

EUROPEAN CUP COMBINED EVENTS

701. PROMOTION AND RIGHTS

- 701.1. The European Athletic Association (hereinafter European Athletics) shall promote a European Cup in Decathlon for men and Heptathlon for women (hereinafter the European Cup Combined Events) every year, except on the year of the Summer Olympic Games.
- 701.2. All rights in and arising from the European Cup Combined Events 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.

702. PROGRAMME, STRUCTURE AND SCORING

- 702.1. The European Cup Combined Events 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).
- 702.2. The programme shall comprise the Decathlon for Men and the Heptathlon for Women.
- 702.3. The European Cup Combined Events comprises separate competitions for men's and women's teams representing European Athletics Member Federations.
- 702.4. All European Athletics Members Federations in good standing shall be entitled to participate in the European Cup Combined Events.
- 702.5. Each team shall consist of up to 4 (four) athletes.
- 702.6. The participating teams shall be divided into a Super League (comprising 8 teams), a First League (comprising 8 teams) and a Second League (comprising the remaining teams). The Second League may also include athletes competing as individuals provided that European Athletics Member Federations of those athletes do not have teams participating in the Super League or First League, men and women being considered separately, and that no European Athletics Member Federation may enter more than 4 (four) individual athletes in the Decathlon or Heptathlon respectively.
- 702.7. The Super League, the First and Second Leagues shall be each be regarded as a separate match and scored accordingly.
- 702.8. The finishing positions of the teams in each match shall be decided according to the aggregates of the points (according to the International Scoring Tables) earned by the 3 (three) highest scoring athletes in each team, the team having the highest aggregate being the winner, and so on.
- 702.9. If two or more teams have an equality of aggregate points, the tie shall be decided according to the aggregates of the placings of the three scoring athletes, on the assumption that the match had been a competition between individuals but after excluding non scoring athletes. If the tie still exists, it shall be decided according to the relative positions of the highest scoring athlete in each team.

- 702.10. A team with fewer than 3 (three) scoring athletes shall not be included in the teams' classification.
- 702.11. The teams finishing in first place in the Super League shall be the winners of the European Cup Combined Events for Decathlon and Heptathlon respectively.
- 702.12. After the conclusion of each year's European Cup Combined Events, teams shall be promoted or relegated as follows:
- 702.12.1. The lowest 2 (two) teams in the Super League shall be relegated to the First League;
- 702.12.2. The highest 2 (two) teams in the First League shall be promoted to the Super League;
- 702.12.3. The lowest 2 (two) teams in the First League shall be relegated to the Second League;
- 702.12.4. The highest 2 (two) teams in the Second League shall be promoted to the First League.
- 702.13. Special technical rules applicable to the European Cup Combined Events are defined in Appendix 1.
- 702.14. 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 Cup Combined Events.

703. ENTRIES AND CONFIRMATION

- 703.1. Each European Athletics Member Federation may enter one men's and one women's team, each comprising a maximum of 4 (four) athletes or (in respect of the Second League only) individual athletes pursuant to 702.6.
- 703.1.1. 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 Cup Combined Events.
- 703.1.2. Only athletes aged at least 18 (eighteen) years on 31 December of the year of the competition may participate in the Decathlon.
- 703.2.1. Each European Athletics Member Federation may be represented only by athletes eligible to represent that European Athletics Member Federation in accordance with IAAF Rules.
- 703.2.2. No athlete who, pursuant to IAAF Rule 40, has been declared ineligible to compete for at least 2 (two) years may take part in the edition of the European Cup Combined Events next following the conclusion of the period of ineligibility.
- 703.2.3. European Athletics shall inform the suspended athlete in writing of his/her ineligibility according to regulation 703.2.2 to take part in the next European Cup Combined Events promptly upon receiving notification of such suspension from the IAAF. Any suspended athlete who is of the opinion that Regulation 703.2.2 improperly applies to him/her may, within 20 days of being informed by European Athletics, refer the matter to the European Athletics Council. The athlete may appeal against the determination of the European Athletics Council to the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS) in accordance with Article 38 par. 1 to 3 of the European Athletics Constitution.

- 703.3. Preliminary Entries: Not later than 3 (three) months before the first day of the European Cup Combined Events, each European Athletics Member Federation shall send to European Athletics (usually via the teams' on-line entry system) a preliminary list of athletes and the numbers of accompanying officials.
- 703.4. Final Entries: Not later than 5 (five) days before the first day of the European Cup Combined Events, each European Athletics 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.
- 703.5. Final Declarations: Confirmation of the Final Declaration of athletes to compete shall be made according to the procedures defined in the Team Manual.

704. APPLICATIONS TO STAGE THE EUROPEAN CUP COMBINED EVENTS

- 704.1. Any European Athletics Member Federation may apply to stage a European Cup Combined Events match 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 participate in the long term planning by indicating the interest in the annual questionnaire signed by the Member Federation President & General Secretary

European Athletics shall be entitled not to accept any unrealistic announcement or if it was not indicated in the long term planning questionnaire.

- 704.2. 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.
- 704.3. 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, 2 (two) years before the year of the European Cup Combined Events 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 May, 1 (one) year before the year of the European Cup Combined Events. The candidature form must be signed by the Member Federation and City.
 - iii. Formal application to be submitted within 2 (two) months of ii.
 - iv. Decision of the European Athletics Council in a timely manner.
- 704.4. 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 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.

704.5. 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 Cup Combined Events, 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 704.3.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 Cup Combined Events.

704.6. 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 Cup Combined Events.

705. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE VENUE

705.1. The European Cup Combined Events 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.

706. DOPING CONTROL

706.1. 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.

707. THE ORGANISING CONTRACT

707.1. 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 Cup Combined Events.

708. THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE EUROPEAN ATHLETICS

708.1. Notwithstanding the organising contract, European Athletics shall retain the overall care and responsibility of the European Cup Combined Events. In exercise of this role, the European Athletics Council shall:

708.1.1. Decide the dates, venue and the organiser.

708.1.2. Appoint Delegates and other persons (see 711.3).

709. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ORGANISER

- 709.1. The organiser shall be responsible for organising and staging the European Cup Combined Events in accordance with the organising contract and in compliance with the Rules and Regulations and directions of European Athletics.

710. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Organiser

- 710.1. 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 Cup Combined Events but may retain the income from the sale of admission tickets, approved local marketing and subventions and grants from national and/or local authorities.
- 710.2. For the avoidance of doubt, the organiser shall be responsible for the costs of the following persons:

Delegates appointed by European Athletics (see 711.3); 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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- 710.3. European Athletics shall not be responsible for any costs other than those referred to in these regulations and/or the organising contract.
- 710.4. European Athletics may pay to the organiser a contribution to the costs of up to 4 (four) days' accommodation and board of participating teams as follows:
- 710.4.1. In the case that a team competes in a match, the contribution shall be for a maximum of 4 (four) athletes and 2 (two) officials;
- 710.4.2. In the case that athletes compete as individuals (see 702.6) the contribution shall be for the athlete(s) and 1 (one) official;
- 710.4.3. No contribution shall be made in respect of the teams representing the host European Athletics Member Federation.
- 710.5. European Athletics may pay to the participating European Athletics 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 710.4.
- 710.6. 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.
- 710.7. 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

- 710.8. European Athletics Member Federations shall be responsible for all costs incurred as a result of their participation in the European Cup Combined Events which exceed any contributions made by or through European Athletics in accordance with 710.4 and 710.5 above.
- 710.9. 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.
- 710.10. Any European Athletics Member Federation which, having agreed to participate with a team (or individuals for 2nd League), withdraws and does not inform European Athletics and the organiser at least 30 (thirty) days before the first day of the European Cup Combined Events, shall pay to European Athletics as compensation for irrecoverable costs 10.000 (ten thousand) Swiss Francs in respect of each team so withdrawn or may be invoiced the no show hotel cost according to the preliminary entries. European Athletics remits this amount to the organiser.
- 710.11. 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 Cup Combined Events.

711. THE EUROPEAN ATHLETICS OFFICIATING PERSONS

- 711.1. The President, the Treasurer and Director General of European Athletics or their representative(s) shall have the overall responsibility for the care and supervision of the European Cup Combined Events.
- 711.2. 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.
- 711.3. The European Athletics Council shall appoint the following Delegates and other persons to provide specialist advice and guidance to the organiser:
- 1 Council Delegate;
 - 1 Technical Delegate;
 - 1 Doping Control Delegate;
 - 2 International/Area Technical Officials (ITO/ATO) for the Super League;
 - 3 Jury of Appeal Members (a fourth replacement to be appointed at the Technical Meeting).
- 711.4. 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.

712. PROTOCOL, CEREMONIES, AWARDS

712.1. 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:

712.2. Subject to 712.1, 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 Cup Combined Events.

712.3. Victory Ceremonies:

712.3.1. The winning men's team and the winning women's team in the Super League shall receive the European Cup Combined Events to be provided by European Athletics. The second and third finishing teams shall receive a trophy to be provided by European Athletics.

712.3.2. The individual members of the first, second and third finishing teams in the men's and women's competitions in the Super League shall each receive a medal to be provided by the organiser.

712.3.3. The first three men's teams and the first three women's teams in each match of the First and Second Leagues shall receive a trophy to be provided by European Athletics.

Commemorative Souvenirs:

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

713. INFORMATION, NAMES AND ABBREVIATIONS

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

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

714. FINAL PROVISIONS

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

714.2. These Regulations are drawn up in English.

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

APPENDIX 1.

1. Competition Rules

1.1. The divisions of the athletes into heats and/or groups and the allocations of lanes shall be decided by the Technical Delegate.

1.1.1. Following IAAF Rule 200.8., in each separate event, except the last, of a Combined Event competition, the heats or groups shall be arranged by the Technical Delegate, as applicable, so that the athletes with similar performances in each individual event shall be placed in the same heat or group.

Note: Number 1 is the best athlete, number 2 second best athlete etc."

1.2. When the High Jump and Pole Vault are divided into 2 (two) or more groups, the starting heights and progressions of raising the bar shall be the same in each group and shall go through the hereunder heights:

Decathlon:	High Jump.	1.80m	Progression – 3cm.
Decathlon:	Pole Vault.	4.00m	Progression – 10cm.
Heptathlon:	High Jump.	1.60m	Progression – 3cm.