-three) events for Women:

Men	- Running	100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m, 10000m, Marathon, 110m hurdles, 400m hurdles, 3000m steeplechase, 4x100m relay, 4x400m relay
	- Walking	20km (road), 50km (road)
	- Jumps	High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump, Triple Jump,
	- Throws	Shot put, Discus, Hammer, Javelin,
	- Decathlon	
Women	- Running	100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m, 10000m, Marathon, 100m hurdles, 400m hurdles, 3000m steeplechase (from 2006 on), 4x100m relay, 4x400m relay,
	- Walking	20km (road)
	- Jumps	High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump, Triple Jump,
	- Throws	Shot put, Discus, Hammer, Javelin,
	- Heptathlon	

102.3. EUROPEAN MARATHON CUPS

- 102.3.1. The European Marathon Cups are competitions for national men's and women's teams and are incorporated in the marathon events of the European Championships. Each EAA Member may take part with one men's and one women's team.

- 102.3.2. Each EAA Member entering a marathon team shall take part with not less than 3 (three) and not more than 6 (six) runners.
- 102.3.2.1 Only senior athletes aged at least 20 years on 31 December of the year of the competition, can participate.
- 102.3.3. The times of the first 3 (three) finishing runners of each team shall be aggregated and the teams with the lowest aggregate time shall be the winners.
- 102.3.4. In the event of a tie, it 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.
If a team fails to finish with a complete scoring team, it will not be classified in the team result.

103. ENTRIES AND CONFIRMATION

- 103.1. All EAA Members shall be invited to participate in the European Championships. These invitations, in one of the official languages of the EAA shall be sent by the Organising Member at least 1 (one) year before the European Championships.
- 103.2. Competitors must comply with eligibility qualifications for Area Games or Championships as set out in the IAAF rules.
- 103.2.1. Only athletes aged at least 16 years on 31 December of the year of the competition can participate, with the following exceptions:
- only senior athletes aged at least 20 years on 31 December of the year of the competition can participate in the 50 Km (Men);
- only athletes aged at least 18 years on 31 December of the year of the competition can participate in the Shot Put (M) and Hammer Throw (M).
- 103.3. No athlete may compete in the European Championships unless entered by an EAA Member Federation.
- 103.4. Individual participation: 2 (two), 3 (three) or 4 (four) athletes can initially be entered per event provided that all of them have achieved the entry standard for that event.
A maximum of 3 (three) athletes of those entered by any EAA Member may compete provided that each athlete has reached the qualifying standard for that event.
Provided that any EAA Member enters only one athlete for any event, such an athlete shall not be required to have reached the qualifying standard for that event.
The qualifying standards shall be decided by the EAA Council at least 21 (twenty-one) months before the respective European Championships 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 Championships are held, and the closing date for final entries.

- 103.5. Relay teams: Every EAA Member may enter 1 (one) team in each relay event. 6 (six) athletes may be entered for each relay. From these 6 (six) and from any other athletes entered for any event in the European Championships, 4 (four) athletes to participate must be nominated at the time specified for the final declaration of runners.
- 103.6. Preliminary entries: Preliminary entries indicating the number of athletes per event, team entries and the number of accompanying officials must be submitted not later than 4 (four) months before the first day of the European Championships.
- 103.7. Final entries: Final entries for individuals and teams with names and performances, plus the names of officials must arrive at the Organising Member 10 (ten) days before the first day of competition of the European Championships.

All Member Federations must, on the Final Entry Form, describe their team uniform, (competition attire and warm-up attire), including the colours (preferably attaching a photograph). All athletes of the team shall wear the described attires. For marathon and walking events the team uniforms may be different from the above, and if so they must be described equally. All athletes of each of these marathon/walking teams shall wear the described attires.

- 103.8. Final declaration: Final declaration of athletes and confirmation of entries must be made according to the procedures defined in the Team Manual.
- 103.9. The EAA can reduce financial support (as for travel, board/accommodation grants) to Member Federations which:
- after having announced their participation in an EAA competition, do not take part;
 - attend the competition with a number of athletes and officials 20 % higher or lower than the number of the preliminarily entered athletes and officials. This only applies if more than 4 (four) athletes and officials have been entered.

104. APPLICATIONS FOR STAGING THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 104.1. Member Federations are invited to announce their intention to apply for staging the European Championships. This announcement must reach the EAA Office until the deadline set by the Council, normally 15th January 5 (five) years before the year during which the European Championships are to take place. The office will then send the official application forms to the Member Federations and invites these to the bidding seminar the participation in which is compulsory. The announcement starts the bidding procedure; later entries will not be accepted.
- 104.2. Application to stage the European Championships must be sent by the EAA Member in order to reach the EAA Secretariat not later than 3 (three) months after the deadline set in 104.1.
- 104.3. Applications shall be submitted on the official EAA application forms in English and shall be accompanied by:
- 104.3.1. the undertaking of the EAA Member in question to respect all the IAAF and EAA Rules and Regulations by signing such contract with the EAA as the EAA shall require (Member Agreement),

- 104.3.2. the official endorsement of the City in which the European Championships are to be held and a written undertaking of the Government of the Member Federation to allow entry to and exit from the country for all IAAF and EAA Officials, participating athletes, team officials and media representatives as well as free import and re-export of all designated competition equipment and service to the event,
- 104.3.3. a description of the competition stadium (equipped with a track of synthetic material with 8 (eight) lanes, of the warming-up and training stadiums and of the other technical installations which are necessary for the staging of the European Championships,
- Note:** Other than in exceptional circumstances, the EAA will not accept any application if, at the time of announcing the intention to apply for staging the European Championships, the stadium which is foreseen for the event is not completed. If an EAA Member feels, that there are exceptional circumstances it has to inform the EAA at the time of the announcement (Regulation 104.1) accordingly and send together with the announcement all relevant documentations (construction plans, timelines and guarantees) and the EAA shall have an absolute discretion whether or not to accept such an application. If an application is based on an uncompleted stadium, such stadium must be completed fully equipped and ready for use at least 3 ½ before the anticipated date of the competition.
- 104.3.4. a written guarantee that all official sites connected with the championships, including the stadium, road race courses and hotels, will be free of all commercial and non-commercial advertising, identification and/or franchises,
- 104.3.5. a letter from a television network (according to the general EAA-TV agreement guaranteeing the host broadcaster operation according to the international standards as laid down by the IAAF),
- 104.3.6. a budget for the total organisation of the event,
- 104.3.7. such other information as the EAA shall require.
- 104.4. An application may be regarded as invalid if it does not conform in every respect with the conditions set out in this clause 104. including satisfactory completion in full of the EAA application form.

105. THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE EAA

- 105.1. The EAA Council shall:
- 105.1.1. approve the regulations of the European Championships,
- 105.1.2. decide on the venue of the European Championships at its Autumn session 5 (five) years before the year in which the European Championships are to be held,
- 105.1.3. decide on the dates on which the European Championships are to be held,

- 105.1.4. appoint the EAA Officiating Persons:
- 2 (two) Council Delegates,
 - 2 (two) Technical Delegates,
 - 1 (one) Doping Control Delegate,
 - 1 (one) Media Delegate,
 - 1 (one) TV Delegate,
 - 3 (three) Chief and 6 (six) other Walking Judges, one of whom shall be from the host country and all shall be listed on the respective IAAF Panel and domiciled in Europe,
 - 7 (seven) International/Area Technical Officials (ITO/ATO) selected from the respective IAAF/EAA lists and domiciled in Europe,
- 105.1.5. have general charge of the supervision of and ultimate authority over the European Championships which are to be conducted in conformity with the technical rules of the IAAF,
- 105.1.6. decide upon the timetable of events and the choice of implements to be used,
- 105.1.7. establish the entry standards,
- 105.1.8. determine the number of doping tests,
- 105.1.9. approve all contracts, the budget and the general financial conditions for the European Championships,
- 105.1.10. approve the distribution of free places (quota) as a basis for the subventions to the member federations. (Each visiting EAA Member shall be allocated free places for at least 1 (one) male and 1 (one) female athlete. The list with the quota shall be communicated to the EAA Members by 30th November of the year preceding the European Championships at the latest.),
- 105.1.11. approve the costs for accommodation and board and the level of EAA subvention, at least 1 (one) year before the date of the opening of the European Championships,
- 105.1.12. approve the design of the symbol and official mascot at least 4 (four) years before the championships and of the medals 1 (one) year before,
- 105.1.13. amend, if necessary, these regulations provided such amendments are reported to the Congress at the first opportunity.
- 105.2. A Jury of Appeal shall consist of EAA Council Members, excluding those who are appointed Delegates at the Championships, 5 (five) members which shall be on duty for the whole time of the Championships.
A permanent Secretary to the Jury shall be appointed.
- 106. THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE ORGANISING MEMBER**
- 106.1. Each EAA Member has the right to apply for the staging of the European Championships at a venue within its country.

- 106.2. The European Championships are allocated to a Member of the EAA (Organising Member) which shall be solely responsible for their organisation and promotion in accordance with the EAA Regulations and a contract to be entered into between the EAA and the Member defining the mutual obligations and responsibilities (Member Agreement).
The Organising Member shall immediately appoint a Local Organising Committee (LOC) for which it shall be fully responsible at all times.
- 106.3. If the Local Organising Committee (LOC) is not made up of staff and/or volunteers of the Organising Member, a contract must be entered into by the Organising Member and the LOC and approved by the EAA before signature.
- 106.4. The Organising Member in agreement with the Local Organising Committee has the right and the duty to appoint all national referees, judges and other technical officials. The Organising Member shall guarantee their competence.
- 106.5. The Organising Member and the Local Organising Committee must, at all times, cooperate with the EAA Delegates and the other officials appointed by the EAA Council and respect their authority.

107. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Organising Member

- 107.1. The Organising Member shall receive the income from
- the subvention from the EAA (Regulation 105.1.11),
 - the sale of the entrance tickets,
 - other subventions and donations from national and local authorities.
- 107.2. The Organising Member shall be responsible for all costs of the Championships, including insurance, in accordance with these regulations, the contract entered into between the EAA and the Organising Member (Member Agreement), and the general EAA Financial Regulations.
- 107.3. The Organising Member in co-operation with the Local Organising Committee shall be responsible for first-class rail travelling expenses or tourist-class air fares (including meals en route) together with the board and lodging of:
- 107.3.1. the 2 (two) Council Delegates, 2 (two) Technical Delegates, 1 (one) Media Delegate and 1 (one) TV Delegate:
 - for a period normally commencing not more than 5 (five) days before the opening of the European Championships and ending the day after the Closing Ceremony,
 - 107.3.2. the Doping Control Delegate, for a period commencing 3 (three) days before the opening of the European Championships and ending the day after the Closing Ceremony,
 - 107.3.3. the Members of the Jury of Appeal for a period of not more than 2 (two) days longer than the duration of the European Championships,

- 107.3.4. 9 (nine) International Walking Judges mentioned in Rule 105.1.4. hereof for a period commencing 1 (one) day before the first walking event and ending the day after the last walking event,
- 107.3.5. 7 (seven) International/Area Technical Officials mentioned in Rule 105.1.4. hereof for a period of not more than 2 (two) days longer than the duration of these European Championships.
- 107.3.6. The EAA Members of Honour, together with one accompanying person, will be invited to European Championships: Their boarding expenses will be taken charge of by the Organising Member and their travel expenses will be paid by the EAA.
- 107.3.7. The Organising Member shall provide every officiating Member of the EAA Council with a uniform.
- 107.3.8. The Organising Member in co-operation with the Local Organising Committee shall be responsible for the board and lodging of the 2 (two) Council Delegates, 2 (two) Technical Delegates, the Media Delegate, during site visits whenever they deem it necessary for the successful staging of the European Championships.
- 107.4. The Organising Member/LOC shall make their best endeavours to procure the lowest possible costs concerning travel, accommodation, etc., however, consistent with the required standards of quality.
- Note: When obligations are stated in the regulations concerning board and lodging for a number of days, 1 (one) day includes 1 (one) night's lodging plus 1 (one) breakfast, 1 (one) lunch and 1 (one) dinner.

The EAA

- 107.5. The EAA shall not be responsible for any costs other than those referred to in these regulations and/or the Member Agreement. Any such costs must be met by the Organising or Participating Member(s) as appropriate.
- 107.6. The EAA Council shall approve the costs for board and accommodation, including all taxes etc. and the subvention of the EAA to the Local Organising Committee.
- 107.7. In accordance with Rule 105.1.10. hereof, the EAA shall pay a contribution to the travelling costs and shall be responsible for accommodation and board costs as approved by the Council for not more than the number of days of competitions plus 2 (two) in respect of the quota established under rule 105.1.10.
- 107.8. The EAA shall be responsible for all direct laboratory costs connected with the doping control including laboratory costs for tests requested for World or Area Records. All other costs related to the doping control shall be borne by the Organising Member. However, if a test is requested for National Records, the analysis costs shall be paid by the Member Federation concerned.
- 107.9. The EAA and/or its Marketing Consultants retain the right to approve all agreements in relation to the marketing activities of the LOC.

- 107.10 The EAA is responsible for the travelling expenses of the delegates when they pay visit to the venue in the preparation of the staging of the European Championships whereas the LOC is responsible for their board and lodging.

The participating Members

- 107.11 The visiting delegations of the EAA Members shall pay their travelling expenses, in both directions, to and from the venue of the competition as well as board and lodging expenses at the venue of the competition, which exceed such costs to be borne by the EAA as laid down in 105.1.10. in these Regulations.
- 107.12 The participating EAA Members are responsible for taking out their own insurance to cover illness or injury to any member of their team when travelling to and from EAA competitions and during the event itself.

108. THE EAA OFFICIATING PERSONS

- 108.1. The President, the Director General, the Treasurer together with the appointed Council Delegates shall have the general supervision of the European Championships. The Council Delegates, the Technical Delegates, the Media Delegate and the TV Delegate, should be appointed by the EAA Council at least 4 (four) years before the European Championships and shall be the EAA Council representatives charged with the following tasks, on which they will submit a report to the EAA Council whenever the latter deems it necessary.
- 108.2. The appointed Council Delegates are responsible, in conjunction with the Local Organising Committee, which shall afford them all necessary help, for the supervision of all general tasks (to be detailed).
- 108.3. The Technical Delegates, in conjunction with the Local Organising Committee which shall afford them all necessary help:
- are responsible for ensuring that all technical arrangements are in complete conformity with the technical rules of the IAAF,
 - shall submit to the EAA Council for approval: proposals concerning the timetable of events, the entry standards and the implements which are to be supplied. All particulars relating to the implements to be supplied shall be published at least 12 (twelve) months before the competition,
 - are responsible for all technical and administrative arrangements necessary for conducting the athletic events,
 - shall control entries and can reject them for technical reasons (rejections for other reasons must be approved by the EAA Council),
 - shall arrange heats and qualifying rounds.
- 108.4. The Media Delegate and the TV Delegate shall - in close cooperation with the Council Delegates and the Local Organising Committee - ensure proper conditions for the work, transportation and board and lodging for the media representatives. The Media Delegate shall be responsible for ensuring that the IAAF Media Guidelines are followed. The TV Delegate shall be the responsible for ensuring that the IAAF Television Guidelines are followed.

- 108.5. The Doping Control Delegate, the Jury of Appeal, the International Walking Judges and the International/Area Technical Officials shall be appointed by the EAA Council at least 1 (one) year before the respective European Championships.
- 108.6. The Doping Control Delegate is responsible for the doping control and shall act in accordance with the respective IAAF Rules and Guidelines.
- 108.7. The Jury of Appeal (Regulation 105.2.) shall observe the conduct of the athletic events, shall act in conformity with the IAAF rules concerning the Jury of Appeal and shall make the final decisions concerning protests.
- 108.8. The chairperson of the International/Area Technical Officials, who shall be the contact to the Technical Delegates and who shall assign the ITO's/ATO's for every event on the programme, shall be appointed by the Technical Delegates. They shall act in conformity with the IAAF rules concerning the International Technical Officials.
- 108.9. No EAA Officiating person may be a member of the national delegation of his or her country.

109. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

- 109.1. European Championships shall be staged in a stadium which must be fully equipped in conformity with the respective IAAF rules.
Approved fully automatic timing equipment, photo-finish installations and electronic scoreboard(s) must be provided and shall be used. Starting blocks must be fitted with approved false-start detection apparatus.
Approved electronic measuring equipment must be provided and shall be used for field events. Video tape recording equipment must be installed and shall be used. The Local Organising Committee shall provide a sufficient number of implements. Athletes shall use their own vaulting poles which shall comply with the conditions laid down in IAAF Rule 183.11.
Implements additional to those provided by the LOC, including athletes' own implements, may, at the discretion of the Technical Delegates, be added to the pool of equipment for the full duration of the event (Qualifying and Final). Such implements must conform to IAAF Regulations.
- 109.2. The day before the first day of competition a Technical Meeting shall be held at which not more than 2 (two) delegates (and, if necessary, an interpreter) from each delegation may participate. Delegations shall be given advance notice of the place and time of the Technical Meeting.

110. DOPING CONTROL REGULATIONS

- 110.1. Doping control shall be conducted in accordance with the respective IAAF Rules and Guidelines and shall be carried out under the following conditions:
- 110.1.1. The Local Organising Committee must provide the technical and medical facilities (in particular equipment and personnel) to carry out this control in accordance with the conditions laid down in the IAAF Rules and Guidelines.

- 110.1.2. The Doping Control Delegate shall decide, in accordance with the IAAF Rules and Guidelines for Doping Control, which placings from which events are selected for doping control. The Delegate may however, at any time, require any athlete he or she deems necessary to present himself or herself for a doping test.
- 110.1.3. The result of the testing of samples shall be notified immediately by the testing laboratory to the Director General of the EAA and by copy to the IAAF Secretariat. If testing results are in apparent violation of the IAAF rules, the Director General shall act as laid down in the provisions of said rules.

111. CEREMONIES, AWARDS AND SOUVENIRS

111.1. The stadium shall be decorated with the official flags of the countries of the participating EAA Members and the EAA flag.

111.2. Opening Ceremony:

- All participating delegations shall take part in the Opening Ceremony.
- Each delegation, with athletes in their approved uniforms and not more than 4 (four) officials, shall enter the stadium behind the shield bearer and the official flag of its country. On the shield shall appear the name of the Member Federation's country in the language of the host country and in accordance with the name listed in the IAAF rules.
- The delegations shall enter the stadium in the alphabetical order of the language of the host country. The host country's delegation shall be the last to enter and shall be followed by a delegation carrying the flag of the EAA, and finally the judges.
- When all delegations have assembled in the arena, the sequence for the Opening Ceremony shall be as follows:
 - Anthem of the country of the Organising EAA Member,
 - Welcome by the President of the Organising Committee (maximum 3 minutes),
 - Speech by the EAA President (maximum 3 minutes),
 - Opening of the European Championships by the Head of the State or his or her representative,
 - Hoisting of the EAA flag in the stadium while the European Championships fanfare is played,
 - Departure of the delegations.

The Opening Ceremony may include a display of artistic and cultural nature. It is recommended that this should be simple in character and should not be longer than 30 (thirty) minutes. The display should not involve high expenditure.

111.3. Closing Ceremony:

The Closing Ceremony shall be conducted in a manner similar to the Opening Ceremony. The sequence of the Closing Ceremony shall be as follows:

- Entrance of the delegations in their approved uniforms,
- Officials may take part,
- Speech by the EAA President (maximum 3 minutes),
- Lowering of the EAA flag while the European Championships fanfare is played,

- Handing over of the EAA flag to the representative of the City where the next European Championships will be staged,
- Departure of the delegations.

111.4. Victory Ceremonies:

- The Victory Ceremonies shall, as far as possible, be conducted so as not to interfere with the competitions in progress.
- The first 3 (three) athletes in each individual event shall mount the rostrum.
- For the first 3 (three) relay teams, the 4 (four) athletes who competed in the Final shall mount the rostrum. Other athletes (maximum 2) who competed for any of these teams in the competition will subsequently receive their medals.
- The flags of the athletes' countries shall be raised on three flagpoles while the anthem of the winner's country is being played.
- The athletes shall attend all Victory Ceremonies in their delegation's approved track suit.
- During the playing of the anthem and the raising of the flags the athletes shall adopt a solemn attitude and turn to the flagpoles where the official flags of the countries of the first 3 (three) athletes/teams are raised.

111.5. Medals: The winner, the second and the third of each event shall receive a gold, a silver and a bronze-plated medal, respectively.
The presentation of medals shall be made by Members of the EAA Council or other invited persons in an order decided by the President of the EAA.

111.6. Diplomas: Diplomas will be presented to the first eight placed athletes/teams in each event but no ceremonies will be held.

111.7. Souvenirs: All participants and officials shall be presented with a commemorative medal.

112. INFORMATION, NAMES AND ABBREVIATIONS

112.1. All information shall be printed, displayed or announced in the official language of the EAA: English.

112.2. In every kind of information item, bulletin, competition document and on official occasions, the names of the participating countries in the above- mentioned official languages and in the language of the host country must correspond to the names as laid down in the IAAF rules.
Any abbreviation used for the names of the participating countries must be in conformity with the official abbreviations recognized by the IAAF.

113. FINAL PROVISIONS

113.1. All matters not provided for by these Regulations shall be submitted to the EAA Council for decision.

113.2. These Regulations are drawn up in the official language of the EAA - English.