

PRINCIPLES FOR THE SELECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF EUROPEAN ATHLETICS MEETINGS

1. Objectives

- 1.1. To maintain an official system of co-operation and liaison between the European Athletic Association (hereinafter European Athletics), the IAAF, the Member Federations, the meeting organisers and the athletes.
- 1.2. To create an understandable link between the meetings.
- 1.3. To implement a recognisable consequence of the results.
- 1.4. To give a clear status to each level of meeting.
- 1.5. To provide an incentive for meeting organisers to strive for a greater status for their meeting.
- 1.6. To protect all categories of meetings on the international calendar.
- 1.7. To ensure equal competition possibilities for each discipline.
- 1.8. To protect athletes by providing categories according to a ranking system.
- 1.9. To ensure observance of standard conditions, as specified below, by European Athletics.

2. Procedure of making an Application

Applications for European Athletics status **Premium, or Classic League** shall be submitted on the appropriate form by the Member Federations to the European Athletics Office by September of the year preceding that of the meeting.

3. How to apply for Up-grading

- 3.1. European Athletics will only consider applications for European Athletics status from those meetings that have previously held an international meeting with National or Area status for a minimum of one (1) year within the previous two years.
- 3.2. Any Member Federation applying for an upgrading of status shall submit, in its application, results of the last meeting and details which support such up-grading in accordance with the requirements of status detailed below.

4. Guidelines for Selection of European Athletics Premium or Classic Meetings

- 4.1. European Athletics will accept meeting status of three levels
 - a) European Athletics Premium meetings organised in a League (approximately 12 - 14 meetings) including Special Premium meetings (any meeting organised inside or outside a stadium with a maximum of four track disciplines or field disciplines or with disciplines of special importance for the sport can seek Special Premium Permit from European Athletics provided they fulfil other specified criterions).
 - b) European Athletics Classic meetings organised in a League (approximately 50 meetings)
 - c) As decided by the IAAF Council in 2009 and according to IAAF Rule 1 (i): International Invitation Meetings and competitions, other than those referred to in Rule 1.1(e), where appearance fees, prize money and/or the value of non-cash prizes exceed USD50,000 in total or USD8,000 for any one event.
- 4.2. The requirements for each category are stated in Appendix A.
- 4.3. The ranking, and consequent up-/ downgrading, of each individual meeting will be done through an evaluation process conducted by an Evaluation Panel (details to follow in Appendix B).
 - 4.3.1. The European Athletics top group of meetings will consist of the best ranked meetings from Europe based on the overall evaluation, who have applied and fulfilled the conditions to be included in the Premium League. They will have, in principle, the right to the status of European Athletics Premium meeting (see point 6).
 - 4.3.2. The second group of meetings will be chosen according to the following items:
 - Fulfil the requirements for the European Athletics Classic meetings
 - Evaluation report by Panel
 - Position in the ranking
 - Tradition of the meeting

- Consistent excellence of the meeting's National Federation concerned
- Geographic position

4.3.3. Any meeting in Europe which comply with the IAAF rule 1(i) must request a permit including the date from European Athletics. Not respecting this regulation will lead to sanctions.

5. Guidelines of Scheduling

5.1. The allocated date for any European Athletics meeting is a consequence of the conditions set to obtain a permit. The following conditions will be applied:

- Protection windows between meetings of the same or even other concerned levels and the same events to avoid any conflicts in the calendar
- Recommended dates for the National Championships
- Recommended dates for international matches
- Clear qualification criteria in a further step will be implemented under which an athlete can enter in a higher category of a meeting. Dates for reviewing the qualification status will be additionally set.

5.2. In principle, not more than one (1) European Athletics One-Day outdoor meeting may be staged in the same town in any one year. The European Athletics Premium meetings have priority.

6. Programme

A balanced programme for the two levels will be mandatory to apply. The following groups will be allocated by draw to the different meetings of the two leagues during the European Athletics Convention every October:

a) Four groups of disciplines applicable for the **European Athletics Premium & Classic Meetings**:

A		B		C		D	
men	women	men	women	men	women	men	women
400 H	High J.		5000		Triple J		3000 ST
		Triple J.		3000 ST			Long J.
Shot Put	Discus	Discus	Javelin	Hammer	Shot Put	Javelin	Hammer

Meeting organisers must include the disciplines from its group, and thereafter will have the discretion to add further disciplines, subject to the conditions below:

- A maximum of 2 mandatory disciplines can be exchanged among meetings of the same circuit (Premium or Classic).
- The mandatory disciplines cannot conflict with those being staged by another meeting of the same league within five nights (before or after), unless both meetings agree at least 14 nights in advance and this agreement is ratified by European Athletics. The final decision on any arbitration remains with European Athletics.
- If a discipline is to be held that conflicts with another meeting of the same league within five days (before or after) and an agreement has not been reached, then only athletes from that Member Federation or from a lower athlete category may compete (see Appendix C – *once in force*).
- Categorisation of disciplines shall be as follows:
 - Mandatory disciplines
 - Additional International disciplines
 - National disciplines

Criteria detailed in point 8.11 are only applicable for the mandatory and additional international disciplines.

- Any change made to the programme must be immediately notified by the meeting organiser to the European Athletics Office.

b) Meetings staging only a few events may be granted a Special Premium Permit. In this case, the draw will not be applicable.

7. Reporting Procedure

- 7.1. Following each European Athletics meeting the meeting organiser must submit a written report concerning the organisation and staging of the meeting (including final account, payment confirmation, any other relevant information) to the European Athletics Office no later than 14 days after the meeting.
- 7.2. Following each European Athletics meeting, the designed European Athletics Delegate shall be required to submit a written report concerning the staging of the meeting. This report including the results and doping control forms shall be forwarded to the European Athletics Office not later than 10 days after the meeting attended.
- 7.3. The analysis of these reports will assist the Evaluation Panel in determining the status of a meeting the following year.

8. Requirements of Status of European Athletics Meetings (complementing Appendix A)

- 8.1. The meeting organiser must be the National Federation or a Member of the National Federation, and must agree to abide by the Rules of the IAAF and European Athletics.
- 8.2. In case the National Federation is not the meeting organiser a strong cooperation and communication between both organisations must be established.
- 8.3. An official Delegate, appointed by European Athletics, shall be received by the meeting organiser. This Delegate shall be experienced in technical matters, and shall be ready to give technical assistance when required. He/she shall supervise the meeting, is responsible for the correct conduct of the doping controls (for Special Premium and Classic meetings) and adherence to the advertising rules and regulations.

For Premium meetings (except Special Premium) a Doping Control Delegate, appointed by European Athletics, shall be received by the meeting organiser. This delegate will take care of the supervision of medical and doping control area.

Normally the Delegate(s) should not be a citizen of the country where the meeting is held. The organiser shall pay the travel and accommodation costs for the duration of the race and one additional night (e.g. 1 day event = 2 nights, 2 days event = 2 nights) including costs for visa (if applicable).

- 8.4. Meeting Organisers must sign a liability insurance policy, in favour of the athletes, officials and spectators, to cover risks for which they may be retained liable and present a copy to European Athletics. It is recommended that other insurance policy should be signed against the risks of cancellation. Athletes have to cover their own insurance for accident.
- 8.5. Doping control tests shall be conducted on random/target selection basis, and analysis must be performed at the allocated WADA accredited laboratory, in accordance with the WADA standards and IAAF guidelines. The organiser has to take care of dispatching the samples to the laboratories. The analysis reports shall be directly submitted by the laboratory to European Athletics Office and as a copy to the IAAF Anti-Doping department. The costs of the control (incl. Personnel), the despatch of samples and their analysis must be borne by the Meeting Organiser.

Required number of doping control tests:

- A minimum of 2 mandatory doping control tests for a meeting with less than 20 athletes
- A minimum of 4 mandatory doping control tests for meetings with 20 to 80 athletes
- A minimum of 5 mandatory doping control tests for any meeting with more than 80 athlete
- A minimum of 6 mandatory doping control test for Outdoor Premium Meetings.

- 8.6. Medical services shall be provided as indicated in Appendix A.
- 8.7. Food and accommodation standards should correspond to normal international level according to Appendix A.

- 8.8. Local transport shall be provided from airport to hotel, to training areas and to the competition venue for all athletes.
- 8.9. All equipment and implements shall meet IAAF technical rules in force at the time of the meeting.
- 8.10. In the case of European Records, all documentation necessary for the ratification have to be forwarded to European Athletics not later than one month after the competition. It is therefore recommended that all required papers are completed during the competition and signed by the responsible officials. In doing this, all the necessary material can then be collated and sent without delay to the national federation for approval. Meeting organisers shall consult the current European Record lists before the competition and obtain the appropriate European Record Application Forms from the European Athletics Website: www.european-athletics.org.
- 8.11. The following criteria for the number of participating countries (national, continental, international) will be strictly applied (except for Special Premium – see Appendix A):
- a) Minimum 8 different countries (including host country),
 - b) Minimum 6 athletes per event (100m, LJ, etc.) of which at least 3 for Premium and 2 for Classic in lane disciplines (running events up to and including 400m and 4x100m), and at least 4 for Premium and 3 for Classic in all other disciplines are from different European countries.
 - c) From all participating athletes at the meeting, minimum 50% must be European athletes,
 - d) Maximum of 4 athletes, excluding the pacemakers, per country can participate at each event (excluding the host country). In case of 3000/5000m and 3000m SC the maximum number of athletes shall be as follows:
 - 4 athletes from one country in each heat of up to 15 athletes for 3000/5000 and 3000SC;
 - 5 athletes from one country in each heat of 16 to 18 athletes for 3000/5000 and 3000SC;
 - 6 athletes from one country in each heat of more than 19 athletes for 3000/5000 and 3000SC.

Failure to meet the above thresholds will make the meeting organiser liable for sanctions (see Appendix D – *once in force*) unless it can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Evaluation Panel that the situation was caused by athletes' cancellation or any other cause beyond control.

- 8.12. All payments shall be effected in accordance with IAAF Rules and Regulations within the following time frames:

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| • Travel cost reimbursements | 30 days |
| • Prize money and appearance fees | 90 days. |

The meeting organiser will maintain copies of all financial documents which may be called for inspection if required by European Athletics.

- 8.13. European Athletics has the right to penalise meetings, athletes, Member Federations, Athletes Representatives or others, if they do not comply with the set principles according to Appendix D - *once in force*.
- 8.14. European Athletics has the right to downgrade or exclude a meeting according to the evaluation process indicated in Appendix B.
- 8.15. The Meeting Organiser must send the link to the immediate/live results of the competition to European Athletics Statistician at least 48 hours before the start of the meeting.

The complete results of the meeting must be sent electronically immediately after the conclusion of the meeting to the European Athletics Communication Department (media@european-athletics.org), Competition Department (competition@european-athletics.org) and European Athletics Statistician (mirko@tilastopaja.org).

APPENDIX A – MEETING REQUIREMENT CRITERIA

Note: for European Athletics Area Permit Meetings the conditions are according to IAAF Rule 1. (i)

Requirements	European Premium	European Classic	European Special Premium
Events & Athletes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events according to allocation: Group A, B, C or D 8 countries (including host country), 6 athletes per event, with European athletes at least from 3 different countries in lane disciplines or 4 in other disciplines Per meeting min 50% European athletes Maximum of 4 athletes, excluding the pacemakers, per country can participate at each event (excluding the host country) according to 8.11 e) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events according to allocation: Group A, B, C or D 8 countries (including host country), 6 athletes per event, with European athletes at least from 2 different countries in lane disciplines or 3 in other disciplines Per meeting min 50% European athletes Maximum of 4 athletes, excluding the pacemakers, per country can participate at each event (excluding the host country) according to 8.11 e) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 countries (including host country), Per meeting min 50% European athletes Maximum of 4 athletes, per country can participate at each event (excluding the host country)
Technical facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 lanes Capacity of 5000, minimum 60% spectator attendance (3000) Video board(s) (minimum size 40m² in total) 2 infield timing boards (double sided) One infield scoring board per field event EDM or VDM + automatic false start apparatus, full electronic timing Electronic Wind gauge IAAF track certificate class 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 lanes Capacity of 3000, minimum 60% spectator attendance (1800) 2 infield timing boards One infield scoring board per field event Wind gauge Automatic false start apparatus, full electronic timing EDM or VDM (recommended) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comply with IAAF Rules Video board(s) (recommended) 2 infield timing boards (double sided) as relevant One infield scoring board per field event EDM or VDM (track events) + automatic false start apparatus, full electronic timing (relevant track events) IAAF certified measurement report as relevant according to the event staged
Equipment & Implements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All equipment & implements must be IAAF certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All equipment & implements must be IAAF certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All equipment & implements must be IAAF certified
International Officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Technical Delegate 1 Doping Control Delegate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Technical Delegate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Technical Delegate
Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 stars hotel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 stars hotel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 stars hotel
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On site for athletes and officials Flights for Delegates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On site for athletes and officials Flight for Delegate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On site for athletes and officials Flights for Delegates
Medical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physiotherapy service starting 48h before (during office hours) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physiotherapy service starting 48h before (during office hours) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physiotherapy service starting 48h before (during office hours)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First aid ambulance at event • Doctor/Physician on site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First aid ambulance at event • Doctor/Physician on site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First aid ambulance at event • Doctor/Physician on site
Anti-Doping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 6 doping controls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 5 doping controls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For meetings with a restricted programme of events and consequently a reduced number of athletes, the number of doping control tests can be reduced (up to a minimum of 2 tests), as approved in advance by European Athletics.
TV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 minutes of highlights 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum highlights
Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribune with dedicated seats • Regular press releases (min 4) • Photographers to have access to WIFI or internet access in the media working area • Press conferences (2 minimum) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular press releases (2 minimum) • Press Conference (recommended) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribune with dedicated seats • Regular press releases (min 4) • Photographers to have access to WIFI or internet access in the media working area • Press conferences
Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicated website • Start list and immediate/Live results on website • Premium logo on the opening page, visible at all time (together with the institutional logos and/or separate from sponsor logos) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicated website • Start list and immediate/Live results on website • Classic logo on the opening page, visible at all time (together with the institutional logos and/or separate from sponsor logos) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicated website • Start list and immediate/Live results on website • Special Premium logo on the opening page, visible at all time (together with the institutional logos and/or separate from sponsor logos)
Budget & Financial obligations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total budget 500,000 EUR minimum (incl. prize money) • Prize money budget 90,000 EUR minimum for the athletes • Payments according to point 8.12 • Audited accounts of the previous year • Detailed budget including prize money structure and travel & accommodation of appointed officials • Local transportation for athletes, coaches, managers • Doping control organisation & analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total budget 100,000 EUR minimum (incl. prize money) • Prize money budget 35,000 EUR minimum for the athletes • Payments according to point 8.12 • Audited accounts of the previous year • Detailed budget including prize money structure and travel & accommodation of appointed officials • Local transportation for athletes, coaches, managers • Doping control organisation & analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total budget 50,000 EUR minimum (incl. prize money) • Prize money budget minimum 6000 USD per event • Payments according to point 8.12 • Audited accounts of the previous year • Detailed budget including prize money structure and travel & accommodation of appointed officials • Local transportation for athletes, coaches, managers • Doping control organisation & analysis
Prize Money Before tax (brutto)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exacts prize money structure must be sent to European Athletics for approval at the latest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exacts prize money structure must be sent to European Athletics for approval at the latest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exacts prize money structure must be sent to European Athletics for approval at the latest

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APPENDIX B - EVALUATION

1. European Athletics Premium and Classic meetings will be evaluated, ranked and monitored by an Evaluation Panel:
 - A European Athletics Council Member
 - A meeting event organiser
 - An athlete representative
 - A Competition Committee member
 - Ev. other appointed experts

2. A Member Federation can apply one season in advance for an upgrading of its meeting status (according to Principle 3.).
 - 2.1. At the meeting organisers' expense, an evaluation can take place
 - 2.2. The final decision for an upgrading will be made by the European Athletics Council following the Evaluation Panel recommendation.

3. The downgrading of a meeting will also be overseen by the Evaluation Panel. For serious shortcomings in a meeting's performance, this can be with immediate effect at the Evaluation Panel's discretion and final approval of the European Athletics Council and/or Executive Committee.
 - 3.1. The final decision for downgrading will be made by the European Athletics Council following the Evaluation Panel recommendation.

4. Meetings will be evaluated on factors that are within their control. For example, no meeting will be penalised for poor athlete performances if it is clear that weather conditions were difficult.
 - 4.1. The following criteria will be closely controlled and integrated in the annual evaluation:
 1. Mandatory events/Programme
 2. Communication with TD/EA
 3. Liability Insurance
 4. Medical services
 5. Quality of food
 6. Quality of accommodation
 7. Quality of transport services
 8. Technical Facilities (equipment & implements)
 9. Technical Conduct
 10. Requirements about participating countries
 11. Athletes payment
 12. Spectators
 13. Time schedule
 14. Event presentation
 15. Advertising rules
 16. TV Production & coverage
 17. Video screens
 18. Media services (web & results)
 19. Budget

APPENDIX D – SANCTIONS

**It is the intention to set up a sanction procedure for not respecting the regulations.
A panel will propose sanctions to the Council for decision.**

The implementation will be done in a further step after the necessary juridical verifications and the correct procedures are developed.

Sanctions are foreseen for the following issues:

ISSUE
Not adhering to rules on advertising
Wrongly accepting too highly ranked athletes
Not following the price money structure (e.g. non-compliance)
Failure to pay athletes within the agreed timescales (no more than 90 days from the meeting or no more than 10 days from receipt of an invoice, unless doping procedures have not be completed)
Failure to follow the guidelines regarding the number of disciplines
Not following the number of European athletes (8.11 a)-e))
Exceeding maximum of 20% of the total prize/appearance budget of the meeting (not including travel expenses) for a single athlete
Athletes cancelled but appearing within a seven day window in another meeting

Important Information

Appendix C – E are currently not in force, but part of the long term strategy for European One Day Meetings. And are given for information only.

The implementation of athletes categorisation and league system depend on external factors and partners.

European Athletics will inform all Member Federations and Meeting Organisers opportunely once further progress has been made and information is available.

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APPENDIX C – ATHLETE CATEGORISATION & INVITATION

Introduction

The categorisation of the athletes will be implemented at a later stage. Additional work has to be done which should also include first experiences with the new categorisation of the meetings and the league system. Therefore the following requirements serve as an orientation of the direction we are working on.

Each athlete has to be qualified for a level of competitions based on the following qualification criteria:

Categories		
Diamond League	Criteria on world ranking, OG & WCH medals, WR holders, fulfilled qualification criteria by performance and position	I AAF
European Premium League	Criteria on World and European ranking, OG, WCH and ECH finalist, fulfilled qualification criteria by performance and position	European Athletics M F
European Classic League	Criteria on World and European ranking (places, fulfilled qualification criteria by performance and position	
Area Permit Meetings	Permit by Area according to IAAF rules. No ranking for athletes on this level.	
NATIONAL COMPETITION PROGRAMME – no ranking for athletes.		MF

It is the intention to publish the first athlete classifications at the European Athletics Convention. This list will form the first classification for the outdoor one-day meetings structure of the following year .

An updated list will be published every Monday during the outdoor season. Athletes will not be demoted during an outdoor season, even if better performances are achieved by other athletes, therefore the number of athletes in each category is likely to increase during the season.

Twice a year, during the season, the list of qualified athletes will be adapted according to the achieved results during the actual season.

Specialist input from European Athletics statisticians will be required to determine the details of the classification system.

Should a one-day meeting organiser wish to substitute a particular distance race as part of the programme at their meeting, the following rules would apply:

Discipline to be staged	Athlete categorisation to be used
1000m	800m
1 mile	1500m
3000m	5000m/10000m

- A single category of athletes will be created for the 5000m discipline that combines results and rankings for both 5000m and 10000m. This will ensure that medallists / record holders in 10000m have the opportunity to be invited to compete in the one-day meetings.

Invitations

The invitation criteria will obviously be implemented at the same time as the qualification system of the athletes. (See remarks appendix C)

One-day meeting organisers will then select athletes for invitation to their meeting from the level of athletes' classification that corresponds to their meeting tier, with the following conditions:

- In each discipline of the main programme, there will be a maximum of four athletes from a single Member Federation, except for host country and pacemakers who will not finish the race.
- Each meeting can invite athletes from its Member Federation at its total discretion. For example, an Olympic gold medallist could compete at any level of meeting within his/her own Member Federation including the Classic league, without restriction.
- Strict adherence to the requirements set under 8.11.

Athletes from higher classifications (League) can be engaged under the following conditions:

1. Until the deadline **of two months**, as long as there is no event (discipline) organised within 4 days before or after the meeting.
2. Within 14 days of a meeting, as long as they are not contracted to compete at a meeting in their league.

Meeting organisers from higher leagues are encouraged to invite athletes from lower classification when the athlete has won an event in a lower league.

Any athlete cancelling an appearance is not permitted to compete in another Premium or Classic meeting within a seven days window.

The implementation of a wildcard system will be verified for promotional reasons as well as to secure the requested quantity and quality of European athletes.

APPENDIX E – SCORING OF THE LEAGUE

It is the intention to implement this part of the system in a second step.

The system will include the following aspects and needs further work to be completed.

Each event takes place 5 - 6 times. Each discipline will be awarded with the same amount of points at each meeting.

The 4 best results of each athlete will be considered for the classification. The athlete with most of the points will be the winner of the concerned League (Premium and Classic). In case there is a tie, the higher number of first places will be considered.

Place	Points
1	4 points
2	2 points
3	1 point

In addition the athletes with the highest number of victories in the League should be awarded in order to give more value.

The winner of the League will be qualified in the following year to the next higher ranked league for the whole year.

Qualification criteria for athletes

The following qualification criteria should be further developed to create a more appealing consequence of the results and increase the link between the meetings and the awareness towards the public.

- Qualification to the next higher League is achieved by 2 victories or more than 8 points
- The winner of the League is qualified for the next League
- Defined places in the Diamond League and the Premium Meeting is considered as a fulfilled standard for the ECH
- Negotiations with the IAAF should lead to a similar procedure for the WCH and OG as well as for the whole One-Day Meeting system.

The first group of qualified athletes for the following year will be published at the European Athletics Convention. A permanent update will be delivered. An overlook of the qualified athletes from the previous year is requested 1st July and 15th August.