

PRINCIPLES FOR THE SELECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF EUROPEAN COMBINED EVENTS CHALLENGE MEETINGS

1. Objectives

- 1.1 To support sub top 20 Senior and U23 athletes, who may face difficulties to be invited in World Challenge meetings, and offer them opportunities to compete at international level and achieve qualification standards/criteria for major Championships and in terms of U23 athletes also an improved pathway in their long term development to senior level.
- 1.2 To provide an incentive for meeting organisers to offer competition opportunities to international athletes.
- 1.3 To offer approx. 6 competitions/year spread all over Europe and all over the outdoor season
- 1.4 To ensure observance of standard conditions, as specified below, by European Athletics.

2. Procedure of making an Application

- 2.1 Applications for European Combined Events Challenge Status shall be submitted on the appropriate form by the Member Federations to the European Athletics Office by 31 August of the year preceding that of the meeting. The potential date for the next two editions of the meeting shall be included in the form.
- 2.2 European Athletics will at first consider applications for European Combined Events Challenge status from those meetings that have previously held an international meeting with National or Area status, or meeting organisers with experience at international level.

3. Guidelines for Selection of European Combined Events Challenge Meetings

- 3.1 European Athletics will grant the status of European Combined Events Challenge to approx. 6 competitions per year.
- 3.2 Applying meetings will be chosen according to the following items:
 - Fulfil the requirements
 - Evaluation report by Panel
 - Position in the World Athletics Competition Performance Rankings
 - Tradition of the meeting
 - Consistent excellence of the meeting's National Federation concerned
 - Geographic position
 - Period of the season

4. Guidelines of Scheduling

- 4.1. In principle, more than one (1) European Combined Events Challenge meeting may be staged on the same date in a different not neighbouring country.
- 4.2 Only one meeting/country can be part of the European Combined Events Challenge.

5. Reporting Procedure

- 5.1. Following each meeting the meeting organiser must submit a written report concerning the organisation and staging of the meeting (including final account, payment confirmation, any other relevant information) to the European Athletics Office no later than 14 days after the meeting.
- 5.2. Following each European Athletics meeting, the designed European Athletics Delegate shall be required to submit a written report concerning the staging of the meeting. This report including the results and doping control forms shall be forwarded to the European Athletics Office not later than 10 days after the meeting attended.
- 5.3. The analysis of these reports will assist the Evaluation Panel in determining the status of a meeting the following year.
- 5.4 European Athletics may reduce the amount of the financial grant based on analysis of these reports in case the below conditions are not fully fulfilled.

6. Requirements of Status of European Combined Events Challenge Meetings (complementing Appendix A)

- 6.1. The meeting organiser must be the National Federation or a Member of the National Federation, and must agree to abide by the Rules of World Athletics and European Athletics.
- 6.2. In case the National Federation is not the meeting organiser a strong cooperation and communication between both organisations must be established.
- 6.3 An official Delegate, appointed by European Athletics, shall be received by the meeting organiser. This Delegate shall be experienced in technical matters, and shall be ready to give technical assistance when

required. He/she shall supervise the meeting, is responsible for the correct conduct of the doping controls and adherence to the World Athletics advertising rules and regulations.

Normally the Delegate(s) should not be a citizen of the country where the meeting is held. The organiser shall pay the travel and accommodation costs for the duration of the meeting and one additional night including costs for visa (if applicable).

- 6.4 Meeting Organisers must sign a liability insurance policy, in favour of the athletes, officials and spectators, to cover risks for which they may be retained liable and present a copy to European Athletics. It is recommended that other insurance policy should be signed against the risks of cancellation. Athletes have to cover their own insurance for accident.
- 6.5 Doping control tests shall be conducted on random/target selection basis, and analysis must be performed at the allocated WADA accredited laboratory, in accordance with the WADA standards and World Athletics guidelines. The organiser has to take care of dispatching the samples to the laboratories. The analysis reports shall be directly submitted by the laboratory to European Athletics Office and a copy to the World Athletics Anti-Doping department. The costs of the control (incl. Personnel), the dispatch of samples and their analysis must be borne by the Meeting Organiser.
- 6.6 Medical services shall be provided as indicated in Appendix A.
- 6.7 Food and accommodation standards should correspond to normal international level according to Appendix A.
- 6.8 Local transport shall be provided from airport to hotel, to training areas and to the competition venue for all athletes.
- 6.9 All equipment and implements shall meet World Athletics technical rules in force at the time of the meeting.
- 6.10 In the case of European Records, all documentation necessary for the ratification have to be forwarded to European Athletics not later than one month after the competition. It is therefore recommended that all required papers are completed during the competition and signed by the responsible officials. In doing this, all the necessary material can then be collated and sent without delay to the national federation for approval. Meeting organisers shall consult the current European Record lists before the competition and obtain the appropriate European Record Application Forms from the European Athletics Website: www.european-athletics.org.
- 6.11 Minimum 8 men and 8 women ranked in the top 50 European List (or top 20 U23 European list) of the current or precedent seasons from 6 different countries excluding the host nation should take part. Failure to meet the above thresholds will make the meeting organiser liable for financial sanctions unless it can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Evaluation Panel that the situation was caused by athletes' cancellation or any other cause beyond control.
- 6.12 All negotiations for athletes to compete shall be conducted with Authorised Athlete Representatives (or with Member Federations or with athletes individually).
All payments shall be effected in accordance with World Athletics Rules and Regulations within the following timeframe:
- Travel cost reimbursements 90 days
 - Prize money and appearance fees 90 days

The meeting organiser will maintain copies of all financial documents which may be called for inspection if required by European Athletics.

- 6.13. European Athletics has the right to exclude a meeting according to the evaluation process indicated in Appendix B.
- 6.14 The complete results of the meeting must be uploaded onto the OpenTrack platform within two hours after the conclusion of the meeting and send to World Athletics as well.

APPENDIX A – MEETING REQUIREMENT CRITERIA

| | Requirements |
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| Athletes & Countries | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum 8 men and 8 women ranked in the top 50 European List (or top 20 U23 European list) of the current or precedent seasons from 6 different countries excluding the host nation should take part. |
| Technical facilities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comply with World Athletics Rules Video board(s) (recommended) 2 infield timing boards (recommended) One infield scoring board per field event EDM or VDM + automatic false start apparatus, full electronic timing Electronic Wind gauge World Athletics track certificate class 2 |
| Equipment & Implements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All equipment & implements must be World Athletics certified |
| International Officials | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Technical Delegate |
| Accommodation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-star hotel |
| Transportation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On site for athletes and officials Flights for Delegate |
| Medical | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physiotherapy service starting 48h before (during office hours) First aid ambulance at event Doctor/Physician on site |
| Anti-Doping | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum 4 doping controls Separate control rooms for men & women Dedicated transport for athletes undergoing doping control |
| Online Media | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum highlights/live streaming |
| Media | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tribune with dedicated seats Regular press releases (min 2) Photographers to have access to WIFI or internet access in the media working area Press conference (recommended) |
| Website | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dedicated website Start list and immediate/Live results on website CE Challenge logo & European Athletics corporate logo on the opening page, visible at all time (together with the institutional logos and/or separate from sponsor logos) |

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| Budget & Financial obligations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total budget 25,000 EUR minimum (incl. prize money) • Prize money budget minimum 2'500 EUR per event • Payments according to point 6.12 • The meeting organiser will cover the full board accommodation costs (4 nights) of minimum 8 Men + 8 Women foreign athletes ranked in the top 50 European List (or top 20 U23 European list) of the current or precedent seasons. • Local transportation for athletes, coaches, managers • Doping control organisation & analysis • Audited accounts of the previous year • Detailed budget including prize money structure and travel & accommodation of appointed officials | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prize Money before tax (brutto) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exact prize money structure must be sent to European Athletics for approval at the latest 3 months before the meeting and should be published on meeting website 30 days before competition. • Total prize money budget must be paid to athletes for ranked performance during the meeting • Prize money does NOT include appearance fee and/or any bonus • Minimum prize money: <table style="margin-left: 20px; border: none;"> <tr> <td>1st Place</td> <td>1000 EUR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd Place</td> <td>600 EUR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3rd Place</td> <td>400 EUR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4th Place</td> <td>300 EUR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5th Place</td> <td>200 EUR</td> </tr> </table> | 1 st Place | 1000 EUR | 2 nd Place | 600 EUR | 3 rd Place | 400 EUR | 4 th Place | 300 EUR | 5 th Place | 200 EUR |
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| Logos and advertisement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Combined Events Challenge logo on all printed materials, TV graphics (if applicable), and website (linked to European Athletics) • European Athletics advertising boards • European Athletics corporate logo | | | | | | | | | | |
| Event Presentation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hardware & Personnel | | | | | | | | | | |
| Insurance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liability for Athletes, Officials and Spectators • Meeting cancellation (recommended only) | | | | | | | | | | |

APPENDIX B - EVALUATION

1. European Combined Events Challenge meetings will be evaluated, ranked and monitored by an Evaluation Panel:
 - A European Athletics Council Member
 - A meeting event organiser
 - An athlete representative
 - An Event & Competition Commission member
 - Eventually other appointed experts

2. Meetings will be evaluated on factors that are within their control. For example, no meeting will be penalised for poor athlete performances if it is clear that weather conditions were difficult.
- 4.1. The following criteria will be closely controlled and integrated in the annual evaluation:
 - Communication with EA Delegate/EA Office
 - Liability Insurance
 - Medical services
 - Quality of food / accommodation / transport services
 - Technical Facilities (equipment & implements)
 - Technical Conduct
 - Requirements about participating athletes and countries
 - Athletes' payment
 - Event presentation
 - Advertising rules
 - TV Production & coverage/ live streaming
 - Video screens
 - Media services (web & results)
 - Budget
 - Prize money structure