

EUROPEAN INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

201. PROMOTION AND RIGHTS

- 201.1. The European Athletic Association (hereinafter EAA) shall promote European Indoor Championships in Athletics (hereinafter European Indoor Championships) in every odd year.
- 201.2. All rights to the European Indoor Championships are the exclusive property of the EAA which, unless otherwise specified in these regulations, are retained by EAA. These rights include all marketing, advertising, broadcasting, filming, televising or any other means of reproduction rights. The EAA may grant concessions or licences in respect of these rights.

202. PROGRAMME

- 202.1. The European Indoor Championships shall be staged over 3 (three) consecutive days normally from Friday to Sunday and in accordance with the applicable Rules of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF).
- 202.2. The programme shall comprise the following 13 (thirteen) events for Men and 13 (thirteen) events for Women.

Men	- Running	50m or 60m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m, 50m or 60m hurdles, 4 x 400m
	- Jumps	High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump, Triple Jump
	- Throws	Shot put
	- Heptathlon	
Women	- Running	50m or 60m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m, 50m or 60m hurdles, 4 x 400m
	- Jumps	High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump, Triple Jump,
	- Throws	Shot put
	- Pentathlon	

203. ENTRIES AND CONFIRMATIONS

- 203.1. All EAA Members shall be invited to participate in the European Indoor Championships. These invitations, in one of the official languages of the EAA, shall be sent by the Organising Member at least 1 (one) year before the Championships.
- 203.2. Competitors must comply with eligibility qualifications for Area Games or Championships as set out in the IAAF rules.

203.2.1 Only athletes aged at least 16 years on 31 December of the year of the competition can participate. However, only athletes aged at least 18 years on 31 December of the year of the competition can participate in the Shot Put (M).

- 203.3. No athlete may compete in the European Indoor Championships unless entered by an EAA Member Federation.
- 203.4. Individual participation: 2 (two), 3 (three) or 4 (four) athletes can initially be entered per event provided that all of them have achieved the entry standard for that event. A maximum of 3 (three) athletes entered by any one EAA Member may compete provided that each athlete has reached the qualifying standard so far set for that event. Provided that any EAA Member enters only 1 (one) athlete for any event, such an athlete shall not be required to have reached the qualifying standard for that event. Qualifying standards may be set by the EAA Council at least 16 (sixteen) months before the European Indoor Championships and must be achieved in bona fide indoor competitions between the 1st January in the year preceding the year in which the European Indoor Championships are held, and the closing date for final entries.
- Relay teams: Only finals with 6 (six) National Relay Teams– men and women – will be held. The best ranked teams plus the team of the host country will be invited according to the special regulations for relays and procedures for implementation (see appendix to these Regulations).
- 203.5. Heptathlon and Pentathlon: Special provisions shall be made when deciding on entry standards under consideration of separate basic Regulations for the Combined Events to be approved by the EAA Council (see appendix to these Regulations).
- 203.6. Preliminary entries indicating the number of athletes per event and the number of accompanying officials must be submitted not later than 3 (three) months before the first day of the European Indoor Championships.
- 203.7. Final entries with names and performances, plus the names of officials must arrive at the Organising Member not later than 5 (five) days before the first day of the Championships. All Member Federations must, on the Final Entry Form, describe their team uniform, (competition attire and warm-up attire), including the colours (preferably attaching a photograph). All athletes of the team shall wear the described attires.
- 203.8. Final declaration of athletes and confirmation of entries must be made according to the procedures defined in the Team Manual.
- 203.9. The EAA can reduce financial support (as for travel, board/accommodation grants) to Member Federations which:
- after having announced their participation in an EAA competition, do not take part,
 - attend the competition with a number of athletes and officials 20 % higher or lower than the number of the preliminarily entered athletes and officials. This only applies if more than 4 (four) athletes and officials have been entered.

204. APPLICATIONS FOR STAGING THE EUROPEAN INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 204.1. Member Federations are invited to announce their intention to apply for staging the European Indoor Championships. This announcement must reach the EAA Office until the deadline set by the Council, normally 15th January 4 (four) years before the year during which the European Indoor Championships are to take place.

The office will then send the official application forms to the Member Federations and invites these to the bidding seminar the participation in which is compulsory. The announcement starts the bidding procedure; later entries will not be accepted.

- 204.2. Applications to stage the European Indoor Championships must be sent by the EAA Members in order to reach the EAA Secretariat not later than 3 (three) months after the deadline set in 204.1.
- 204.3. Applications shall be submitted on the official EAA application forms in English and shall be accompanied by:
- 204.3.1. the undertaking of the EAA Member in question to respect all the IAAF and EAA Rules and Regulations by signing such contract with the EAA as the EAA shall require (Member Agreement),
 - 204.3.2. the official endorsement of the City in which the European Indoor Championships are to be held and a written undertaking of the Government of the Member Federation to allow entry to and exit from the country for all IAAF and EAA Officials, participating athletes, team officials and media representatives as well as free import and re-export of all designated competition equipment and service to the event,
 - 204.3.3. a description of the competition stadium (equipped with a track of synthetic material), of the warming-up and training facilities and of the other technical installations which are necessary for the staging of the European Indoor Championships,
Note: Other than in exceptional circumstances, the EAA will not accept any application if, at the time of announcing the intention to apply for staging the European Championships, the stadium which is foreseen for the event is not completed. If an EAA Member feels, that there are exceptional circumstances it has to inform the EAA at the time of the announcement (Regulation 204.1) accordingly and send together with the announcement all relevant documentations (construction plans, timelines and guarantees) and the EAA shall have an absolute discretion whether or not to accept such an application. If an application is based on an uncompleted stadium, such stadium must be completed fully equipped and ready for use at least 2 ½ before the anticipated date of the competition.
 - 204.3.4. a written guarantee that all official sites connected with the Championships, including the stadium and hotels, will be free of all commercial and non-commercial advertising, identification and/or franchises,
 - 204.3.5. a letter from a television network (according to the general EAA TV agreement) guaranteeing the host broadcaster operation according to the international standards as laid down by the IAAF,
 - 204.3.6. a budget for the total organisation of the event,
 - 204.3.7. such other information as the EAA shall require.
- 204.4. An application may be regarded as invalid if it does not conform in every respect with the conditions set out in this clause 204 including satisfactory completion in full of the EAA application form.

205. THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE EAA

205.1. The EAA Council shall:

- 205.1.1. approve the regulations of the European Indoor Championships,
- 205.1.2. decide on the venue of the European Indoor Championships at its Autumn session 4 (four) years before the year in which the Championships are to be held,
- 205.1.3. decide on the dates on which the European Indoor Championships are to be held,
- 205.1.4. appoint the EAA Officiating Persons:
 - 1 (one) Council Delegate,
 - 2 (two) Technical Delegates,
 - 1 (one) Doping Control Delegate,
 - 1 (one) Media Delegate
 - a Jury of Appeal consisting of 3 (three) Members of the EAA Council,
 - 5 (five) International/Area Technical Officials selected from the respective IAAF/EAA lists and domiciled in Europe.
- 205.1.5. have general charge of the supervision of and ultimate authority over the Championships which are to be conducted in conformity with the technical rules of the IAAF,
- 205.1.6. decide upon the timetable of events and the choice of implements to be used,
- 205.1.7. establish, if the EAA Council deems it fit, the entry standards,
- 205.1.8. determine the number of doping tests,
- 205.1.9. approve all contracts, the budget and the general financial proposals for the Championships,
- 205.1.10. approve the distribution of free places (quota) as a basis for the subvention to the member federations. (Each visiting EAA Member shall be allocated free places for at least 1 (one) male and 1 (one) female athlete. The list with the quota shall be communicated to the EAA Members by 31st October of the year preceding the European Indoor Championships at the latest.),
- 205.1.11. approve the costs for accommodation and board and the level of EAA subvention, at least 1 (one) year before the date of the European Indoor Championships,
- 205.1.12. approve the design of the symbol, official mascot and medals at least 2 (two) years before the European Indoor Championships,
- 205.1.13. amend, if necessary, these regulations provided such amendments are reported to the Congress at the first opportunity.

206. THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE ORGANISING MEMBER

206.1. Each EAA Member has the right to apply for the staging of the Championships at a venue within its country.

- 206.2. The Championships are allocated to a Member of the EAA (Organising Member) which shall solely be responsible for their organisation and promotion in accordance with the EAA Regulations and a contract to be entered into between the EAA and the Member defining the mutual obligations and responsibilities (Member Agreement).
The Organising Member shall immediately appoint a Local Organising Committee (LOC) for which it shall be fully responsible at all times.
- 206.3. If the Local Organising Committee (LOC) is not made up of staff and/or volunteers of the Organising Member, a contract must be entered into by the Organising Member and the LOC and approved by the EAA before signature.
- 206.4. The Organising Member in agreement with the Local Organising Committee has the right and the duty to appoint all national referees, judges and other technical Officials. The Organising Member shall guarantee their competence.
- 206.5. The Organising Member and the Local Organising Committee must, at all times, cooperate with the EAA Delegates and the other officials appointed by the EAA Council and respect their authority.

207. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Organising Member

- 207.1. The Organising Member shall receive the income from
- the subvention from the EAA (Regulation 205.1.11.),
 - the sale of the entrance tickets,
 - other subventions and donations from national and local authorities.
- 207.2. The Organising Member shall be responsible for all costs of the Championships, including insurance, in accordance with these regulations, the contract entered into between the EAA and the Organising Member (Member Agreement), and the general EAA Financial Regulations.
- 207.3. The Organising Member in cooperation with the Local Organising Committee shall be responsible for first-class rail travelling expenses or tourist-class air fares (including meals en route) together with the board and lodging of:
- 207.3.1. the Council Delegate, 2 (two) Technical Delegates and 1 (one) Media Delegate:
 - for a period normally commencing not more than 5 (five) days before the opening of the Championships and ending the day after the Closing Ceremony,
 - 207.3.2. the Doping Control Delegate for a period commencing 3 (three) days before the opening of the Championships and ending the day after the Closing Ceremony,
 - 207.3.3. the Members of the Jury of Appeal for a period of not more than 2 (two) days longer than the total duration of these Championships,

207.3.4. 5 (five) International/Area Technical Officials mentioned in Rule 205.1.4. hereof for a period of not more than 2 (two) days longer than the duration of these Championships.

207.3.5. The Organising Member in co-operation with the Local Organising Committee shall be responsible for the board and lodging of the Council Delegate, 2 (two) Technical Delegates and the Media Delegate during site visits whenever they deem it necessary for the successful staging of the Championships.

207.4. The Organising Member/LOC shall make their best endeavours to procure the lowest possible costs concerning travel, accommodation, etc., however, consistent with the required standards of quality.

Note: When obligations are stated in the regulations concerning board and lodging for a number of days, 1 (one) day includes 1 (one) night's lodging plus 1 (one) breakfast, 1 (one) lunch and 1 (one) dinner.

The EAA

207.5. The EAA shall not be responsible for any costs other than those referred to in these regulations and/or the Member Agreement. Any such costs shall be met by the Organising or Participating Member(s) as appropriate.

207.6. The EAA Council shall approve the accommodation costs, including all taxes etc. and the subvention of the EAA to the Local Organising Committee.

207.7. In accordance with Rule 205.1.10. hereof, the EAA shall pay subventions to the member federations and shall be responsible for accommodation and board costs as approved by the Council for not more than the number of days of competitions plus 2 (two) in respect of the quota established under rule 205.1.10.

207.8. The EAA shall be responsible for all direct laboratory costs connected with the doping control including laboratory costs for tests requested for World or Area Records. All other costs related to the doping control shall be borne by the Organising Member. However, if a test is requested for National Records, the analysis costs shall be paid by the Member Federation concerned.

207.9. The EAA and/or its Marketing Consultants retain the right to approve all agreements in relation to the marketing activities of the LOC.

207.10. The EAA is responsible for the travelling expenses of the delegates when they pay visit to the venue in the preparation of the staging of the Championships whereas the LOC is responsible for their board and lodging.

The participating Members

207.11. The visiting delegations of the EAA Members shall pay their travelling expenses, in both directions, to and from the venue of the competition as well as board and lodging expenses at the venue of the competition, which exceed such costs to be borne by the EAA as laid down in 205.1.10. in these Regulations.

207.12. The participating EAA Members are responsible for taking out their own insurance to cover illness or injury to any member of their team when travelling to and from EAA competitions and during the event itself.

208. THE EAA OFFICIATING PERSONS

208.1. The President, the Director General, the Treasurer together with the appointed Council Delegate shall have the general supervision of the European Indoor Championships. The Council Delegate, the Technical Delegates and the Media Delegate should be appointed by the EAA Council during the autumn session 3 (three) years before the year in which the venue of the Championships are to be held and shall be the EAA Council representatives charged with the following tasks, on which they will submit a report to the EAA Council whenever the latter deems it necessary.

208.2. The appointed Council Delegate is responsible, in conjunction with the Local Organising Committee, which shall afford him or her all necessary help, for the supervision of all general tasks (to be detailed).

208.3. The Technical Delegates, in conjunction with the Local Organising Committee which shall afford them all necessary help:

- are responsible for ensuring that all technical arrangements are in complete conformity with the technical rules of the IAAF,
- shall submit to the EAA Council for approval proposals concerning the timetable of events, the entry standards and the implements which are to be supplied. All particulars relating to the implements to be permitted shall be published at least 12 (twelve) months before the competition,
- are responsible for all technical and administrative arrangements necessary for conducting the athletic events,
- shall control entries and can reject them for technical reasons (rejections for other reasons must be approved by the EAA Council),
- shall arrange heats and qualifying rounds.

208.4. The Media Delegate shall - in a close cooperation with the Council Delegate and the Local Organising Committee - ensure proper conditions for the work, transportation and board and lodging for the media representatives. The Media Delegate shall be responsible for ensuring that the IAAF Media Guidelines are followed.

208.5. The Doping Control Delegate, the Jury of Appeal and the International/Area Technical Officials shall be appointed by the EAA Council at least 1 (one) year before the respective Championships.

208.6. The Doping Control Delegate is responsible for the doping control and shall act in accordance with the IAAF Rules and Guidelines.

208.7. The Jury of Appeal (Regulation 205.1.4.) consisting of 3 (three) EAA Council Members shall observe the conduct of the athletic events, shall act in conformity with the IAAF rules concerning the Jury of Appeal and shall make the final decisions concerning protests.

208.8. The chairperson of the International/Area Technical Officials, who shall be the contact to the Technical Delegates and who shall assign the ITO's/ATO's for every event on the programme, shall be appointed by the Technical Delegates. They shall act in conformity with the IAAF rules concerning the International Technical Officials.

208.9. No EAA Officiating person may be a member of the national delegation of his or her country.

209. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

209.1. The European Indoor Championships shall be held in an indoor stadium which must be fully equipped in conformity with the respective IAAF rules.

Approved fully automatic timing, photo-finish installations and electronic scoreboard(s) must be provided and shall be used. Starting blocks must be fitted with approved false-start detection apparatus.

Approved electronic measuring equipment must be provided and shall be used for field events. Video tape recording equipment must be installed and shall be used. The Local Organising Committee shall provide a sufficient number of implements.

Athletes shall use their own vaulting poles which shall comply with the conditions laid down in IAAF Rule 183.11.

Implements additional to those provided by the LOC, including athletes' own implements, may, at the discretion of the Technical Delegates, be added to the pool of equipment for the full duration of the event (Qualifying and Final). Such implements must conform to IAAF Regulations.

209.2. The day before the first day of competition a Technical Meeting shall be held at which not more than 2 (two) delegates (and, if necessary an interpreter) from each delegation may participate. Delegations shall be given advance notice of the place and time of the Technical Meeting.

210. DOPING CONTROL REGULATIONS

210.1. Doping control shall be conducted in accordance with the respective IAAF Rules and Guidelines and shall be carried out under the following conditions:

210.1.1. The Local Organising Committee must provide the technical and medical facilities (in particular equipment and personnel) to carry out this control in accordance with the conditions laid down in the IAAF Rules and Guidelines.

210.1.2. The Doping Control Delegate shall decide in accordance with the IAAF Rules and Guidelines for Doping Control which placings from which events are selected for the doping control. The Delegate may however, at any time, require any athlete he or she deems necessary to present himself or herself for a doping test.

210.1.3. The result of the testing of samples shall be notified immediately by the testing laboratory to the General Secretary of the EAA and by copy to the IAAF Secretariat. If testing results are in apparent violation of the IAAF rules, the General Secretary shall act as laid down in the provisions of said rules.

211. CEREMONIES, AWARDS AND SOUVENIRS

211.1. The stadium shall be decorated with the official flags of the countries of the participating EAA Members and the EAA flag.

211.2. Opening Ceremony:

- All participating delegations shall take part in the Opening Ceremony.
- Each delegation, with athletes in their approved uniforms and not more than 4 (four) officials, shall enter the stadium behind the shield bearer and the official flag of its country. On the shield shall appear the name of the Member Federation's country in the language of the host country and in accordance with the name listed in the IAAF rules.
- The delegations shall enter the stadium in the alphabetical order of the language of the host country. The host country's delegation shall be the last to enter and shall be followed by a delegation carrying the flag of the EAA, and finally the judges.
- When all delegations have assembled in the arena, the sequence for the Opening Ceremony shall be as follows:
 - Anthem of the country of the Organising EAA Member,
 - Welcome by the President of the Organising Committee (maximum 3 minutes),
 - Speech by the EAA President (maximum 3 minutes),
 - Opening of the European Championships by the Head of the State or his or her representative,
 - Hoisting of the EAA flag in the stadium while the European Championships fanfare is played,
 - Departure of the delegations.

211.3. Closing Ceremony:

- The Closing Ceremony shall be conducted in a manner similar to the Opening Ceremony.
- The sequence of the Closing Ceremony shall be as follows:
 - Entrance of the delegations in their approved uniforms,
 - Officials may take part,
 - Speech by the EAA President (maximum 3 minutes),
 - Lowering of the EAA flag while the European Championships fanfare is played,
 - Handing over of the EAA flag to the representative of the City where the next European Championships will be staged,
 - Departure of the delegations.

211.4. Victory Ceremonies:

- The Victory Ceremonies shall, as far as possible, be conducted so as not to interfere with the competitions in progress.
- The first 3 (three) athletes in each event and the first 3 (three) relay teams shall mount the rostrum.
- The flags of the athletes' countries shall be raised on three flagpoles while the anthem of the winner's country is being played.
- The athletes shall attend all Victory Ceremonies in their delegation's approved track suit.
- During the playing of the anthem and the raising of the flags the athletes shall adopt a solemn attitude and turn to the flagpoles where the official flags of the countries of the first 3 (three) athletes/teams are raised.

211.5. Medals: The winner, the second and the third of each event shall receive a gold, a silver and a bronze-plated medal, respectively.
The presentation of medals shall be made by Members of the EAA Council or other invited persons in an order decided by the President of the EAA.

211.6. Diplomas: Diplomas will be presented to the first eight placed athletes/teams in each event but no ceremonies will be held.

211.7. Souvenirs: All participants and officials shall be presented with a commemorative medal.

212. INFORMATION, NAMES AND ABBREVIATIONS

212.1. All information shall be printed, displayed or announced in the official language of the EAA: English.

212.2. In every kind of information item, bulletin, competition document and on official occasions, the name of the participating countries in the above mentioned official languages and in the language of the host country must correspond to the names as laid down in the IAAF rules. Any abbreviation used for the names of the participating countries must be in conformity with the official abbreviations recognized by the IAAF.

213. FINAL PROVISIONS

213.1. All matters not provided for by these Regulations shall be submitted to the EAA Council for decision.

213.2. These Regulations are drawn up in the official language of the EAA - English.

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APPENDIX TO REGULATION 203.4

Regulations for 4 x 400 relays and procedures for implementation

The EAA Council decided at its Meeting on 29 October 2000 in Gothenburg to limit the number of relays 4 x 400m Men and Women at the European Indoor Championships to 6 (six) each and to carry out finals only - without any qualification round.

In order to implement this decision the following regulations and procedures shall apply at the European Indoor Championships:

01. Regulations

The number of teams which can be entered in the 4 x 400m relays Men and Women is limited to a maximum of 6 (six) each. Teams will be allocated according to the following regulations and procedures:

- 01.1. The Host Country will be allocated 1 (one) place in each relay.
- 01.2. The other 5 (five) places (in the case that the host does not take part, 6 (six) places) will be allocated, in the order of the ranking of National Teams in this event in the European Outdoor list of the previous year.
Entries for the relays must reach the EAA before 31 December.
- 01.3. In case team(s) qualified in accordance with 01.2 do not participate the next ranked team(s) will be given the opportunity to participate.
- 01.4. Final entries for the relays shall be made and confirmed by the participating countries together with all other entries for the Championships on the forms provided.
- 01.5. 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 Championships, 4 (four) athletes to participate must be nominated at the time specified for the final declaration of runners.

02. Procedures

- 02.1. Outdoor rankings: The EAA secretariat, respectively the EAA statisticians, will compile the European Best Lists Men & Women. Member Federations should forward their national best performance lists to the EAA statisticians as soon as possible after the end of the outdoor season, but not later than 31 October.
- 02.2. The EAA Office will inform the member federations concerned about their qualification for the relay races at the European Indoor Championships, asking them to give their confirmation until 31 December at the latest.
- 02.3. Member Federations which, after confirmation, do not wish to use their right of participation, are asked to inform the EAA Office about this immediately, so that the next ranked countries can be invited before the deadline for final entries, and replace withdrawn teams.

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APPENDIX TO REGULATION 203.5 Regulations for Combined Events

In accordance with EAA Regulation 203.5 the EAA Council has approved the following “Special Regulations for Combined Events at European Indoor Championships”:

REGULATIONS

- 1.1. Number of Participants: The number of participants in Heptathlon (men) and Pentathlon (women) is limited to a maximum of 15 athletes in each event and places will be allocated according to the following regulations and procedures.
 - 1.1.1. No more than two (2) athletes per country may compete in each event.
 - 1.1.2. The Host Country will be allocated one place in each event regardless of his/her position in the ranking list. Where the Host Country has one qualified athlete in the order of the ranking list this provision will, however, not allow a second (unqualified) athlete to compete.
 - 1.1.3. Nine (9) places will be allocated to athletes, in the order of their ranking in the European best lists Decathlon (men) and Heptathlon (women) of the outdoor season preceding the European Indoor Championships. If an athlete entered by the Host Country is among these nine (9), the tenth (10th) ranked athlete will also qualify. Entries under this category must reach the EAA before 31 December of the year preceding the event.
 - 1.1.4. Five (5) places will be allocated to athletes, in the order of their ranking in the European season's best lists of the current indoor season not later than 10 days before the competition. If any of these athletes is already qualified under 1.1.3. then the next athlete of the current indoor season up to this date is qualified.
 - 1.1.5. In the case of a late withdrawal of finally entered and confirmed athletes for reasons of illness, injury etc., the Technical Delegates may nominate substitutes from submitted entries, based on the indoor rankings.
 - 1.1.6. Final entries for the combined events as confirmed by the Technical Delegates shall be made and confirmed by the participating countries together with all other entries for the Championships on the forms provided (EAA Regulation 203.7).

PROCEDURES

- 2.1. Outdoor Rankings: The EAA Secretariat shall compile a list of the 50 best European athletes in Decathlon and Heptathlon of the preceding outdoor season. The member federations shall forward their national best performance lists to the EAA Secretariat as soon as possible but not later than 31 October of the year preceding the event.
- 2.2. Member Federations shall make preliminary entries of athletes qualified according to the outdoor rankings before 31 December of the year preceding the event. These athletes may be replaced by athletes qualified in the Indoor lists up to 10 days before the competition.

- 2.3. Immediately after 31 December of the year preceding the event a list of ten (10) qualified athletes and five (5) reserves will be forwarded to the member federations concerned for confirmation of participation. The list of confirmed participants and reserves will then be forwarded to the members.
- 2.4. Indoor Rankings: The EAA Secretariat shall compile the ranking list of indoor performances up to and including 10 days before the competition. Member federations shall send their national best performance lists to the EAA Secretariat by fax or e-mail together with their combined events entries at this time.

Entries received after this date will be considered only on the basis of the current indoor season performances.
- 2.5. The Technical Delegates will forward the final list of participants accepted for Heptathlon and Pentathlon to all federations who submitted preliminary entries one day after the closing date for the final entries.