

EUROPEAN ATHLETICS INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

201. PROMOTION AND RIGHTS

- 201.1. The European Athletic Association (hereinafter European Athletics) shall promote a European Athletics Indoor Championships in every uneven year.
- 201.2. All rights in and arising from the European Athletics Indoor 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.
- 201.2.1. 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 Indoor Championships.
- 201.2.2. 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.
- 201.2.3. 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.
- 201.3. 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.
- 201.3.1. 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.

202. PROGRAMME

- 202.1. The European Athletics Indoor Championships shall be staged over 3 (three) or 4 (four) consecutive days (normally Thursday to Sunday) and in accordance with the applicable Competition, Advertising, Doping and other relevant Rules and Regulations of the World Athletics.
- 202.2. The programme shall comprise the following 13 (thirteen) events for Men and 13 (thirteen) events for Women:

Men	- Running	50m or 60m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m,
	- Jumps	50m or 60m hurdles, 4x400m relay High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump, Triple Jump
	- Throws	Shot put
	- Heptathlon	

Women	- Running	50m or 60m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m, 50m or 60m hurdles, 4x400m relay
	- Jumps	High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump, Triple Jump
	- Throws	Shot put
	- Pentathlon	

202.3.1 Special format in the field events: In case a qualification round is held, there should be at least 8 athletes in the final.

202.3.2 Special format in the field events: 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.

203. ENTRIES AND CONFIRMATION

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

203.2.1. No athlete may take part in the European Athletics Indoor Championships unless entered by the European Athletics Member Federation which he/she is eligible to represent in accordance with the World Athletics Rules.

203.3. 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 Indoor Championships.

203.4. Only athletes aged at least 18 (eighteen) years on 31 December of the year of the competition may participate in the Shot Put (men).

203.5. Each European Athletics Member Federation may enter up to 4 (four) 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 208.1.3).

203.6. Alternatively to 203.5, each European Athletics Member Federation may enter one athlete in each individual event, if such athlete has not achieved the qualifying standard for that event (see 208.1.3). 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. The next ranked performances to the set entry standards shall be considered, if complying with 203.5.

203.7. The teams representing European Athletics Member Federations to take part in the 4 x 400m relays shall be selected in accordance with Appendix No. 1 (special procedures for relays).

203.8. The athletes to participate in the Heptathlon and Pentathlon shall be selected in accordance with Appendix No. 2 (special procedures for combined events).

203.9. Preliminary Entries: Not later than 4 (four) months (14:00 CET) before the first day of the European Athletics Indoor 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.

203.10. Final Entries: Not later than 8 (eight) days (14:00 CET) before the first competition day of the European Athletics Indoor Championships, each European Athletics Member Federation

shall send to European Athletics a final list of its entries, plus the names of accompanying officials.

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.

- 203.11. 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.
- 203.12. European Athletics may reduce financial support (for travel, board/accommodation grants, etc.) to any European Athletics Member Federation which, after having announced their participation, does not take part or attend the competition with a number of athletes and officials materially higher or lower than the number stated in the Preliminary Entry by 20% (203.9 above). The latter applies only if the Preliminary Entry is more than 4 (four).
- 203.13. 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.

204. APPLICATIONS TO STAGE THE EUROPEAN ATHLETICS INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 204.1. 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.
- 204.2. 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.
- 204.3. 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.
- 204.4. 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.
- 204.5. 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 204.3.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 2½ years before the anticipated date of the Event.
- 204.6. 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.

205. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE VENUE

- 205.1. The European Athletics Indoor 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.

206. DOPING CONTROL

- 206.1. 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.

207. THE ORGANISING CONTRACT

- 207.1. 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 Indoor Championships.

208. THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE EUROPEAN ATHLETICS

- 208.1. Notwithstanding the organising contract, European Athletics shall retain the overall care and responsibility of the European Athletics Indoor Championships. In exercise of this role, the European Athletics Council shall:
- 208.1.1. Decide the dates, venue and the organiser.
 - 208.1.2. Appoint Delegates and other persons (see 211.3).

- 208.1.3. Set qualifying standards for entry to the European Athletics Indoor Championships. Such standards shall normally be established not later than 30 April in the year preceding that in which the respective European Athletics Indoor 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 Indoor 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 Indoor Championships so to do.
- 208.1.4. 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).
- 208.1.5 Approve the procedure for deciding the timetable of events.

209. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ORGANISER

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

210. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Organiser

- 210.1. 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 Indoor 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.
- 210.2 For the avoidance of doubt, the organiser shall be responsible for the costs of the following persons:
- Delegates appointed by European Athletics (see 211.3); 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

- 210.3. European Athletics shall not be responsible for any costs other than those referred to in these regulations and/or the organising contract.
- 210.4. Based on the quotas referred to in 208.1.4, 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) and to the participating European Athletics Member Federations a contribution to the travelling costs of the athletes. No contribution shall be made in respect of athletes representing the host European Athletics Member Federation.
- 210.5. 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.

- 210.6 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

- 210.7. The European Athletics Member Federations shall be responsible for all costs incurred as a result of their participation in the European Athletics Indoor Championships which exceed any contributions made by or through European Athletics in accordance with 210.4 above.
- 210.8. 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.
- 210.9. 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 Indoor Championships.

211. THE EUROPEAN ATHLETICS OFFICIATING PERSONS

- 211.1. The President and the CEO of European Athletics shall have the overall responsibility for the care and supervision of the European Athletics Indoor Championships.
- 211.2. 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.
- 211.3. The European Athletics Council shall appoint the following Delegates and other persons to provide specialist advice and guidance to the organiser:
- 2 Technical Delegate(s);
 - 1 Doping Control Delegate;
 - 1 Medical Delegate;
 - 6 International Technical Officials (ITOs), World Athletics and/or Area Level¹;
 - 3 Jury of Appeal Members (in case a country of any of Jury Members is involved into the appeal directly or indirectly, a replacement would be sought. ITO or Technical Delegate who is not being involved into any official function at the time of appeal, is to be considered for a replacement);
 - 1 International/European Starter;
 - 1 International/European Photo Finish Judge;
 - 1 International/European Video Distance Measurement (VDM) Judge;
 - 1 Media Delegate.
- 211.4. 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.

¹ In case of need, national official, included into World Athletics and/or Area Level, maybe involved along with appointed ITOs. In case there is no national officials from World Athletics and/or Area Level, 7th ITOs may be appointed by European Athletics.

212. PROTOCOL, CEREMONIES, AWARDS

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

Opening and Closing Ceremonies:

212.2. Subject to 212.1, the organiser shall propose opening and closing ceremonies of styles and content appropriate to the venue. These may include ceremonies 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 Indoor Championships.

212.3. Victory Ceremonies:

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

212.3.2 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.

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

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

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

Diplomas:

212.4. Diplomas (to be provided by the organiser) shall be presented to the first 8 (eight) placed athletes in each event or the first 6 (six) when only 6 (six) contest a final (excluding any that does not complete the race) but no ceremonies will be held.

Commemorative Souvenirs:

212.5. The organiser shall present all participating athletes and officials with a suitable commemorative souvenir.

213. INFORMATION, NAMES AND ABBREVIATIONS

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

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

214. FINAL PROVISIONS

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

214.2. These Regulations are drawn up in English.

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

Appendix No. 1 (see Regulation No. 203.7) - Procedure for the selection of relay teams

The number of teams to participate in the 4 x 400m relays (men and women) shall be 6 in each, there being only a final. Teams shall be selected according to the following procedure.

1. The European Athletics Member Federation of the host country shall be allocated 1 (one) place in each relay.
2. 3 (three) places shall be allocated in accordance with the order of ranking of European Athletics Member Federation official teams in the 4 x 400m outdoor list of the previous year.
3. If any of the teams allocated according to 2 above does not participate, its place shall be offered to the next ranked team, and so on.
4. Based on its official ranking lists, European Athletics shall notify those European Athletics Member Federations potentially eligible to participate. Any European Athletics Member Federation not wishing to participate shall notify European Athletics as soon as possible.
5. Applications to take part shall be sent to European Athletics by the European Athletics Member Federations not later than 31 December prior to the date of the European Athletics Indoor Championships.
6. The other 2 (two) places (or 3 (three) if the host European Athletics Member Federation does not take its allocated place) shall be allocated in accordance with the accumulated 400m times of individual athletes from the current indoor season as at 10 days prior to the first day of the European Athletics Indoor Championships.
7. Final entries shall be made and confirmed in accordance with the procedures for individual entries (see Regulations Nos. 203.10 and 203.11).
8. In the case of withdrawal after 31 December of any of the confirmed teams, the replacement will be made by another team suitable qualified according to the accumulated times from the indoor season list referred to in 6 above.
9. Up to 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 Athletics Indoor Championships, the 4 (four) athletes to participate must be nominated at the time specified for the Final Declaration.

Appendix No. 2 (see Regulation No. 203.8) - Procedure for the selection of participants in combined events

The athletes to participate in the Heptathlon and Pentathlon shall be selected according to the following procedure.

1. There shall be a maximum of 12 athletes in each event.
2. Athletes shall be eligible to compete according to their rankings in the European season best performance lists.
3. Not more than 2 (two) athletes per European Athletics Member Federation may participate in each event.
4. If it does not have any athlete otherwise eligible, the host country's European Athletics Member Federation may enter one athlete in each event. The Host Nation shall declare their intention to compete in any of the other events by 15 November prior to the European Athletics Indoor Championships.
5. The defending European Indoor Champion shall be automatically qualified to compete.
6. Six (6) places (or 5 if an athlete of the host country's European Athletics Member Federation is not included) shall be allocated to athletes according to their rankings in the European best performance lists for Decathlon (men) and Heptathlon (women) of the outdoor season immediately preceding the European Athletics Indoor Championships.
7. Deadline for Member Federations to confirm participation of six (6) qualified athletes as above is 30 November on the year prior to the European Athletics Indoor Championships.
8. Should a Member Federation confirm the non participation of an athlete qualified according to the above, the place will be reallocated to the athlete(s) having achieved the next performance of the outdoor ranking list, in accordance with European Athletics criteria for qualification for Combined Events.
9. European Athletics shall forward to the relevant European Athletics Member Federations a list of six (6) qualified and preliminary entered athletes by 10 December prior to the European Athletics Indoor Championships.
10. Any of these athletes confirmed by 10 December who will withdraw will be replaced by another athlete eligible according to 11 below.
11. Additional six (6) places (or five (5) if the defending European Champion is not included either in the qualified six (6) from the outdoor list or in these six (6) places) shall be allocated to athletes according to their rankings in the European best performance lists for Heptathlon (men) and Pentathlon (women) of the current indoor season as at 10 days prior to the first day of the European Athletics Indoor Championships. In case of a tie between several athletes for the last qualifying place, priority shall be given to the Member Federation not yet represented in the list of qualified athletes. In case the tie remains, the athlete having achieved the performance the latest shall be qualified.
12. Final entries shall be made and confirmed in accordance with the procedures for individual entries (see Regulations Nos. 203.10 and 203.11).
13. In the case of withdrawal of any finally entered and confirmed athlete for bona fide reason of illness or injury, etc., European Athletics, acting through the Technical Delegates(s), may approve the replacement of another athlete suitably qualified according to the indoor ranking lists referred to in 11 above.