

**EUROPEAN ATHLETICS UNDER 23 CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**401. PROMOTION AND RIGHTS**

- 401.1. The European Athletic Association (hereinafter European Athletics) shall promote a European Athletics U23 Championships in every uneven year.
- 401.2. All rights in and arising from the European Athletics U23 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.

**402. PROGRAMME**

- 402.1. The European Athletics U23 Championships shall be staged over a maximum of 4 (four) 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).
- 402.2. The programme shall comprise the following 22 (twenty-two) events for Men and 22 (twenty-two) events for Women:

Men	- Running	100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m, 10000m, 110m hurdles, 400m hurdles, 3000m steeplechase, 4x100m relay, 4x400m relay
	- Walking	20km (road)
	- Jumps	High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump, Triple Jump
	- Throws	Shot put, Discus Throw, Hammer Throw, Javelin Throw
	- Decathlon	
Women	- Running	100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m, 10000m, 100m hurdles, 400m hurdles, 3000m steeplechase, 4x100m relay, 4x400m relay
	- Walking	20km (road)
	- Jumps	High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump, Triple Jump
	- Throws	Shot put, Discus Throw, Hammer Throw, Javelin Throw
	- Heptathlon	

**403. ENTRIES AND CONFIRMATION**

- 403.1. All European Athletics Member Federations in good standing shall be entitled to enter athletes in the European Athletics U23 Championships.
- 403.2.1. No athlete may take part in the European Athletics U23 Championships unless entered by the European Athletics Member Federation which he/she is eligible to represent in accordance with the IAAF Rules.

- 403.3. Only athletes aged at least 20 (twenty) and not more than 22 (twenty two) years on 31 December of the year of the competition may participate in the European Athletics U23 Championships.
- 403.4. Every athlete entered in the European Athletics U23 Championships shall, upon the request of the Technical Delegate, produce official documentary evidence of his or her date of birth.
- 403.5. 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 408.1.3).
- 403.6. Alternatively to 403.5, 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 408.1.3).
- 403.7. Each European Athletics Member Federation may enter 1 (one) team in each relay event. 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 U23 Championships, the 4 (four) athletes to participate must be nominated at the time specified for the Final Declaration.
- 403.8. Preliminary Entries: Not later than 4 (four) months before the first day of the European Athletics U23 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.
- 403.9. Final Entries: Not later than 10 (ten) days before the first day of the European Athletics U23 Championships, each European Athletics Member Federation shall send to European Athletics a final list of its entries, plus the names of accompanying officials. No subsequent changes may be made thereto without the consent of European Athletics. 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.
- 403.10. 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.
- 403.11. 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 materially higher or lower than the number stated in the Preliminary Entry (403.8 above). The latter applies only if the Preliminary Entry is more than 4 (four).

#### **404. APPLICATIONS TO STAGE THE EUROPEAN ATHLETICS U23 CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 404.1. Any European Athletics Member Federation may apply to stage the European Athletics U23 Championships provided that the proposed venue and city comply with the criteria established by European Athletics. 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.

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.

- 404.2. 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.
- 404.3. The European Athletics Council shall announce the time- and deadlines for applications and these shall normally include:
  - i. Indication of interest in questionnaire of long term planning by 30 November, 4 (four) years before the year of the European Athletics U23 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) years before the year of the European Athletics U23 Championships. The candidature form must be signed by the Member Federation and City.
  - iii. Formal application to be submitted within 5 (five) months of ii.
  - iv. Decision of the European Athletics Council within 12 (twelve) months of ii.
- 404.4. 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 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 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 detailed budget of income and expenditure for the event.
- 404.5. 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 U23 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 404.3.ii) accordingly and send together 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 U23 Championships.
- 404.6. 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 European Athletics U23 Championships.

**405. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE VENUE**

405.1. The European Athletics U23 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.

**406. DOPING CONTROL**

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

**407. THE ORGANISING CONTRACT**

407.1 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 Athletics U23 Championships.

**408. THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE EUROPEAN ATHLETICS**

408.1. Notwithstanding the organising contract, European Athletics shall retain the overall care and responsibility of the European Athletics U23 Championships. In exercise of this role, the European Athletics Council shall:

408.1.1. Decide the dates, venue and the organiser.

408.1.2. Appoint Delegates and other persons (see 411.3).

408.1.3. Set qualifying standards for entry to the European Athletics U23 Championships. Such standards shall normally be established not later than 30 April in the year preceding that in which the respective European Athletics U23 Championships will be held and must be achieved in bona fide competition (either indoors or outdoors) between the 1<sup>st</sup> January in the year preceding the year in which the European Athletics U23 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 U23 Championships so to do.

408.1.4. 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).

408.1.5 Approve the procedure for deciding the timetable of events.

**409. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ORGANISER**

409.1. The organiser shall be responsible for organising and staging the European Athletics U23 Championships in accordance with the organising contract and in compliance with the Rules and Regulations and directions of European Athletics.

## **410. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

### **The Organiser**

410.1. 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 U23 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.

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

Delegates appointed by European Athletics (see 411.3); 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**

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

410.4. Based on the quotas referred to in 408.1.4, 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). No contribution shall be made in respect of athletes representing the host European Athletics Member Federation.

410.5. 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.

410.6. 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**

410.7. European Athletics Member Federations shall be responsible for all costs (including travelling to and from the venue) incurred as a result of their participation in the European Athletics U23 Championships which exceed any contributions made by or through European Athletics in accordance with 410.4 above.

410.8. 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.

410.9. 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 Athletics U23 Championships.

**411. THE EUROPEAN ATHLETICS OFFICIATING PERSONS**

- 411.1. 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 U23 Championships.
- 411.2. 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.
- 411.3. The European Athletics Council shall appoint the following Delegates and other persons to provide specialist advice and guidance to the organiser
- 2 Technical Delegates;
  - 1 Doping Control Delegate;
  - 6 International Technical Officials (ITOs), IAAF and/or Area Level;
  - 7 Race walking judges, all of whom shall be included in the respective IAAF panel and domiciled in Europe, 1 shall be the chief judge;
  - 3 Jury of Appeal Members (a fourth replacement to be appointed at the Technical Meeting);
  - 1 International/European Starter;
  - 1 International/European Photo Finish Judge;
  - 1 International Road Course Measurer
  - 1 Media Delegate
- 411.4. 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.

**412. PROTOCOL, CEREMONIES, AWARDS**

- 412.1. 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:**

- 412.2. Subject to 412.1, 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 U23 Championships.
- 412.3. **Victory Ceremonies:**
- 412.3.1. The winner, second placed and third placed shall receive gold, silver and bronze medals respectively.

412.3.2. For relay races, the 4 (four) participants in the final race as well as other athletes who participated in preliminary rounds shall receive medals but only the 4 (four) participants in the final race shall attend the ceremony.

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

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

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

**Diplomas:**

412.4. Diplomas (to be provided by the organiser) shall be presented to the first 8 (eight) placed athletes and teams in each event but no ceremonies will be held.

**Commemorative Souvenirs:**

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

**413. INFORMATION, NAMES AND ABBREVIATIONS**

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

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

**414. FINAL PROVISIONS**

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

414.2. These Regulations are drawn up in English.

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