

## PRINCIPLES FOR THE SELECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF EUROPEAN ATHLETICS WALKING PERMIT MEETINGS

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### 1. Objectives

- 1.1. To promote in particular walking events within Europe.
- 1.2. To maintain an official system of co-operation and liaison between the European Athletics, the IAAF, the Member Federations and the Walking Meeting Organisers.
- 1.3. To give a certain number of Walking Meetings a higher status they apply for.
- 1.4. To provide an incentive for Walking Meeting Organisers to strive for a greater status for their Meeting.
- 1.5. To protect the Meetings on the European Calendar.
- 1.6. To ensure observance of standard conditions, as specified below, by the European Athletics.

### 2. Procedure of making an Application

Applications for European Athletics Status shall be submitted on the appropriate Form by the Member Federations to the European Athletics Secretariat by September of the year preceding that of the meeting.

### 3. How to apply for Up-grading

- 3.1. European Athletics will only consider applications for European Athletics Status from those Walking Meetings that have previously held an International Meeting with National Permit status for a minimum of one (1) year.
- 3.2. Any Member Federation applying for an upgrading of status shall submit, in its application, results of the last meeting and details which support such up-grading in accordance with the requirements of status detailed below.

### 4. Guidelines for Selection and Scoring of European Athletics Walking Invitation Meetings

- 4.1. In principle a total of ten (10) European Athletics Meetings may be held in any one calendar year (January 1st - December 31st) in which at least six (6) IAAF Member Federations, four (4) from them must be European Members, must compete per Meeting.
- 4.2. An average ranking list of the past 3 years of all the applicants shall be drawn up and used as guide. In order to grant Meetings so far held with National Permit the European Athletics Status, the results of the last one or two years shall be taken into consideration. The score of each individual Meeting will be obtained by adding the points of the ten (10) best results men and women (seniors and juniors) of the meeting's three (3) top events. The performances will be evaluated according to the IAAF scoring tables.
- 4.3. The first 5 of this ranking will have, in principle, automatic right to the status of European Athletics International Invitation Walking Meeting in the following year.
- 4.4. The other 5 will be chosen according to the following items:
  - a) Position in the ranking
  - b) Tradition of the meeting
  - c) The consistent excellence of the meeting's National Federation concerned
  - d) Geographic position.
  - e) Position on the Calendar.

## 5. Guidelines of Scheduling

- 5.1. Two European Athletics Walking Meetings may not be staged on the same day.
- 5.2. In principle, not more than one (1) European Athletics Walking Meeting may be staged in the same town in any one year.

## 6. Principles of Distribution

Normally one (1) European Athletics Meeting and a maximum of two (2) European Athletics Meetings can be staged in any one country depending on their consistent excellence and their tradition, unless exceptional circumstances prevail which persuade the European Athletics Council to decide upon further addition(s).

## 7. Programme

The programme must include a minimum of three events - an event for men (10km, 20km, 30km or 50km), an event for women (5km, 10km or 20km) and an event for juniors men (10 or 20km) or women (5km or 10km). Any change made to the Programme must be immediately notified by the Meeting organiser:

- to the European Athletics Secretariat
- to the Member Federation concerned.

## 8. Reporting Procedure

- 8.1. Following each European Athletics Meeting, the designed European Athletics Delegate shall be required to submit a written report concerning the staging of the Meeting. This report including the results and doping control forms shall be forwarded to the European Athletics Secretariat not later than 10 days after the Meeting.
- 8.2. A copy of the Report received by European Athletics, shall also be given to the Meeting Director concerned. One set of the results shall be directed to the European Athletics statistician.
- 8.3. The analysis of these reports will assist in determining the status of the Meetings in the following year.

## 9. Requirements of Status of European Athletics Meetings

- 9.1. The Meeting Organiser must be the National Federation or a Member of the National Federation, and must agree to abide by the Rules of the IAAF and European Athletics.
- 9.2. At least one person from the National Federation, selected in agreement with the Organising Committee, must be co-opted onto the Organising Committee for the purposes of liaison.
- 9.3. An Official Delegate, appointed by European Athletics shall be received. This Delegate shall be experienced in walking and shall be ready to give assistance when required. He shall supervise the Meeting, is responsible for the doping control and is at the same time an Advertising Commissioner to check the observation of the IAAF Advertising Regulations.  
Normally the Delegate should not be a citizen of the country where the Meeting is held but should come whenever possible from a neighbouring country. The organiser shall pay the travel and accommodation costs of the European Athletics Delegate for up to three days.
- 9.4. A minimum of three Walking Judges from the Level II or III Panel shall act at the Meeting. If necessary, the organiser shall pay the travel and accommodation costs for up to three walking judges. One of them must be from another country than the host country.
- 9.5. Liability insurance must be taken out in conformity with Athletes, Officials and Spectators.

- 9.6. Doping control tests, normally five (5) at each meeting, shall be conducted at random, and analysis must be performed at an WADA accredited laboratory, in accordance with the WADA and IAAF guidelines. The analysis reports shall be directly submitted by the laboratory to the European Athletics Secretariat and as a copy to the IAAF Secretariat. The costs of the control, the despatch of samples and their analysis will be borne by the Meeting Organiser.
- 9.7. Medical services shall be provided as:
  - on-site emergency aid
  - on-site physiotherapy
- 9.8. Food and accommodation standards should correspond to normal international level.
- 9.9. Local transport shall be provided from airport to lodgings, to Training Areas and to the Competition Venue for all athletes.
- 9.10. The circuit must be closed to traffic and comply with IAAF Rules.
- 9.11. The Programme of events according paragraph 7 must be submitted to the European Athletics Secretariat with the Application Form.
- 9.12. Athletes from 5 foreign countries representing at least 10% of the total number of participants or minimum 10 athletes from abroad must be present, excluding those from the Host Nation.
- 9.13.1. All payments shall be effected in accordance with IAAF Rules.