

## **EUROPEAN CHAMPION CLUBS CUP CROSS COUNTRY**

### **1301. PROMOTION AND RIGHTS**

1301.1. The European Athletic Association (hereinafter European Athletics) shall promote a European Champion Clubs Cup in Cross Country every year for men and women (hereinafter the ECCC Cross Country).

1301.2. All rights in and arising from the ECCC Cross Country 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.

1301.2.1. 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 ECCC Cross Country.

1301.2.2. 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.

1301.2.3. 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.

1301.3. 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.

1301.3.1. 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.

### **1302. PROGRAMME, STRUCTURE, ELIGIBILITY AND SCORING**

#### **Programme**

1302.1. The ECCC Cross Country shall be staged on 1 (one) day and in accordance with the applicable Technical, Competition, Advertising, Doping and other relevant Rules and Regulations of World Athletics.

1302.2. The programme shall comprise the following events, to be held, in principle, in the following order:

Under 20 Women	4,000 m
Under 20 Men	6,000 m
Senior Women	6,000 m
Senior Men	10,000 m
Senior Mixed Relay	4 x 1 lap (approximately 1.5 km)

Notes:

- The distance of the course can be adapted to the local conditions (e.g. profile of the course, that is expected to be challenging and attractive).
- The running order of the Senior Mixed Relay shall be the following:  
 Woman – Man – Woman – Man in odd year  
 Man – Woman – Man – Woman in even year

### **Structure & Eligibility**

1302.3. The ECCC Cross Country comprises separate events for U20 and senior men's and women's teams representing the long distance Cross Country national-champion and national vice-champion clubs of European Athletics Member Federations and a Mixed Relay event. If a Member Federation does not have National Championships for any of these categories, Member Federations may select a participating club team according to the paragraph below.

A club is defined as a public or private, permanent organisation of persons jointly participating in, and/or supporting development of, athletics, irrespective of the legal form under which it is organised. To be eligible to participate in an ECCC event, a club must be an affiliated member of, and/or registered by, or otherwise recognised by a written instrument by the Member Federation.

1302.3.1. Clubs recognised by the Member Federation as National Champions or National Vice-Champions of the preceding year are eligible to take part in the ECCC Cross Country. However, if the champion and/or the vice-champion club(s) is/are not able to take part then the Member Federation may nominate the third and/or fourth placed club team(s) and so on to be able to participate in the ECCC Cross Country with at least 2 club teams.

Note: No later than the Clubs registration closing date for the ECCC Cross Country, Member Federations must provide to European Athletics the official results of their National Clubs Championships of the preceding year.

1302.3.2. Moreover, the first 3 (three) placed clubs of the previous ECCC Cross Country Cup competition in each event and the organiser (if a club) will be eligible to compete with one team in that same event, in addition to 1302.3.1, being such a right not transferable to any other club.

1302.3.3. A Club may only select national or foreign athletes to compete in the ECCC Cross Country who are eligible under the World Athletics terms of eligibility at the date in the year in which the ECCC Cross Country is held, provided that such an athlete is a bona

vide member of that club for a period starting at least on 1 January of the year of the ECCC Cross Country.

- 1302.3.4. An athlete cannot compete for 2 different clubs which participate in at least one of the ECCC competitions of the same year.
- 1302.3.5 An athlete cannot be declared eligible to compete by two participating clubs. In the event that an athlete does appear on two lists of eligible athletes, then the clubs' respective federations may consult together (before the final entries) to agree for which club the athlete will compete in that competition. In the event there is no agreement between the involved federations, then the athlete will be excluded from that competition.
- 1302.3.6. The number of foreign athletes is strictly limited to one (1) for each club team in ECCC Cross Country.
- 1302.3.7. Member Federations must provide the list of eligible national and foreign athletes to European Athletics by 10 January of the year of the ECCC Cross Country.
- 1302.3.8. The Technical Delegate reserves the right to inspect resident cards or passports.
- 1302.4. No athletes aged less than 16 (sixteen) years on 31 December of the year of the competition may compete in the ECCC Cross Country. Each athlete may only be entered in one race of the competition and he/she can only compete in the race for which he/she was entered.
- 1302.5 Only athletes aged from 16 to 19 years on 31 December of the year of the competition may compete in the U20 races.
- 1302.6 Every athlete entered shall, upon request of the Technical Delegate, produce official documentary evidence of his or her date of birth.
- 1302.7 Each Team may enter a maximum of 6 (six) athletes in each event, of which not less than 3 (three), nor more than 4 (four) shall be allowed to start the race.

### **Scoring**

- 1302.8. Each race shall be scored separately according to 1302.2.
- 1302.9. Each team's score shall be determined by the aggregate of finishing positions achieved by its 3 (three) best placed athletes. If two or more athletes tie for a place in any event, the attributable points shall be divided equally between them.
- 1302.10. A team with fewer than 3 (three) finishing athletes shall not be counted in the team classification.
- 1302.11. No adjustment to teams' scores shall be made in respect of any non-scoring team members.

- 1302.12. Teams shall be classified according to their scores, the team in each event having the lowest score being the winner, and so on.
- 1302.13. A tie shall be decided in favour of the team whose last scoring athlete finishes nearest to first place.
- 1302.14 The scoring is not applicable for the Senior Mixed Relay.

### **1303. ENTRIES AND CONFIRMATION**

- 1303.1. All European Athletics Members Federations in good standing shall be entitled to participate in the ECCC Cross Country.
- 1303.2. No athlete may take part in the ECCC Cross Country unless entered by the European Athletics Member Federation which he/she is eligible to represent in accordance with the World Athletics Rules.
- 1303.2.1. Participating clubs in the ECCC Cross Country must provide European Athletics with a full set of pictures of their club team uniforms until the closing of the final entries and will have the obligation to wear them throughout the competition.
- 1303.2.2. All competitors must wear registered vests of the same design and colour of the club they are representing.
- 1303.2.3. The competition and the warm-up attire of the athletes representing qualified clubs in the ECCC events may have advertising, as permitted, under the regulations of the respective Member Federations. If a Member Federation's regulations differ from the World Athletics Advertising Regulations in regard to clothing of athletes, Member Federation's regulations shall prevail for the ECCC events, on exceptional basis.
- 1303.3. Preliminary Entries: Not later than 3 (three) months (14:00 CET) before the ECCC Cross Country, each Member Federation shall send to European Athletics (usually via the teams' on-line entry system) a preliminary number of athletes and of accompanying officials, together with their travel and accommodation details.
- 1303.4. Final Entries: Not later than 10 (ten) days (14:00 CET) before the ECCC Cross Country, each Member Federation shall send to 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.
- 1303.5. Final Declarations: Confirmation of the Final Declaration of athletes to compete shall be made according to the procedures defined in the Team Manual.
- 1303.6. 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.

#### **1304. APPLICATIONS TO STAGE THE ECCC CROSS COUNTRY**

- 1304.1. 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.
- 1304.2. 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.
- 1304.3. 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*).
- 1304.4. 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/or the out of stadium courses (as applicable) 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.
- 1304.5. 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.

#### **1305. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE VENUE**

- 1305.1. The ECCC Cross Country shall be staged in a competition 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 acceptable facilities and be fully equipped in conformity with the respective World Athletics rules.

1305.2 The Organiser must ensure that the electronic timing is done by a chips transponder system and that a GPS control system is used to identify the athletes positioning throughout the race.

#### **1306. DOPING CONTROL**

1306.1. 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.

#### **1307. THE ORGANISING CONTRACT**

1307.1 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 ECCC Cross Country.

#### **1308. THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE EUROPEAN ATHLETICS**

1308.1. Notwithstanding the organising contract, European Athletics shall retain the overall care and responsibility of the ECCC Cross Country. In exercise of this role, the European Athletics Council shall:

1308.1.1. Decide the dates, venue and the organiser.

1308.1.2. Appoint Delegates and other persons (see 1311.3).

#### **1309. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ORGANISER**

1309.1. The organiser shall be responsible for organising and staging the ECCC Cross Country in accordance with the organising contract and in compliance with the Rules and Regulations and directions of European Athletics.

#### **1310. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

##### **The Organiser**

1310.1. 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 ECCC Cross Country but may retain the income from the sale of admission tickets, approved local marketing and subventions and grants from national and/or local authorities.

1310.1.1. The organiser undertakes to cover accommodation and full board costs of each participating team (except the host) for no more than 2 days. The maximum number of quota team members to be covered per participating team (except host) is 3 athletes in each race, 4 in the Senior Mixed Relay and 1 official. In case the U20 team is from the same club as the Senior team and/or the Mixed Relay team, the Organiser will not cover the accommodation costs for any additional official for the U20 team.

1310.2. For the avoidance of doubt, the organiser shall be responsible for the costs of the following persons:

- Technical and Doping Control Delegates appointed by European Athletics; travel, accommodation and board at the event;
- Technical Delegate accommodation and board at the site visits.

#### **European Athletics**

1310.3. European Athletics shall not be responsible for any costs other than those referred to in these regulations and/or the organising contract.

1310.4. European Athletics may pay to the organiser a contribution for the organisation of the ECCC Cross Country.

1310.5. European Athletics shall be responsible for the travelling costs of the Delegates appointed by European Athletics at the site visits prior to the event and staff members travelling costs, accommodation and board when visiting the venue.

#### **The Participating Club Teams**

1310.6. The participating club teams shall be responsible for all costs incurred as a result of their participation in the ECCC Cross Country which exceed any contributions made by or through the organiser in accordance with 1310.1.1 above.

1310.6.1. The following contribution must be paid to the organiser by each participating club team (except host):

Registration fee: EUR 200, - which must be paid at the latest by the date of the closing of the preliminary entries.

Note: Any participating club team, not paid the registration fee by the date specified above, shall be liable to pay the registration fee increased by 25%.

Accommodation support: EUR 300, - (price to be charged per night is EUR 150) which must be paid at the latest upon arrival to the venue.

1310.7. The final account for accommodation attributable to each club team shall be based on the numbers declared in the Final Entries and this shall be paid in full, considering 1310.1.1, no allowance being made for subsequent any reduction in the actual numbers of athletes and/or officials.

- 1310.8. Any club team which, having agreed to participate with a team, withdraws and does not compete after their declaration at the closing date for Preliminary entries shall pay to the organiser for any irrecoverable costs related to the cancellation. The Member Federation is responsible for the guarantee of the payment of the registration fee.
- 1310.9. Each participating club team is 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 ECCC Cross Country.

### **1311. THE EUROPEAN ATHLETICS OFFICIATING PERSONS**

- 1311.1. The President and the CEO of European Athletics or their representative(s) shall have the overall responsibility for the care and supervision of the ECCC Cross Country.
- 1311.2. 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.
- 1311.3. The European Athletics Council shall appoint the following Delegates and other persons to provide specialist advice and guidance to the organiser:
- 1 Technical Delegate;
  - 1 Doping Control Delegate;
  - 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).
- 1311.4. 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.

### **1312. PROTOCOL, CEREMONIES**

- 1312.1. All matters concerning protocol, ceremonies, trophies/medals and related matters shall be decided by European Athletics, which may, from time to time, establish guidelines.

#### **Opening and Closing and Victory Ceremonies:**

- 1312.2 Subject to 1312.1, 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 event venue. Such proposals shall be subject to the approval of European Athletics and shall be appropriate to an ECCC Cross Country.



### **1312.3. Victory Ceremonies:**

1312.3.1. The individual winner, second placed and third placed of each race and the winning, second placed and third placed teams of the Senior Mixed Relay athletes shall receive gold, silver and bronze medals respectively from the organiser.

1312.3.2. 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 also by European Athletics.

1312.3.3. For the winner, second and third team in each event, the 3 (three) scoring members as well as non-scoring members who completed the race shall attend the ceremony and receive medals provided by the organiser.

1312.3.4. During the ceremony, the national anthem of the winner's country shall be played.

1312.3.5. During the ceremony, the athletes must wear their official team uniforms.

### **1313. INFORMATION, NAMES AND ABBREVIATIONS**

1313.1. All information shall be printed, displayed or announced in English.

1313.2. The names and abbreviations of all European Athletics Member Federations shall, at all times, conform to those approved and decided by the World Athletics.

### **1314. FINAL PROVISIONS**

1314.1. All matters not provided for by these regulations shall be decided by the European Athletics Council.

1314.2. These Regulations are drawn up in English.

1314.3. These Regulations may be amended by the European Athletics Council.