

**PRINCIPLES FOR THE SELECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF
AREA PERMIT MEETINGS**
(as at May 2013)

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 give a clear status to each level of meetings.
- 1.4. To provide an incentive for Meeting Organisers to strive for a greater status for their Meeting.
- 1.5. To enforce the Member Federations to apply for the adequate category of meetings
- 1.6. To protect the Meetings on the European Calendar.
- 1.7. To ensure observance of standard conditions, as specified below, by the European Athletics.

2. Procedure of making an Application

According to IAAF rule 1.6.(a), an Area Association Permit is required for any international Invitation Meetings and competitions, other than those referred to in IAAF Rule 1.1(e), where appearance fees, prize money and/or the value of non-cash prizes exceed USD 50.000 in total or USD 8.000 for any event.

Applications for Area Permit shall be submitted on the appropriate Form by the Member Federations to the European Athletics Office by 1st September of the year preceding that of the meeting.

3. Guidelines for Selection of Area Permit Meetings

- 3.1. Any international Invitation Meetings and competitions, other than those referred to in IAAF Rule 1.1(e), where appearance fees, prize money and/or the value of non-cash prizes exceed USD 50.000 in total or USD 8.000 for any event must apply for Area Permit;
- 3.2. Any meeting where the overall budget is over €100.000,00 and/or €40.000,00 appearance fee and prize money, is obliged to apply for a Classic Permit; This is applicable for classic outdoor and indoor and cross country.
- 3.3. No more than 10 athletes among the 50th of the World Ranking and the 30th of the European ranking shall be allowed to compete in an Area Permit Meeting - excluding host Member Federation athletes and considering previous and current season (the reference performances 30th European and 50th World is from the previous season rankings).
National athletes will not be considered for the purpose of this specific rule.
- 3.4. Member federation of the Meeting organiser will guarantee that the conditions will be fulfilled.

4. Guidelines of Scheduling

- 4.1. 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.
- 4.2. 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 and Classic meetings have priority.
- 4.3. The Meeting Organiser/Member Federation must respect that the date proposal will be approved by European Athletics, based on the European Athletics and IAAF Calendar

5. Requirements of Status of Area Permit

- 5.1. 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.
- 5.2. The meeting must comply with the IAAF Technical Rules (invitation, timing, results, etc.).
- 5.3. IAAF Rules regarding Anti-doping must be complied with.
- 5.4. IAAF invitational procedures through the Athletes' Member Federations or the IAAF Authorised Athletes' Representatives must be respected.
- 5.5. Complete results shall be sent by e-mail to the European Athletics Statistician (mirko@tilastopaja.org) until 22:00 of the competition day.
- 5.6. 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.

- 5.7. Liability insurance must be taken out in conformity with Athletes, Officials and Spectators.
- 5.8. All payments shall be effected in accordance with IAAF Rules.
- 5.9. European Athletics has the right to penalise meetings, athletes, Member Federations, Athletes representatives or others, if they do not comply with the set principles.