

## **EUROPEAN RACE WALKING TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **801. PROMOTION AND RIGHTS**

801.1. The European Athletic Association (hereinafter European Athletics) shall promote a European Race Walking Team Championships every uneven year.

801.2. All rights in and arising from the European Race Walking Team 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.

801.2.1. 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 Race Walking Team Championships.

801.2.2. 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.

801.2.3. 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.

801.3. 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.

801.3.1. 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.

### **802. PROGRAMME, STRUCTURE AND SCORING**

802.1. The European Race Walking Team Championships shall be staged on a road course on 1 (one) day and in accordance with the applicable Competition, Advertising, Doping and other relevant Rules and Regulations of the World Athletics.

802.2. The programme shall comprise the following events:

Senior Men: 20 km and 35 km  
Senior Women: 20 km and 35 km  
U20 Men: 10 km  
U20 Women: 10 km

**Exceptionally for 2021 edition, the following programme is to be used:**

**Senior Men: 20 km and 50 km**  
**Senior Women: 20 km and 35 km**  
**U20 Men: 10 km**  
**U20 Women: 10 km**

- 802.3. The European Race Walking Team Championships comprises separate events for men's and women's teams representing European Athletics Member Federations.
- 802.4. All European Athletics Members Federations in good standing shall be entitled to participate in the European Race Walking Team Championships.
- 802.5. European Athletics Member Federations not entering teams may enter athletes to compete as individuals, each event being considered separately.
- 802.6. Athletes may participate in accordance with the following age restrictions:
- 802.6.1. Only athletes aged at least 20 (twenty) years on 31 December of the year of the competition may participate in the 50 km (Senior Men).
- 802.6.2. Only athletes aged at least 18 (eighteen) years on 31 December of the year of the competition may participate in the 20 km (Senior Men and Senior Women).
- 802.6.3. Only athletes aged at least 16 (sixteen) years and not more than 19 (nineteen) years on 31 December of the year of the competition may participate in the 10 km (U20 Men and U20 Women).
- 802.7. Each European Athletics Member Federation may enter a maximum of 6 (six) athletes in each Senior event, of which a maximum of 4 (four) may participate and a maximum of 5 (five) athletes in each U20 event, of which a maximum of 3 (three) may participate.
- 802.8. The finishing positions of the teams in each event shall be decided according to the aggregates of the finishing places of the first 3 (three) finishers of each team in the Senior events and of the first 2 (two) finishers of each team in the U20 events, the team with the lowest aggregate being the winner, and so on.
- 802.9. If two or more teams have an equality of scores calculated according to 802.8, the tie shall be decided in favour of the team with the best placed athlete.
- 802.10. Any team finishing with fewer than 3 (three) athletes in the Senior events or 2 (two) athletes in the U20 events shall not be counted in the teams classification but those athletes shall be included as if they had been participating as individuals.
- 802.11. In calculating teams' scores, no adjustment to placings shall be made in respect of non-scoring athletes or athletes participating as individuals.

- 802.12. A separate classification of all athletes in each event shall be compiled.
- 802.13. 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 European Race Walking Team Championships.

### **803. ENTRIES AND CONFIRMATION**

- 803.1. Each European Athletics Member Federation may enter one team (or, alternatively, individuals) in each event (see 802.5 and 802.7).
- 803.2.1. Each European Athletics Member Federation may be represented only by athletes eligible to represent that European Athletics Member Federation in accordance with World Athletics Rules.
- 803.3. Preliminary Entries: Not later than 3 (three) months (14:00 CET) before the date of the European Race Walking Team Championships, each European Athletics Member Federation shall send to European Athletics (usually via the teams' on-line entry system) a preliminary list of athletes and the numbers of accompanying officials.
- 803.4. Final Entries: Not later than 10 (ten) days (14:00 CET) before the date of the European Race Walking Team Championships, each European Athletics Member Federation shall send to European Athletics a final list of its athletes, 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.

- 803.5. Final Declarations: Confirmation of the Final Declaration of athletes to compete shall be made according to the procedures defined in the Team Manual.
- 803.6. The starting order for each event will be based on the respective team standings (scoring teams only) of the previous edition of the European Race Walking Team Championships. Each team shall be lined up behind each other at the start of the respective race. All other teams will be positioned behind in alphabetical order. The Technical Delegate shall have the power to alter the above starting positions in special circumstances.

- 803.7. European Athletics may reduce financial support (for travel, board/accommodation grants, etc.) to any European Athletics Member Federation which, after having announced its participation, does not take part or attends the competition with a number of athletes and officials higher or lower than the number stated in the Preliminary Entry by 20% (803.3 above). The latter applies only if the Preliminary Entry is more than 4 (four).
- 803.8. 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 the entry standard for the event they are entered in.

#### **804. APPLICATIONS TO STAGE THE EUROPEAN RACE WALKING TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 804.1. 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.
- 804.2. 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.
- 804.3. 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. Confirmation of candidature, with the name of the bid city.
  - iii. Formal application to be submitted by the Member Federation and City.
  - iv. Decision of the European Athletics Council/Executive Board (*as applicable*).
- 804.4. 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 letter of intent by a television broadcaster of the bidders' country to act as host broadcaster in accordance with the requirements of European Athletics.
  - 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.

804.5. 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.

#### **805. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE VENUE**

805.1. The European Race Walking Team Championships shall be staged in a venue 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 competition venue shall have modern facilities and be fully equipped in conformity with the respective World Athletics rules.

805.2. The Organiser must provide an electronic disqualification-board.

805.3. The Organiser must ensure that the electronic timing is done by chips transponder system.

#### **806. DOPING CONTROL**

806.1. 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.

#### **807. THE ORGANISING CONTRACT**

807.1 Immediately after the decision of the European Athletics Council to appoint an organiser, the appointed European Athletics Member Federation 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 Race Walking Team Championships.

#### **808. THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE EUROPEAN ATHLETICS**

808.1. Notwithstanding the organising contract, European Athletics shall retain the overall care and responsibility of the European Race Walking Team Championships. In exercise of this role, the European Athletics Council shall:

808.1.1. Decide the dates, venue and the organiser.

808.1.2. Appoint Delegates and other persons (see 811.3).

808.1.3 Approve the procedure for deciding the timetable of events.

#### **809. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ORGANISER**

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

## **810. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

### **The Organiser**

810.1. 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 Race Walking Team Championships but may retain the income from the sale of admission tickets, approved television and marketing rights, subventions and grants from national and/or local authorities.

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

Delegates appointed by European Athletics (see 811.3); accommodation and board (but not travel) at site visits prior to and at the event.

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

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

810.4. European Athletics may pay to the organiser a contribution to the costs of up to 2 (two) days' accommodation and board of participating teams as follows:

810.4.1. In respect of Senior Men's and Senior women's teams, 3 (three) athletes;

810.4.2. In respect of U20 Men's and U20 women's teams, 2 (two) athletes;

810.4.3. No contribution shall be made in respect of teams representing the host European Athletics Member Federation.

810.5. 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.

810.6. 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**

810.7. European Athletics Member Federations shall be responsible for all costs (including travelling to and from the designated official airport(s)) incurred as a result of their participation in the European Race Walking Team Championships which exceed any contributions made by or through European Athletics in accordance with 810.4 above.

- 810.8. 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.
- 810.9. 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 Race Walking Team Championships.

## **811. THE EUROPEAN ATHLETICS OFFICIATING PERSONS**

- 811.1. The President and the CEO of European Athletics or their representative(s) shall have the overall responsibility for the care and supervision of the European Race Walking Team Championships.
- 811.2. 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.
- 811.3. The European Athletics Council shall appoint the following Delegates and other persons to provide specialist advice and guidance to the organiser:
- 1 Council Delegate;
  - 1 Technical Delegate;
  - 1 Doping Control Delegate;
  - 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;
  - 3 Jury of Appeal Members to be appointed at the Technical Meeting (no members will be appointed to replace those that cannot be present in case their countries are directly/indirectly involved in the protest. Decision will be made with the number of members present and in case there is a tie in the voting for the decision the Chair/Vice-Chair - appointed in advance - will take the final decision);
  - 1 International Road Course Measurer.
- 811.4. 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.

## **812. PROTOCOL, CEREMONIES, AWARDS**

- 812.1. 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 and Victory Ceremonies:**

812.2. Subject to 812.1, the organiser shall propose opening and closing and victory ceremonies of styles and content appropriate to the venue. These may include ceremonies and/or celebrations held either inside or outside the competition venue. Such proposals shall be subject to the approval of European Athletics and shall be appropriate to a European Race Walking Team Championships.

**812.3. Victory Ceremonies:**

812.3.1. The winning team in each event shall receive and retain a cup to be provided by European Athletics. The second and third teams shall receive a trophy to be provided by European Athletics.

812.3.2. For the winning, second and third teams, the scoring members as well as non-scoring members who completed the race shall attend the victory ceremony and receive medals to be provided by the organiser.

812.3.3. The individual winner, second placed and third placed in each event shall receive gold, silver and bronze medals respectively, to be provided by the organiser.

**813. INFORMATION, NAMES AND ABBREVIATIONS**

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

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

**814. FINAL PROVISIONS**

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

814.2. These Regulations are drawn up in English.

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