

## **PRINCIPLES FOR THE SELECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF WORLD ATHLETICS COMBINED EVENTS TOUR/EUROPE SILVER AND BRONZE MEETINGS**

*(as of September 2023)*

### **1. Objectives**

- 1.1 To support sub top 20 Senior and U23 athletes, who may face difficulties to be invited in World Challenge meetings and offer them opportunities to compete at international level and achieve qualification standards/criteria for major Championships and in terms of U23 athletes also an improved pathway in their long-term development to senior level.
- 1.2 To provide an incentive for meeting organisers to offer competition opportunities to international athletes.
- 1.3 To offer approx. six (6) competitions/year spread all over Europe and all over the outdoor season
- 1.4 To ensure observance of standard conditions, as specified below, by European Athletics.

### **2. Procedure of making an Application**

- 2.1 Applications for WA Combined Events Tour/EUROPE Silver and Bronze, shall be submitted on the appropriate form by the Member Federations to the European Athletics Office by the deadline set of the year preceding that of the meeting. The potential date for the next two editions of the meeting shall be included in the form.
- 2.2 European Athletics will at first consider applications for European Combined Events Challenge status from those meetings that have previously held an international meeting with National or Area status, or meeting organisers with experience at international level.

### **3. Guidelines for Selection of European Combined Events Challenge Meetings**

- 3.1 European Athletics will grant the status of WA Combined Event Tour/Europe Silver or Bronze to approx. six (6) competitions per year.
- 3.2 Applying meetings will be chosen according to the following items:
  - Fulfil the requirements as Appendix A
  - Evaluation report by Panel
  - Position in the World Athletics Competition Performance Rankings
  - Tradition of the meeting
  - Consistent excellence of the meeting's National Federation concerned
  - Geographic position
  - Period of the season
- 3.3 All Silver Meetings accepted will receive from EA subvention grant of 5.000€ and Bronze Meetings 2.500€

### **4. Guidelines of Scheduling**

- 4.1. In principle, more than one (1) European Combined Events Challenge meeting may be staged on the same date in a different not neighbouring country.
- 4.2 Only one meeting/country can be part of the European Combined Events Challenge.

### **5. Reporting Procedure**

- 5.1. Following each meeting the meeting organiser must submit a written report concerning the organisation and staging of the meeting (including final account, payment confirmation, any other relevant information) to the European Athletics Office no later than 14 days after the meeting.
- 5.2. 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 Office not later than 10 days after the meeting attended.
- 5.3. The analysis of these reports will assist the Evaluation Panel in determining the status of a meeting the following year.
- 5.4 European Athletics may reduce the amount of the financial grant based on analysis of these reports in case the below conditions are not fully fulfilled.

### **6. Status Requirements for WA Combined Events Tour Europe Silver and Bronze (complementing Appendix A)**

- 6.1. The meeting organiser must be the National Federation or a Member of the National Federation and must agree to abide by the Rules of World Athletics and European Athletics.

- 6.2. In case the National Federation is not the meeting organiser a strong cooperation and communication between both organisations must be established.
- 6.3. An official Delegate, appointed by European Athletics, shall be received by the meeting organiser. This Delegate shall be experienced in technical matters and shall be ready to give technical assistance when required. He/she shall supervise the meeting, is responsible for the correct conduct of the doping controls and adherence to the World Athletics advertising rules and regulations. Normally the Delegate(s) should not be a citizen of the country where the meeting is held. The organiser shall pay the travel and accommodation costs for the duration of the meeting and one additional night including costs for visa (if applicable).
- 6.4. Meeting Organisers must sign a liability insurance policy, in favour of the athletes, officials and spectators, to cover risks for which they may be retained liable and present a copy to European Athletics. It is recommended that other insurance policy should be signed against the risks of cancellation. Athletes must cover their own insurance for accident.
- 6.5. Doping control tests shall be conducted on random/target selection basis, and analysis must be performed at the allocated WADA accredited laboratory, in accordance with the WADA standards and World Athletics guidelines. The organiser must take care of dispatching the samples to the laboratory. The analysis reports shall be directly submitted by the laboratory to European Athletics Office and a copy to the World Athletics Anti-Doping department. The costs of the control (incl. personnel), the dispatch of samples and their analysis must be borne by the Meeting Organiser.
- 6.6. Medical services shall be provided as indicated in Appendix A.
- 6.7. Food and accommodation standards should correspond to normal international level according to Appendix A.
- 6.8. Local transport shall be provided from airport to hotel, to training areas and to the competition venue for all athletes.
- 6.9. All equipment and implements shall meet World Athletics technical rules in force at the time of the meeting.
- 6.10. In the case of European Records, all documentation necessary for the ratification must be forwarded to European Athletics not later than one month after the competition. It is therefore recommended that all required papers are completed during the competition and signed by the responsible officials. In doing this, all the necessary material can then be collated and sent without delay to the national federation for approval. Meeting organisers shall consult the current European Record lists before the competition and obtain the appropriate European Record Application Forms from the European Athletics Website: [www.european-athletics.org](http://www.european-athletics.org).
- 6.11. Minimum 8 men and 8 women ranked in the top 50 European List (or top 20 U23 European list) of the current or precedent seasons from 6 different countries excluding the host nation should take part. Failure to meet the above thresholds will make the meeting organiser liable for financial sanctions unless it can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Evaluation Panel that the situation was caused by athletes' cancellation or any other cause beyond control.
- 6.12. All negotiations for athletes to compete shall be conducted with Authorised Athlete Representatives (or with Member Federations or with athletes individually). All payments shall be done in accordance with World Athletics Rules and Regulations within the following timeframe:
- Travel cost reimbursements 90 days
  - Prize money and appearance fees 90 days
- The meeting organiser will maintain copies of all financial documents which may be called for inspection if required by European Athletics.
- 6.13. European Athletics has the right to exclude a meeting according to the evaluation process indicated in Appendix B.
- 6.14. The complete results of the meeting must be uploaded onto the OpenTrack platform within two hours after the conclusion of the meeting and send to World Athletics as well.

## APPENDIX A – MEETING REQUIREMENT CRITERIA

Requirements	SILVER LEVEL	BRONZE LEVEL
Athletes & Countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum 8 men and 8 women ranked in the top 50 European List (or top 20 U23 European list) of the current or precedent seasons from 6 different countries excluding the host nation should take part.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum 8 men and 8 women ranked in the top 50 European List (or top 20 U23 European list) of the current or precedent seasons from 6 different countries excluding the host nation should take part.</li> </ul>
Technical facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comply with World Athletics Rules</li> <li>Video board(s) (recommended)</li> <li>2 infield timing boards (recommended)</li> <li>One infield scoring board per field event</li> <li>EDM or VDM + automatic false start apparatus, full electronic timing</li> <li>Electronic Wind gauge</li> <li>World Athletics track certificate class 2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comply with World Athletics Rules</li> <li>Video board(s) (recommended)</li> <li>2 infield timing boards (recommended)</li> <li>One infield scoring board per field event</li> <li>EDM or VDM + automatic false start apparatus, full electronic timing</li> <li>Electronic Wind gauge</li> <li>World Athletics track certificate class 2</li> </ul>
Equipment & Implements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All equipment &amp; implements must be World Athletics certified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All equipment &amp; implements must be World Athletics certified</li> </ul>
International Officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Technical Delegate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Technical Delegate</li> </ul>
Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3-star hotel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3-star hotel</li> </ul>
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On site for athletes and officials</li> <li>Flights for Delegate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On site for athletes and officials</li> <li>Flights for Delegate</li> </ul>
Medical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physiotherapy service starting 48h before (during office hours)</li> <li>First aid ambulance at event</li> <li>Doctor/Physician on site</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physiotherapy service starting 48h before (during office hours)</li> <li>First aid ambulance at event</li> <li>Doctor/Physician on site</li> </ul>
Anti-Doping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum 4 doping controls</li> <li>Separate control rooms for men &amp; women</li> <li>Dedicated transport for athletes undergoing doping control</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum 3 doping controls</li> <li>Separate control rooms for men &amp; women</li> <li>Dedicated transport for athletes undergoing doping control</li> </ul>
Online Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum highlights/live streaming</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum highlights/live streaming</li> </ul>
Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tribune with dedicated seats</li> <li>Regular press releases (min 2)</li> <li>Photographers to have access to WIFI or internet access in the media working area</li> <li>Press conference (recommended)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tribune with dedicated seats</li> <li>Regular press releases (min 2)</li> <li>Photographers to have access to WIFI or internet access in the media working area</li> <li>Press conference (recommended)</li> </ul>

Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dedicated website</li> <li>• Start list and immediate/Live results on website</li> <li>• CE Silver logo &amp; European Athletics corporate logo on the opening page, visible at all times (together with the institutional logos and/or separate from sponsor logos)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dedicated website</li> <li>• Start list and immediate/Live results on website</li> <li>• CE Bronze logo &amp; European Athletics corporate logo on the opening page, visible at all times (together with the institutional logos and/or separate from sponsor logos)</li> </ul>																																							
Budget & Financial obligations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prize money budget minimum 5'000 EUR per event</li> <li>• Payments according to point 6.12</li> <li>• The meeting organiser will cover the full board accommodation costs (4 nights) of minimum 8 Men + 8 Women foreign athletes ranked in the top 50 European List (or top 20 U23 European list) of the current or precedent seasons.</li> <li>• Local transportation for athletes, coaches, managers</li> <li>• Doping control organisation &amp; analysis</li> <li>• Audited accounts of the previous year</li> <li>• Detailed budget including prize money structure and travel &amp; accommodation of appointed officials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prize money budget minimum 2'500 EUR per event</li> <li>• Payments according to point 6.12</li> <li>• The meeting organiser will cover the full board accommodation costs (4 nights) of minimum 8 Men + 8 Women foreign athletes ranked in the top 50 European List (or top 20 U23 European list) of the current or precedent seasons.</li> <li>• Local transportation for athletes, coaches, managers</li> <li>• Doping control organisation &amp; analysis</li> <li>• Audited accounts of the previous year</li> <li>• Detailed budget including prize money structure and travel &amp; accommodation of appointed officials</li> </ul>																																							
Prize Money before tax (gross)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exact prize money structure must be sent to European Athletics for approval at the latest 3 months before the meeting and should be published on meeting website 30 days before competition.</li> <li>• Total prize money budget must be paid to athletes for ranked performance during the meeting</li> <li>• Prize money does NOT include appearance fee and/or any bonus</li> <li>• Minimum prize money: <table data-bbox="504 1037 1153 1157"> <tr> <td>1<sup>st</sup> Place</td> <td>1500</td> <td>EUR</td> <td>5<sup>th</sup> Place</td> <td>500</td> <td>EUR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</td> <td>800</td> <td>EUR</td> <td>6<sup>th</sup> Place</td> <td>400</td> <td>EUR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</td> <td>700</td> <td>EUR</td> <td>7<sup>th</sup> Place</td> <td>300</td> <td>EUR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4<sup>th</sup> Place</td> <td>600</td> <td>EUR</td> <td>8<sup>th</sup> Place</td> <td>200</td> <td>EUR</td> </tr> </table> </li> </ul>	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	1500	EUR	5 <sup>th</sup> Place	500	EUR	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	800	EUR	6 <sup>th</sup> Place	400	EUR	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	700	EUR	7 <sup>th</sup> Place	300	EUR	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	600	EUR	8 <sup>th</sup> Place	200	EUR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exact prize money structure must be sent to European Athletics for approval at the latest 3 months before the meeting and should be published on meeting website 30 days before competition.</li> <li>• Total prize money budget must be paid to athletes for ranked performance during the meeting</li> <li>• Prize money does NOT include appearance fee and/or any bonus</li> <li>• Minimum prize money: <table data-bbox="1377 1037 1624 1181"> <tr> <td>1<sup>st</sup> Place</td> <td>1000</td> <td>EUR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</td> <td>600</td> <td>EUR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</td> <td>400</td> <td>EUR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4<sup>th</sup> Place</td> <td>300</td> <td>EUR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5<sup>th</sup> Place</td> <td>200</td> <td>EUR</td> </tr> </table> </li> </ul>	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	1000	EUR	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	600	EUR	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	400	EUR	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	300	EUR	5 <sup>th</sup> Place	200	EUR
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## APPENDIX B - EVALUATION

1. World Athletics Combined Events Tour/Europe Silver and Bronze meetings will be evaluated, ranked and monitored by an Evaluation Panel:
  - A European Athletics Council Member
  - A meeting event organiser
  - An athlete representative
  - An Event & Competition Commission member
  - Eventually other appointed experts
  
2. Meetings will be evaluated on factors that are within their control. For example, no meeting will be penalised for poor athlete performances if it is obvious that weather conditions were difficult.
  
- 4.1. The following criteria will be closely controlled and integrated in the annual evaluation:
  - Communication with EA Delegate/EA Office
  - Liability Insurance
  - Medical services
  - Quality of food / accommodation / transport services
  - Technical Facilities (equipment & implements)
  - Technical Conduct
  - Requirements about participating athletes and countries
  - Athletes' payment
  - Event presentation
  - Advertising rules
  - TV Production & coverage/ live streaming
  - Video screens
  - Media services (web & results)
  - Budget
  - Prize money structure

## APPENDIX C – DEDUCTIONS

In case of non-compliance with criteria, following deductions will apply.

Section	Permit Agreement	Bronze Deductions (in CHF)	Silver Deductions (in CHF)
2.3	To display logos as specified above on all printed and other promotional material related to the Meeting in accordance with the directions of EA	125	250
2.4	To make available and produce at least two advertising boards, one of 12x1m being in prime TV view along the back straight (european-athletics.org) at the venue of the Meeting for the entire duration of the Meeting and one of 6x1m being placed in one of the curves (I Run Clean). EA to confirm the content of the board and the production cost of the board to be borne by the organiser	125 each	125 each
2.6.1	To provide all start lists the day before and the final results within two hours after the conclusion of the meeting onto the OpenTrack platform.	125	200
2.7	Not by any act or omission to do anything that could interfere with or damage the rights, entitlements or reputation of the World Athletics or European Athletics	1.250	2.500
6	Silver and Bronze Meetings shall send their proposal of programme of events to EA by 15 March of every year preceding the date of the meeting. If the programme changes after this date without EA authorisation, penalties will apply	500	1.000
	Meeting Organisers must sign a liability insurance policy, in favour of the athletes, officials and spectators, to cover risks for which they may be retained liable and present a copy to European Athletics. It is recommended that other insurance policy should be signed against the risks of cancellation. Athletes have to cover their own insurance for accident	250	500
	Doping control tests shall be conducted on random/target selection basis, and analysis must be performed at the allocated WADA accredited laboratory, in accordance with the WADA standards and World Athletics guidelines. The organiser has to take care of dispatching the samples to the laboratories. The analysis reports shall be directly submitted by the laboratory to European Athletics Office and as a copy to the World Athletics Anti-Doping department. The costs of the control (incl. Personnel), the dispatch of samples and their analysis must be borne by the Meeting Organiser	1.250	2.500

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	The following criteria for the number of participating countries (national, continental, international) will be strictly applied:																																										
	a) Minimum 6 different countries (excluding host country)	250	500																																								
	b) Minimum 8 men and 8 women ranked in the top 50 European List (or top 20 U23 athletes) of the current or precedent seasons per event	250	500																																								
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