

EAA EUROPEAN CUP COMBINED EVENTS

701. PROMOTION AND RIGHTS

- 701.1. The European Athletic Association (hereinafter EAA) will promote the European Cup in Decathlon for Men and Heptathlon for Women annually.
It is mainly a competition for national teams at which each EAA Member may take part with a men's team in Decathlon and women's team in Heptathlon.
- 701.2. All rights to the European Cup of Combined Events 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.
- 701.3. The participating teams will compete in the Super League, the First League or the Second League. The Second League being divided, if necessary, into several groups in accordance with the following tenets:
- 701.3.1. In principle 8 (eight) teams will compete in the Super League and the First League. The Second League may be a mixed competition of full teams and individual athletes or may be replaced by an individual competition of Decathlon and Heptathlon at which all EAA Members not placed in the Super League or the First League may take part with a maximum of 4 (four) athletes. The grouping shall be based on the previous Cup's results.
Groups may be different for Decathlon and for Heptathlon and venues may also be different for Decathlon and Heptathlon.
 - 701.3.2. The team placed first in the Super League will be the winner of the Cup in Decathlon and Heptathlon, respectively.
 - 701.3.3. The teams placed seventh and eighth in the Super League will be relegated to the First League for the next Cup.
 - 701.3.4. The teams placed first and second in the First League will be promoted to the Super League for the next Cup.
 - 701.3.5. The 2 (two) last teams in the First League will be relegated to the Second League for the next Cup.
 - 701.3.6. The teams placed first in each of the 2 (two) groups of the Second League or the two first placed teams if only one group of the Second League will be promoted to the First League for the next Cup.
- 701.4. In the case that teams, qualified for any league, are not entered in the European Cup concerned, all necessary decisions related to that Cup and the next Cup shall be made by the EAA Council on the proposal of the EAA Executive Committee.

702. PROGRAMME AND SCORING

- 702.1. The events of the Decathlon and of the Heptathlon shall be held on 2 (two) consecutive days, normally on Saturday and Sunday, and in accordance with the applicable Rules of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF).
- 702.2. The division of the events between these 2 (two) days and their order on each day will be as provided by the IAAF rules concerning Decathlon and Heptathlon.

702.3. Performances achieved by the athletes will be scored using the International Scoring Tables.

The total sum of points obtained by the best 3 (three) athletes from each team will be used to establish the final order of the teams. Any team which has got less than 3 (three) athletes to score individually shall not figure in the final order of the teams.

In case of a tie in the overall total of points, the teams concerned will be placed according to the total of the individual placings achieved by their 3 (three) best athletes in a specific ranking excluding the fourth athlete of each team and athletes scoring individually.

If the tie still exists, the team having the athlete with the highest total of points in the individual order shall be placed before the other team(s).

703. ENTRIES AND CONFIRMATIONS

703.1. All EAA Members placed in any respective group shall be invited to participate in the Cup competitions.

These invitations, in one of the official languages of the EAA, shall be sent by the Organising Member at least 6 (six) months before the respective European Cup competition.

703.2. Competitors shall comply with the eligibility qualifications for Area Games, Championships or Cups as set out in the IAAF rules.

703.3. No athlete may compete in the European Cup of Combined Events unless entered by an EAA Member Federation.

703.4. Each EAA Member may enter 1 (one) men's team and 1 (one) women's team. In the Super League and First League each team shall consist of not less than 3 (three) and not more than four (4) male athletes (in Decathlon) and/or female athletes (in Heptathlon). In the Second League each country may enter up to 4 (four) male athletes (in Decathlon) and/or up to 4 (four) female athletes (in Heptathlon).

703.5. Member Federations shall enter their teams for the following European Cup on special forms issued by the EAA Office.

For the Second League the maximum number of athletes to compete shall be mentioned on the entry form.

703.6. Final entries indicating the names of the athletes and their performances in the current year plus the names of officials must arrive at the Organising Member not later than 10 (ten) days before the first day of the competition.

All Member Federations must, on the Final Entry Form, describe their team uniform, (competition attire and warm-up attire), including the colours and permitted advertising (preferably attaching a photograph). All athletes of the team shall wear the described attires.

703.7. Final declaration and confirmation: Final declaration of athletes and confirmation of entries must be made according to the procedures defined in the Team Manual.

After the Technical Meeting changes due to injury, illness or other uncontrollable matter will be possible until the beginning of the first event, provided that the Technical Delegate has been previously informed and has accepted the changes.

704. APPLICATIONS FOR STAGING THE EUROPEAN CUP OF COMBINED EVENTS

- 704.1. Applications to stage the European Cup in any of the 3 (three) leagues, must be sent by the EAA Members in order to reach the EAA Secretariat not later than the 15th July, 1 (one) year before the year of the staging of the competition.
- 704.2. Applications shall be submitted on the official EAA application forms in English and shall be accompanied by:
- 704.2.1. the undertaking of the EAA Member in question to respect all the IAAF and EAA Rules and Regulations (for the Super League by signing such contract with the EAA as the EAA shall require (Member Agreement),
 - 704.2.2. the official endorsement of the City in which the competition is to be held and an undertaking of the Government of the Member Federation to allow entry to and exit from the country to all EAA Officials, participating athletes and team officials and the media representatives as well as free import and re-export of all designated competition equipment and service to the event,
 - 704.2.3. a description of the competition stadium, of the warming-up and training facilities and of all the other technical installations which are necessary for staging of the competition,
 - 704.2.4. a written guarantee that all official sites connected with the European Cup, including the stadium and hotels, will be free of all commercial and non-commercial advertising, identification and/or franchises,
 - 704.2.5. for the Super League and the First League, 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,
 - 704.2.6. a budget for the total organisation of the event,
 - 704.2.7. such other information as the EAA shall require.
 - 704.2.8. For the competitions of the Second League, the information mentioned above in 704.2.3., 704.2.4. and 704.2.5. may consist of a résumé.
- 704.3. An application may be regarded as invalid if it does not conform in every respect with the conditions set out in this clause 704. including satisfactory completion in full of the EAA application form.

705. THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE EAA

- 705.1. The EAA Council shall:
- 705.1.1. approve the regulations of the European Cup of Combined Events,
 - 705.1.2. decide, on the proposal of the EAA Executive Committee, upon the:
 - allocation of the European Cup Combined Events competitions to the EAA Members,
 - venues and dates of the European Cup Combined Events competitions,
 - groupings for the First and Second Leagues.

In principle all the Cup competitions shall be held on the same dates to be fixed by the EAA Council at its spring session 1 (one) year before the year in which the European Cup is to take place,

- 705.1.3. provide each Organising Member with the list of the EAA Members to be invited,
- 705.1.4. appoint, on the proposal of the EAA Executive Committee, the EAA Officiating Persons

For the Super League

- 1 (one) Council Delegate,
- 1 (one) Technical Delegate,
- 1 (one) Doping Control Delegate, which is not domiciled in the host country
- a Jury of Appeal consisting of 3 (three) persons among which shall be at least 1 (one) member of the EAA Council,
- 2 (two) International/Area Technical Officials selected from the IAAF/EAA lists and domiciled in Europe.

For the First and Second League:

- 1 (one) Council Delegate,
- 1 (one) Technical Delegate,
- 1 (one) Doping Control Delegate, which is not domiciled in the host country
- a Jury of Appeal of 3 (three) persons.

- 705.1.5. have general charge of the supervision of, and ultimate authority over, the European Cups which are to be conducted in conformity with the technical rules of the IAAF,
- 705.1.6. decide, on the proposal of the Technical Delegate, upon the timetable of the European Cup competitions,
- 705.1.7. decide on the choice of implements to be used,
- 705.1.8. determine the number of doping tests,
- 705.1.9. approve all contracts, the budget and the general financial proposals for the European Cups,
- 705.1.10. approve the costs for accommodation and board and the level of the EAA subvention, at least 1 (one) year before the date of the European Cup of Combined Events,
- 705.1.11. approve the design of the symbol, official mascot and commemorative medals of the Super League competitions at the autumn session 1 (one) year before the Cup of Combined Events,
- 705.1.12. amend, if necessary, these regulations, provided such amendments are reported to the Congress at the first opportunity.

706. THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE ORGANISING MEMBER

- 706.1. Each EAA Member has the right to apply for staging 1 (one) of the European Cup competitions at a venue within its country.

- 706.2. The Cup competitions - preferably separately in the Super League, the First League and the Second League - are each allocated to a Member of the EAA (Organising Member) who shall be responsible for their complete 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 for which it shall be fully responsible at all times.
- 706.3. 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.
- 706.4. The Organising Member, in agreement with the Local Organising Committee, has the right and duty to appoint all national referees, judges and other technical officials. The Organising Member shall guarantee their competence.
- 706.5. 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.

707. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Organising Member

- 707.1. The Organising Member shall receive the income from
- the subvention from the EAA (Regulation 705.1.12),
 - the sale of the entrance tickets,
 - other subventions and donations from national and local authorities.
- 707.2. The Organising Member shall be responsible for all costs of the European Cup, 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.
- 707.3. 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 board and lodging of:
- 707.3.1. the Technical Delegate for a period normally commencing not more than 3 (three) days before the competition and ending the day after the competition,
 - 707.3.2. the Doping Control Delegate for a period commencing 2 (two) days before the opening of the competition and ending the day after the competition,
 - 707.3.3. the Members of the Jury of Appeal for a period of not more than 2 (two) days longer than the total duration of the competition,
 - 707.3.4. the 2 (two) International/Area Technical Officials (at the Super League competitions only) for a period of not more than 2 (two) days longer than the total duration of the competition.

- 707.3.5. The Organising Member in co-operation with the Local Organising Committee shall be responsible for the board and lodging of the Technical Delegate during site visits whenever he/she deems it necessary for the successful staging of the European Cup Combined Events.
- 707.4. The Organising Member/LOC shall make their best endeavours to procure the lowest possible costs concerning travel, accommodation, etc., however, consistent with required standards of quality.
- 707.4.1. The Organising Members of the Second League of the European Cup competitions shall conclude agreements with their respective national or private Television companies for a transmission of the competition. These negotiations should be carried through directly by the Organising Member or Local Organising Committee and shall endeavour to obtain the best possible financial gains for the Organising Member.
- 707.4.2. The final balance sheet including all the European Cup competitions shall be prepared by the Treasurer of the EAA. The Organising Members must retain the original vouchers of all expenses for 12 (twelve) months for possible examination by the Treasurer of the EAA.

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

- 707.5. 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 must be met by the Organising or Participating Member(s) as appropriate.
- 707.6. The EAA Council shall approve the accommodation costs, all taxes included, and the EAA subvention to the Local Organising Committee.
- 707.7. The EAA shall pay a contribution to the travelling costs in accordance with Rule 707.8. based on the number of miles covered by the visiting teams.
- 707.8. The EAA shall bear the board and lodging expenses of the visiting teams at the venue of the competition for not more than the number of competition days plus 2 (two) for up to 4 (four) athletes and 2 (two) officials from each participating men's and women's team. For those countries with 1 (one) or 2 (two) competitor(s) either in Decathlon or in Heptathlon only 1 (one) official may be considered for the purpose of this regulation. The lodging as well as the board (in quality and quantity) should be in accordance with the usual standards of the major international competitions.
- 707.9. 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.

- 707.10. The EAA and/or its Marketing Consultants retain the right to approve all agreements in relation to the marketing activities of the LOC.
- 707.11. The EAA is responsible for the travelling expenses of the Technical Delegate when he/she pays visit to the venue in the preparation of the staging of the European Cup Combined Events whereas the LOC is responsible for the board and lodging.

The participating Members

- 707.12. 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 707.7. and 707.8. in these Regulations.
- 707.13. If a Member of the EAA finds it impossible to participate with 1 (one) of its entered teams, it must inform the Secretariat of the EAA and the Organising Member so that both are aware of this not later than 30 (thirty) days before the first day of the competition.
If this double declaration is not made or if it is made too late, the respective EAA Member shall pay an amount of 1000 (one thousand) Swiss Francs per team to the EAA, which sum shall then be transferred to the Organising Member to compensate for the expenses inflicted on the latter.
- 707.14. 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.

708. THE EAA OFFICIATING PERSONS

- 708.1. The President, the Director General, the Treasurer together with the appointed Technical Delegate shall have the general supervision of the European Cup of Combined Events.

The appointment of the Council Delegate, of the Technical Delegate, of the Doping Control Delegate, of the Members of Juries of Appeal as well as the International/Area Technical Officials shall be made at the autumn session of the EAA Council in the year preceding the staging of the European Cup.

The delegates 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.

- 708.2. 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).
- 708.3. The Technical Delegate shall be the EAA Council representative with the following tasks on which he or she will submit a report to the EAA Council whenever the latter deems it necessary.

In conjunction with the Local Organising Committee, which shall afford him all necessary help, the Technical Delegate:

- is 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,
- is responsible for all technical and administrative arrangements necessary for staging the European Cup competition,
- shall control entries and can reject them for technical reasons (rejections for other reasons must be approved by the EAA Council),
- will, in exceptional circumstances, be solely authorized to change the adopted timetable of events for technical reasons and if absolutely necessary,
- shall arrange the composition of races and the allocation of lanes in running events as well as the composition of groups and the order of competition in field events according to EAA Guidelines,

708.4. Marketing Delegate: not applicable

708.5. Media Delegate: not applicable

708.6. The Doping Control Delegate, appointed for the Super League, First League and Second League competitions, is responsible for the doping control and shall act in accordance with the respective IAAF Regulations and Guidelines.

708.7. The Jury of Appeal:
shall observe the conduct of the European Cup competitions, shall act in conformity with the IAAF rules concerning the Jury of Appeal and shall make the final decisions concerning protests.

708.8. At the Super League competition, 1 (one) International/Area Technical Official shall be assigned for Decathlon and 1 (one) for Heptathlon.
They shall act in conformity with the IAAF rules concerning the International Technical Officials.

708.9. No EAA Officiating Person may be a Member of the national delegation of his or her country.

709. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

709.1. The European Cup competitions shall be held in a stadium which must be fully equipped in conformity with the respective IAAF rules. There shall be a track of synthetic material with at least 6 (six) and if possible 8 (eight) lanes.
There should be at least 2 (two) facilities for each field event except javelin throw.

709.2. Approved fully automatic timing equipment, photo-finish installations and electronic scoreboards must be provided and shall be used at all leagues' competitions.
At Super League competitions, starting blocks shall be fitted with approved false-start detection apparatus.
Approved electronical measuring and video tape recording equipment must be provided and used.

It is recommended that such equipment is provided for First and Second League competitions also.

- 709.3. 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. Such implements must conform to IAAF Regulations.
- 709.4. For the distribution of the heats and groups the Guidelines for the lanes and starting orders shall be taken into consideration as distributed by the EAA Secretariat.
- 709.5. In the high jump and the pole vault, athletes shall be divided into at least 2 (two) groups. The groups shall be formed by the Technical Delegate, so that the known performances of the athletes in each group are as similar as possible. In each group, the cross-bar shall be successively placed at the same heights which shall be as follows:
- High Jump Decathlon by 3 cm throughout the whole competition with a compulsory height of 1.80 m.
 - Pole Vault Decathlon by 10 cm throughout the whole competition with a compulsory height of 4.00 m.
 - High Jump Heptathlon by 3 cm throughout the whole competition with a compulsory height of 1.60 m.
- 709.6. The day before the first day of the 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.

710. DOPING CONTROL REGULATIONS

- 710.1. Doping control shall be conducted in accordance with the respective IAAF Rules and Guidelines and shall be carried out under the following conditions:
- 710.1.1. 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.
- 710.1.2. The Doping Control Delegate shall in accordance with the IAAF Rules and Guidelines for Doping Control decide which placings from which events are selected for doping control and may, however, require any athlete he or she deems necessary to present himself or herself for a doping test.
- 710.1.3. The results of the testing of samples shall be notified immediately by the testing laboratory to the Director General of the EAA and by copy to the IAAF Secretariat. If testing results are in apparent violation of the IAAF rules, the EAA Director General shall act as laid down in said rules.

711. CEREMONIES, AWARDS AND SOUVENIRS

- 711.1. The stadium shall be decorated with the official flags of the countries of the participating EAA Members and the EAA Flag.
- 711.2. Opening Ceremony:
There shall be a simple opening ceremony including the playing of the national anthem of the host country.
- 711.3. Closing Ceremony:
The Closing Ceremony shall consist of:
- 711.3.1. for the Super League:
- the entrance of the teams, in the order of their final position, behind the shields with the names of their countries as above and the flags of their countries,
 - the announcement of the result of the team competition and the presentation of the European Cup to the winning team in the men's competition as well as in the women's competition by the President of the EAA or his representative, the presentation being followed by the National Anthem of the country of the winning team,
- 711.3.2. for the First and Second Leagues:
- the announcement of the result of the team competition without any further ceremony.
- 711.4. At all competitions of the European Cups the participants in each event may be presented to the spectators.
- 711.5. Souvenirs: All participants and officials shall be presented with a commemorative medal.

712. INFORMATION, NAMES AND ABBREVIATIONS

- 712.1. All information shall be printed, displayed or announced in English.
- 712.2. In every kind of information item, bulletin, competition document and on official occasions the names 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.

713. FINAL PROVISIONS

- 713.1. All matters not provided by these Regulations shall be submitted to the EAA Council for decision.
- 713.2. These Regulations are drawn up in the official language of the EAA - English.