

EUROPEAN ATHLETICS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS
601. PROMOTION AND RIGHTS

- 601.1. The European Athletic Association (hereinafter European Athletics) shall promote a European Athletics Team Championships every year, except on the year of the Summer Olympic Games.
- 601.2. All rights in and arising from the European Athletics 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.

602. PROGRAMME, STRUCTURE AND SCORING

- 602.1. The European Athletics Team Championships shall be staged over 2 (two) consecutive days and in accordance with the applicable Competition, Advertising, Doping and other relevant Rules and Regulations of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF).
- 602.2. The programme shall comprise the following 20 (twenty) events for Men and 20 (twenty) events for Women:

Men	- Running	100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m, 5000m, 110m hurdles, 400m hurdles, 3000m steeplechase, 4x100m relay, 4x400m relay
	- Jumps	High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump, Triple Jump
	- Throws	Shot put, Discus Throw, Hammer Throw, Javelin Throw
Women	- Running	100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m, 5000m, 100m hurdles, 400m hurdles, 3000m steeplechase, 4x100m relay, 4x400m relay
	- Jumps	High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump, Triple Jump
	- Throws	Shot put, Discus Throw, Hammer Throw, Javelin Throw

- 602.3. The European Athletics Team Championships comprises one single competition where men's and women's teams represent as a single team the respective European Athletics Member Federation.
- 602.4. All European Athletics Members Federations in good standing shall be entitled to enter teams in the European Athletics Team Championships.
- 602.5. Each team shall consist of one athlete in each event (Men and Women), except relays.
- 602.6.1. Each European Athletics Member Federation may include in its team only athletes eligible to represent that Member Federation in accordance with IAAF Rules.

- 602.7. The participating teams shall be divided into a Super League (comprising 12 or, exceptionally, 13 teams), a First League (comprising 12 teams), a Second League (comprising 8 teams), a Third League (comprising the remaining teams).
- 602.8. The Super League, the First League, the Second League and the Third League shall be each be regarded as a separate match and scored accordingly.
- 602.9. The winner of each individual event and each relay in each match shall score as many points as there are teams competing in the respective League, the second will score one fewer, and so on. Athletes or relay teams with no valid performance, disqualified or not finishing shall not score.
- 602.10. If two or more athletes tie for a place in any event, the attributable points shall be divided equally between them.
- 602.11. The team having the highest aggregate number of points shall be the winner of the match, and so on.
- 602.12. If two or more teams have the same aggregate number of points, the tie shall be decided in favour of the team having the greater number of event winners. If the tie still remains it shall be decided in favour of the team having the greater number of second places, and so on.
- 602.13. Subject to 602.14, after the conclusion of each year's European Athletics Team Championships, teams shall be promoted or relegated as follows:
- 602.13.1. The lowest 3 (three) or, exceptionally, 4 (four), teams in the Super League shall be relegated to the First League.
- 602.13.2. The 3 (three) first classified teams of the First League shall be promoted to the Super League.
- 602.13.3. The lowest 2 (two) or, exceptionally, 3 (three), teams of the First League shall be relegated to the Second League.
- 602.13.4. The 2 (two) first classified teams of the Second League shall be promoted to the First League.
- 602.13.5. The lowest 2 (two) or, exceptionally, 3 (three) teams of the Second League shall be relegated to the Third League.
- 602.13.6. The 2 (two) first classified teams of the Third League shall be promoted to the Second League.
- 602.13.7. As a consequence of one or more doping offence pursuant to IAAF Rule 40 during or before the European Athletics Team Championships the points, will be reallocated after the disqualification of the doped athlete(s) and the League ranking (including the promotion or relegation of the teams) will be adjusted.
- 602.14. If the team of the host European Athletics Member Federation is not qualified to participate in the Super League, as a thirteen team, after the adjustments made according to 602.13, it shall be included in the Super League and such adjustments as are necessary shall be made to the procedure described in 602.13.1 to 602.13.4.

602.15. Special technical rules applicable to the European Athletics Team Championships are defined in Appendix 1.

602.16. 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 Athletics Team Championships.

603. ENTRIES AND CONFIRMATION

603.1. Each European Athletics Member Federation may enter one team comprising a maximum of 50 (fifty) athletes (25 male and 25 female athletes).

603.1.1. 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 Team Championships.

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

603.2. Preliminary Entries: Not later than 3 (three) months before the first day of the European Athletics Team Championships, each European Athletics Member Federation shall send to the European Athletics (usually via the teams' on-line entry system) a preliminary list of athletes and the numbers of accompanying officials.

603.3. Final Entries: Not later than 5 (five) days before the first day of the European Athletics Team Championships, each European Athletics Member Federation shall send to the European Athletics a final list of its athletes, plus the names of accompanying officials. 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.

603.4. Final Declarations: Confirmation of the Final Declaration of athletes to compete shall be made according to the procedures defined in the Team Manual.

604. APPLICATIONS TO STAGE THE EUROPEAN ATHLETICS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

604.1. Any European Athletics Member Federation may apply to stage a European Athletics Team Championships match provided that the proposed venue and city comply with the criteria established by European Athletics and that, in the case of the Super League, the applicant reasonably expects to be a participant in accordance with 602.13.1 to 602.13.6. The Member Federation must have competed in the Super league at least in one of the three previous editions in relation to the date of the bidding. Prior to making the formal application, each potential bidder shall:

- i. Participate in the long term planning by indicating the interest in the annual questionnaire signed by the Member Federation President & General Secretary
- ii. Attend the bidding seminar (applicable for Super League only).

European Athletics shall be entitled not to accept any unrealistic announcement or if it was not indicated according to i and to declare invalid the application of any bidder that shall not have attended ii (applicable for Super League only).

604.2. 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.

- 604.3. The European Athletics Council shall announce the time- and deadlines for applications and these shall normally include for Super League [for 1st-3rd League]:
- i. Indication of interest in questionnaire of long term planning by 30 November, 4 (four) [2 (two)] years before the year of the European Athletics Team Championships which is the deadline to be considered as a candidate for bidding.
 - ii. Confirmation of candidature, with the name of the bid city, to be made by 31 March 3 (three) [31 May, 1 (one)] year(s) before the year of the European Athletics Team Championships. The candidature form must be signed by the Member Federation and City.
 - iii. Formal application to be submitted within 5 (five) [2 (two)] months of ii.
 - iv. Decision of the European Athletics Council within 12 (twelve) months of ii [in a timely manner.]
- 604.4. The written undertakings required to be submitted with the application shall normally include:
- i. The bidding European Athletics Member Federation's undertaking to respect the applicable Rules and Regulations of the IAAF, European Athletics and other competent authorities and to enter into an organising contract with the European Athletics.
 - ii. A guarantee(s) from the owner(s) that all official sites used for the event, including the stadium shall be free of all commercial and non commercial advertising, identifications and/or franchises.
 - iii. In respect of the Super League, 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. In respect of 1st - 3rd League, 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.
 - v. The undertakings in writing of relevant national, regional and other authorities that they support the application.
 - vi. A detailed budget of income and expenditure for the event.
- 604.5. 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 European Athletics Team Championships, the stadium which is foreseen for the event is not completed. If an European Athletics Member Federation feels that there are exceptional circumstances it must inform European Athletics at the time of the candidature (Regulation 604.3.ii) 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 1½ years before the anticipated date of the European Athletics Team Championships.
- 604.6. 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 ETCH.

605. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE VENUE

- 605.1. The European Athletics Team 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 IAAF rules.

606. DOPING CONTROL

- 606.1. Doping control shall be conducted in accordance with the respective IAAF Rules and Guidelines and shall be carried out under the supervision of European Athletics Doping Control Delegate.

607. THE ORGANISING CONTRACT

- 607.1 Immediately after the decision of the European Athletics Council to appoint an organiser, the appointed 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 Athletics Team Championships.

608. THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF EUROPEAN ATHLETICS

- 608.1. Notwithstanding the organising contract, European Athletics shall retain the overall care and responsibility of the European Athletics Team Championships. In exercise of this role, the European Athletics Council shall:
- 608.1.1. Decide the dates, venue and the organiser.
- 608.1.2. Appoint Delegates and other persons (see 611.3).
- 608.1.3. Approve the procedure for deciding the timetable of events.

609. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ORGANISER

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

610. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Organiser

- 610.1. 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 Team 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.
- 610.2. For the avoidance of doubt, the organiser shall be responsible for the costs of the following persons:

Delegates appointed by European Athletics (see 611.3); 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.

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- 610.3. European Athletics shall not be responsible for any costs other than those referred to in these regulations and/or the organising contract.
- 610.4. European Athletics may pay to the organiser a contribution to the costs of up to 4 (four) days' accommodation and board of participating teams for a maximum of 25 (twenty five) male athletes, 25 (twenty five) female athletes and 13 (thirteen) officials.
- 610.5. European Athletics may pay to the participating Member Federations a contribution to their travelling costs based on the respective distances to the venues and limited to the same numbers of persons as defined in 610.4.
- 610.6. No contribution shall be made under 610.4 and 610.5 in respect of the teams representing the host European Athletics Member Federation.
- 610.7. 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.

The Participating European Athletics Member Federations

- 610.9. European Athletics Member Federations shall be responsible for all costs incurred as a result of their participation in the European Athletics Team Championships which exceed any contributions made by or through European Athletics in accordance with 610.4 and 610.5 above.
- 610.10. 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.
- 610.11. Any Member Federation which, having agreed to participate, withdraws and does not inform European Athletics and the organiser at least 30 (thirty) days before the first day of the European Athletics Team Championships, shall pay to European Athletics as compensation for irrecoverable costs of 10.000 (ten thousand) Swiss Francs. European Athletics may remit this amount to the organiser.
- 610.12. 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 Team Championships.

611. THE EUROPEAN ATHLETICS OFFICIATING PERSONS

- 611.1. The President and Director General of European Athletics or their representative(s) shall have the overall responsibility for the care and supervision of the European Athletics Team Championships.

- 611.2. 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.
- 611.3. The European Athletics Council shall appoint the following Delegates and other persons to provide specialist advice and guidance to the organiser:
- 1 Council Delegate (for First, Second and Third League);
 - 1 Technical Delegate;
 - 1 Doping Control Delegate;
 - 6 International Technical Officials (ITOs), IAAF and/or Area Level (only for the Super League and First League);
 - 3 Jury of Appeal Members;
 - 1 International/European Starter (only for the Super League);
 - 1 International/European Photo Finish Judge (only for the Super League);
 - 1 Media Delegate (only for the Super League).
- 611.4. 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.

612. PROTOCOL, CEREMONIES, AWARDS

- 612.1. 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:

- 612.2 Subject to 612.1, 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 stadium. Such proposals shall be subject to the approval of European Athletics and shall be appropriate to a European Athletics Team Championships.

612.3. Victory Ceremonies:

- 612.3.1. The winning team in the Super League shall receive the European Athletics Team Championships Cup to be provided by European Athletics. The second and third finishing teams shall receive a trophy to be provided by European Athletics.
- 612.3.2. The individual members of the first, second and third finishing teams in the Super League shall each receive a medal to be provided by the organiser.
- 612.3.3. The first three teams in each match of the First League and Second and Third League shall receive a trophy from European Athletics.

Commemorative Souvenirs:

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

613. INFORMATION, NAMES AND ABBREVIATIONS

- 613.1. All information shall be printed, displayed or announced in English.
- 613.2. The names and abbreviations of all European Athletics Member Federations shall, at all times, conform to those approved and decided by the IAAF.

614. FINAL PROVISIONS

- 614.1. All matters not provided for by these Regulations shall be decided by the European Athletics Council.
- 614.2. These Regulations are drawn up in English.
- 614.3. These Regulations may be amended by the European Athletics Council.

APPENDIX 1.

1. Timetable

The recommended order of events is as follows:

<u>Day 1 Track</u>		<u>Day 1 Field</u>		<u>Day 2 Track</u>		<u>Day 2 Field</u>	
400mH	W	Hammer	M	110mH	M	Hammer	W
400mH	M	Pole Vault	W	800m	M	Pole Vault	M
100m	W	Triple Jump	W	1500m	W	Triple Jump	M
100m	M	High Jump	M	3000mSC	M	High Jump	W
800m	W	Discus	W	100mH	W	Discus	M
1500m	M	Shot Put	M	200m	W	Shot Put	W
400m	W	Long Jump	M	200m	M	Long Jump	W
400m	M	Javelin	W	5000m	W	Javelin	M
3000m	W			3000m	M		
5000m	M			4 x 400m	W		
3000mSC	W			4 x 400m	M		
4 x 100m	W						
4 x 100m	M						

2. Specific Competition Regulations

- 2.1. All field events, except vertical jumps, will be as follows:
 - 2.1.1. There will be a maximum of four trials in each event.
All participating athletes will have three qualification trials (1st, 2nd and 3rd trial);
The best 4 athletes after the 3 qualification rounds will compete in the Final (4th round).
 - 2.1.2. The 8 athletes with lower performance will be ranked by the their best performance after the 3rd qualification trial;
The remaining 4 athletes will be ranked by their best performance after the Final (4th round). IAAF Rule 180.22 will apply for ties.
- 2.2. In the vertical jumps the IAAF rule 181.2 shall be respected. Furthermore each competitor is limited to a maximum of 4 (four) fouls throughout the whole field event. After the fourth foul he/she may not jump further unless he/she has won the competition – see 2.2.2.
 - 2.2.1. The time permitted for each attempt in High Jump and Pole Vault shall be 1 (one) minute except when consecutive attempts are by the same athlete or if only the winner according to 2.2.2 is competing in which case IAAF Rule 180.18 shall apply.
 - 2.2.2. The winner of the competition is allowed to continue according to IAAF Rule 181.2. The winner will be allowed to continue at the height he/she was not successful. IAAF Rule 181.8 will apply for placing.
- 2.3. The order of attempts in field events shall be decided by a draw conducted by European Athletics. Each participating team shall be allocated a letter which shall determine the order of attempts in the field events in accordance with the appropriate chart appended below as Appendix 1A.
In the horizontal and field events the order of trials in the first round will be kept until the 3rd trial.

The order of the trials in the final round will be the reverse order of the ranking after the 3rd round.

- 2.4. Races up to 400m inclusively and relays will be staged in two heats of 6 athletes each. The distribution of athletes per heat will be as follows:
 - 2.4.1. For the races up to 400m inclusively the heats are being arranged by considering as much information as possible about the performances of all athletes and the heats drawn so that, normally, the best performers compete in the same heat. In principle the distribution will be based on the athletes' season best performances. Results from the previous year major events (Finalists of Olympic Games or World Athletics Championships or Medallists in European Athletics Championships) can be also considered by the Technical Delegate for the purpose of the distribution per heats. This will be only applied in case an athlete has no season best.
 - 2.4.2. For the 4x100m and 4x400m relays the teams' distribution per heat will be according to the teams scoring standings 1 (one) hour before the scheduled time for each event. The best scored teams will compete in the same heat which shall be the last event of the session of track events.
- 2.5. The results of the two heats are amalgamated, with the athletes' times determining their placing. In case of a tie between athletes in the different heats for races up to 400m inclusively and relays the photo finish judge shall consider the actual times to the 1/1000th of a second. If the tie cannot be broken the attributable points shall be divided equally between them.

APPENDIX 1A. - Draw procedure

In case of 12 teams:

According to 2.4. races up to 400m inclusively and relays will be staged in two heats of 6 athletes each. The second heat (B) will contain the top athletes/relays according to 2.4.1. or 2.4.2.

In case of 12 teams lanes 2-7 must be used.

Lanes 4-5-6 will be allocated to top three athletes/relay teams according to 2.4.1. or 2.4.2.

Lanes 2-3-7 will be allocated to the remaining athletes/relay teams according to 2.4.1. or 2.4.2.

800m all athletes will start in lanes (2 athletes in lane 2, 4, 6, 8 according to draw)

In case of 8 teams:

Lanes 3-4-5-6 will be allocated to top four athletes/relay teams according to points 2.4.1. or 2.4.2.

Lanes 1-2-7-8 will be allocated to the remaining athletes/relay teams according to points 2.4.1. or 2.4.2.

In case of 14 teams:

According to the point 2.4 in the appendix of the European Athletics Team Championships Regulations races up to 400m inclusively and relays will be staged in two heats of 7 athletes each. The second heat (B) will contain the top athletes/relays according to points 2.4.1. or 2.4.2. of the appendix. If more than 12 athletes are confirmed to compete in 800m the same will apply.

Lanes 3-4-5-6 will be allocated to top four athletes/relay teams according to points 2.4.1. or 2.4.2. of the appendix.

Lanes 1-2-7-8 will be allocated to the remaining athletes/relay teams according to points 2.5.1. or 2.4.2. of the appendix.

The Technical Delegate will conduct the draw of the lane allocation after the final confirmations for 100m, 200m, 400m, 110m H, 100m H and 400m H.

For the relay races the Technical Delegate conducts the draw one hour before the scheduled time for each race.

APPENDIX 1B. - Starting Order

8 teams

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
800/JT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1500/HJ	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1
5000/PV	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	2
3000/LJ	4	5	6	7	8	1	2	3
3000 sc/TJ	5	6	7	8	1	2	3	4
SP	6	7	8	1	2	3	4	5
DT	7	8	1	2	3	4	5	6
HT	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

12 teams

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
800	1	2	2	3	4	4	5	6	6	7	8	8
TJ	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1500	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1
5000	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2
3000	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3
3000 sc	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4
SP	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5
DT	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6
HT	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
JT	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
HJ	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PV	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
LJ	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

14 teams

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
800*	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1500	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	1
5000	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	1	2
3000	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	1	2	3
3000 sc	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	1	2	3	4
SP	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	1	2	3	4	5
DT	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	1	2	3	4	5	6
HT	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
JT	9	10	11	12	13	14	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
HJ	10	11	12	13	14	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PV	11	12	13	14	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
LJ	12	13	14	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TJ	13	14	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

***In case of more than 12 athletes 800m will be run in 2 heats**

Starting order for horizontal field events is only applicable for the first three trials (Appendix 1, 2.3.)