



INFORMATION GUIDE

Valence - 31 August 2013









1. CONCEPT

Created in 2005 by French Athletic Federation, the DecaNation is a team competition in which Athletics becomes a team sport.

2. DATE AND LOCATION

Date: Saturday 31 August 2013 (15:00 – 19:30)

Venue: Valence (Drome)

Transportation: 2 options:

By plane: Lyon Saint-Exupery Airport, then shuttle from the Airport to Valence (1h00)

• By train: Valence TGV Station (from Paris: 2h15)







3. COMPETITION REGULATIONS

Team Composition

8 teams (men and women) are invited to compete. There will be 10 men's events and 10 women's events. One different athlete per event should compete for each team.

Events

Men:

Track events: 100m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 110m hurdles, 3 000m steeple

Field events: Pole vault, Long jump, Shot put, Hammer throw

Women:

Track events: 100m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 100m hurdles, 3 000m steeple

Field events: High jump, Long jump, Shot put, Hammer throw

Preliminary entries

The Preliminary Entry Forms will be sent, by the Organizing Committee. The completed forms indicating the number of athletes and officials with the arrival and departure dates should be sent to the Organizing Committee at least one month before the competition.

Final entries

The Final Entry Forms will be sent, by the Organizing Committee, one month before the competition. The completed forms with the names and performances of the athletes, the national records, the names of the officials as well as all details concerning the travel, should be sent to the Organizing Committee at least two weeks before the competition.

Final Confirmation

Upon arrival, Team Leaders will receive a copy of their Final Entry Forms, on which they can make any last minute changes. Deadline for submitting the final declaration of the athletes and confirmation of entries is one day before the competition.

Competition bibs

The Organizing Committee will provide the Teams with bibs at the Technical Meeting (which will be organized the day before the competition).

In all events each competitor will receive two bibs. The bibs should be pinned on the front and the back of the competition clothing. Exceptions are the high jumpers and pole vaulters: they may attach the bib only on the front or on the back of the competition clothing. The bibs should not be cut, folded or covered in any way.

The runners in track events should wear on each side of their shorts the numbers they receive immediately before the start from the starter's assistants.





Scoring

The winner (women or men) of each event will score as many points as there are teams competing plus one (with eight teams, the first will get nine points). The second will score two points less than the first. The third will score one point less than the second and so far as the last athlete will score one point. An overall scoring (Men and Women) will be made at the end of the competition in order to define the winning Team.

If there is a tie in any event, the combined points of athletes so tying shall be divided.

If two Teams, or more, have the same number of points, the tie shall be decided in favor of the team with the greater number of first places. Should the tie then still remain, the team with the greater number of second places shall be given the higher position, and this system shall be applied, if necessary, to subsequent placing's until the tie is decided. For each field event, only four attempts by athlete

4. STADIUM

Valence – Stade Municipal

This stadium has recently hosted the National French Championships in 2010.

It is a 400m synthetic track with eight straight lanes and eight bend lanes as well as facilities for jumps and throws.

Valence – Stade Municipal warm-up area

The area just behind to the main stadium will be used for warm-up.

5. TIMETABLE

The timetable is not finalized.

6. DOPING CONTROL

Doping control will take place during the competition. The controls conform to the French Law and to the IAAF Procedural Guidelines for Doping Control.

The samples will be analyzed by the IOC accredited laboratory of Chatenay-Malabry.

7. FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Travel cost

Each participating team should reserve and pay for the international travel.





Accommodation

The Organizing Committee will provide full-board accommodation for each Team during two nights. For each team (men and women) the quota is 20 athletes and 8 officials (6 single rooms and 11 twin rooms). The cost for extra athletes and extra officials will be 150 € per day and per person (full board accommodation in a twin room).

Prize Money

Prize money will be awarded by the Organizing Committee to the Teams after the confirmation of negative results of doping control:

1st Team: 30 000 €
2nd Team: 20 000 €
3rd Team: 15 000 €
4th Team: 12 000 €
5th Team: 10 000 €
6th Team: 7 000 €
7th Team: 5 000 €
8th Team: 3 000 €

8. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Special dedicated buses and cars will be in place for athletes and officials between the hotel and the stadium.

9. COMPETITION CLOTHING

IAAF Rules and Regulations will be applied. During the competition and all ceremonies, athletes must wear their National Team uniform which must conform to IAAF Rules and Regulations. All athletes of the National Team shall wear the same color competition uniform.

10. MEDICAL AND INSURANCE

The medical service is in charge of any medical assistance to the National Teams during the competition and during its stay in France.

Each Federation is responsible for taking out its own insurance to cover illness or injury of all members of its National Team when travelling to and from competition and during the event itself.





The Organizing Committee will not take any responsibility for lost property, costs of medical treatment... except for costs of medical help at the competition area during competition time.

11. SECURITY

Instructions given by the Organizing Committee, the security personnel and the police should be followed in all areas, as well as during transport from one location to another.

The accreditation card must be worn all times. If an accreditation is lost, this should be reported immediately to the accreditation center at the hotel or at the stadium.

12. EVENT KEY MOMENTS

Press conference

Location: in Valence (details to be confirmed)

Technical meetings

Location : Stadium Georges Pompidou - Avenue de Romans - 26000 Valence

Closing party

Location: to be defined

Transportation: After the competition, a shuttle service will be put between stadium

hotel and Closing party place

Access: invitation card (the invitations will be distributed at the technical meeting)

13. CONTACT DETAILS

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