

PRINCIPLES FOR THE SELECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF WORLD ATHLETICS INDOOR TOUR SILVER, BRONZE, AND CHALLENGER – EUROPE – BY EUROPEAN ATHLETICS

1. Objectives

- 1.1 To maintain an official system of co-operation and liaison between the European Athletic Association (hereinafter European Athletics), the World Athletics, the Member Federations, the meeting organisers, and the athletes.
- 1.2 To create an understandable link between the meetings.
- 1.3 To implement a recognizable consequence of the results.
- 1.4 To give a clear status to each level of meeting.
- 1.5 To provide an incentive for meeting organisers to strive for a greater status for their meeting.
- 1.6 To protect all categories of meetings on the international calendar.
- 1.7 To ensure equal competition possibilities for each discipline.
- 1.8 To protect athletes by providing categories according to a ranking system.
- 1.9 To ensure observance of standard conditions, as specified below, by European Athletics.

2. Procedure of making an Application

Applications for European Athletics status Silver, Bronze or Challenger must be submitted on the appropriate form by the Member Federations to the European Athletics Office by the deadline set via Circular letter of the year preceding that of the meeting.

3. How to apply for Upgrading

- 3.1. European Athletics will only consider applications for European Athletics Silver and Bronze status from those meetings that have previously held an international meeting with National or Area status for a minimum of one (1) year within the previous two years.
- 3.2. Any Member Federation applying for an upgrading of status must 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 of European Athletics Silver or Bronze Meetings

- 4.1. European Athletics will accept meeting status of levels.
 - a) **European Athletics Silver meetings.** A minimum of six /four lanes track and/or field disciplines is required.
 - b) **European Athletics Bronze meetings.** A minimum of six/four lanes track and/or field disciplines is required.
 - c) **European Athletics Challenger meetings.** A minimum of six/four lanes track and/or field disciplines is required.
 - d) Meetings staging a limited number of events, even in temporary indoor facilities (in which case a certificate of facility compliance must be provided to World Athletics), may apply to be either a Silver Level Meeting, Bronze Level Meeting, Challenger Level Meeting (as applicable to the Meeting), subject to the following conditions:

There can be a maximum of four (4) track and / or field disciplines in total (e.g., minimum 2 events per gender) – in case of more than 4 disciplines, then Rule 8.11 applies.

- 4.2 The requirements for each category are stated in Appendix A.
- 4.3 The ranking, and consequent up-/ downgrading, of each individual meeting will be done through an evaluation process conducted by an Evaluation Panel (details to follow in Appendix B).
 - 4.3.1. The European Athletics Silver and Bronze Label will be chosen according to the following items:
 - Fulfil the requirements for the European Athletics Silver or Bronze meetings.
 - 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
- 4.3.2. Any meeting in Europe which complies with the World Athletics rule 1 must request a permit including the date from European Athletics. Not respecting this regulation will lead to sanctions.

5. Guidelines of Scheduling

- 5.1. The allocated date for any European Athletics meeting is a consequence of the conditions set to obtain a permit. The following conditions will be applied:
 - Protection windows between meetings of the same or even other concerned levels and the same events to avoid any conflicts in the calendar as far as possible.
- 5.2 In principle, not more than one (1) European Athletics One-Day Indoor meeting may be staged in the same town in any one year. The European Athletics Silver meetings have priority.

6. Programme

Silver, Bronze, and Challenger Meetings shall send their proposal of programme of events to European Athletics by 1 October of every year preceding the date of the meeting, and European Athletics shall have the right to include one event in the meeting before a specified date.

Categorisation of disciplines shall be as follows:

- Disciplines with international athletes will score at WA World Ranking according to Label of Meeting
- Disciplines with national athletes will score as E/F label at WA World Ranking

Criteria detailed in point 8.11 and prize money are only applicable for international disciplines.

7. Reporting Procedure

- 7.1 Following each European Athletics 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.
- 7.2 Following each European Athletics meeting, the designated European Athletics Delegate (Silver and Bronze) 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.
- 7.3 The analysis of these reports will assist the Evaluation Panel in determining the status of a meeting the following year.

8. Requirements of Status of European Athletics Meetings (complementing App. A)

- 8.1 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 World Athletics and European Athletics.
- 8.2 In case the National Federation is not the meeting organiser, a strong cooperation and communication between both organisations must be established.
- 8.3 For Silver and Bronze Meetings 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 (for Silver and Bronze meetings) and adherence to the 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 air ticket to the venue and accommodation costs for the duration of the meeting and one additional night (e.g., 1 day event = 2 nights, 2 days event = 2 nights) including costs for visa (if applicable).
- 8.4 Meeting Organisers are recommended to sign a liability insurance policy, in favor 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.



8.5 On Silver and Bronze Meetings, 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 laboratories. The analysis reports shall be directly submitted by the laboratory to European Athletics Office and as a copy to the Athletics Integrity Unit. The costs of the control (incl. Personnel), the Meeting Organiser must bear the dispatch of samples and their analysis.

Required number of doping control tests:

- Indoor Silver Meetings minimum 6 samples (3 samples for meetings with less than 5 events)
- Indoor Bronze Meetings minimum 4 samples (2 samples for meetings with less than 5 events)
- 8.6 Medical services shall be provided as indicated in Appendix A.
- 8.7 Food and accommodation standards should correspond to normal international level according to Appendix A.
- 8.8 Local transport shall be provided from airport to hotel, to training areas and to the competition venue for all athletes.
- 8.9 The Stadium shall meet World Athletics requirements for record purposes (see Rule 31 of the Competition Rules) and the track shall have a synthetic surface. even in temporary indoor facilities (in which case a certificate of facility compliance must be provided to World Athletics).
 - All equipment and implements shall meet World Athletics technical rules in force at the time of the meeting.
- 8.10 In the case of European Records, all documentation necessary for the ratification must be forwarded 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.com.
- 8.11 The following criteria for the number of participating countries (national, continental, international) will be strictly applied (see Appendix A):

Silver and Bronze Meetings

- a) Minimum 6 different countries (including host country)
- b) Minimum 6 athletes per event (60m, LJ, etc.) of which at least 3 for Silver and 2 for Bronze in lane disciplines (running events up to and including 400m), and at least 4 for Silver and 3 for Bronze in all other disciplines are from different European countries
- c) From all participating athletes at the meeting, minimum 50% must be European athletes
- d) Maximum of 4 athletes, excluding the pacemakers, per country can participate at each event: (excluding the host country). In case of 3000/5000m the maximum number of athletes shall be as follows:
 - 3 athletes from one country in each heat of up to 12 athletes for 3000/5000
 - 4 athletes from one country in each heat of 13 to 18 athletes for 3000/5000
- e) Maximum number of athletes, which can run at each heat in 800 to 3000/5000 races are as follows:
 - 800/1000: 10 athletes + pacemaker
 - 1500m/2000m: 16 athletes + pacemaker
 - 3000/5000m: 18 athletes + pacemaker

Challenger Meetings

- a) Minimum 3 different countries (including host country)
- b) Minimum 6 European athletes different than host country
- c) Maximum of following athletes, excluding the pacemakers, per country can participate at each event: (excluding the host country). In case of 3000/5000m the maximum number of athletes shall be as follows:
 - 3 athletes from one country in each heat of up to 12 athletes for 3000/5000
 - 4 athletes from one country in each heat of 13 to 18 athletes for 3000/5000
- d) Maximum number of athletes, which can run at each heat in 800 to 3000/5000 races are as follows:
 - 800/1000: 10 athletes + pacemaker
 - 1500m/2000m: 16 athletes + pacemaker



• 3000/5000m: 18 athletes + pacemaker

Failure to meet the above thresholds will make the meeting organiser liable for 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.

- 8.12 At Silver and Bronze Meetings, travel reimbursement and hotel accommodation including full board for 2 nights must be offered and paid from the organizer to all athletes, according to Appendix A, if the athlete:
 - -is Top 15 at the European List Ranking 2023
 - -start in the same event as he is ranked.

It is also recommended to cover travel and hotel for all invited athletes for the international disciplines.

Prize Money must be paid within 30 days upon receipt of doping control results from World Athletics and of an invoice from the Athletes' Representative

- 8.13 Silver and Bronze Meetings should provide English commentary for the streaming. European Athletics can assist with this requirement. Email to streaming@european-athletics.org
- 8.14 At Silver and Bronze Meetings, EA Infield guidelines must be followed during competition.
- 8.15 Once an athlete (or an AR on their behalf) has accepted a starting place in a World Indoor Tour meet, and subsequently withdraws for any reason 5 days or less before the Meeting, the athlete cannot compete in a World Rankings Competition (including a World Indoor Tour meet) for 5 days following the date of the originally accepted Meeting. For the avoidance of doubt, Organisers must not invite an athlete subject to the 5-day period. If an Organiser discovers they have invited such an athlete and are still within the 5-day period, then they must withdraw their invitation.

The restriction at this Regulation can only be waived with the written acceptance of the Technical Delegate of the Meeting in which the athlete originally accepted to compete in and subsequently withdrew from or if for any reason the Technical Delegate is unable to the World Athletics' Chief Executive Officer (or their nominee). For the avoidance of doubt, withdrawal for genuine reasons (e.g., illness, injury, bereavement, family emergencies etc.) will be presumed acceptable with supporting information.

8.16 At least three days before the Meeting, the Organiser shall provide European Athletics and World Athletics with the provisional Entry List and the Timetable, and at least the evening prior to the Meeting Start List should also be send to European Athletics.

Also, Officials results must be sent to EA and WA Athletics immediately after the conclusion of the meeting

Both Start Lists and official results must be sent to;

European Athletics: media@european-athletics.org

<u>ea-statistics@worldathletics.org</u> <u>meetings@european-athletics.org</u>

and World Athletics: worldathleticsmeetingresults@worldathletics.org

- 8.17 For events of 60m to 800m inclusive, the allocation of lanes will be at the Organiser's discretion, taking into consideration current performances and local conditions.
- 8.18 Competition order of the Field events shall be at discretion of the Organiser.
- 8.19 The Organiser shall respect World Athletics Marketing and Advertising Regulations:

https://worldathletics.org/about-iaaf/documents/book-of-rules

9. Sustainability (Silver and Bronze)

To ensure that all affiliated athletics competitions are aligned with the principles of sustainability articulated in the World Athletics Sustainability Strategy 2020-2030 World Athletics has developed an 'Athletics for a Better World Sustainable Event Standard' ('the Sustainable Event Standard'). Meeting organisers must follow those principles and you can download them in page 13 point 14 of WA Indoor Tour Regulations on World Athletics Website.



APPENDIX A – MEETING REQUIREMENT CRITERIA

Requirements	European Indoor Silver	European Indoor Bronze	European Indoor Challenger
Events & Athletes	 Events as agreed by EA and additional event(s) as requested by EA. 6 countries (including host country) 6 athletes per event, with European athletes at least from 3 different countries in lane disciplines or 4 in other disciplines Per meeting min 50% European athletes Maximum of 4 athletes, excluding the pacemakers, per country can participate at each event (excluding the host country) according to 8.11. Hotel and accommodation with full board for 2 nights for Top 15 ranked athletes Travel reimbursement after agreement for Top 15 ranked athletes. 6/8 lanes (60m). 4/6 lanes (200m), unless otherwise approved by European Athletics. 	 Events as agreed by EA and additional event(s) as requested by EA. 6 countries (including host country) 6 athletes per event, with European athletes at least from 2 different countries in lane disciplines or 3 in other disciplines Per meeting min 50% European athletes Maximum of 4 athletes, excluding the pacemakers, per country can participate at each event (excluding the host country) according to 8.11. Hotel and accommodation with full board for 2 nights for Top 15 ranked athletes Travel reimbursement after agreement for Top 15 ranked athletes. 6/8 lanes (60m). 4/6 lanes (200m), unless otherwise approved by European Athletics. 	 Participating minimum 3 countries (including host country) Per meeting minimum 6 European athletes different than host country Maximum of 4 3 athletes, excluding the pacemakers, per country can participate at each event (excluding the host country) according to 8.11. 6/8 lanes (60m). 4/6 lanes (200m), unless otherwise approved by European
Technical Facilities	 Capacity of 2000, minimum 60% spectator attendance (1200) Video board(s) (minimum size 30m2 in total) 2 infield timing boards (double sided) One infield scoring board per field event. EDM or VDM + automatic false start apparatus, full electronic timing, camera for LJ/TJ World Athletics track certificate Indoor 	 Capacity of 1000, minimum 60% spectator attendance (600) 2 infield timing boards One infield scoring board per field event. Automatic false start apparatus, full electronic timing EDM or VDM, camera for LJ/TJ (recommended) World Athletics track certificate Indoor 	 Athletics.60% spectator attendance (600) 2 infield timing boards (recommended) One infield scoring board per field event. Full electronic timing Automatic false start apparatus (recommended) EDM or VDM, camera for LJ/TJ (recommended) World Athletics track certificate Indoor
Equipment & Implements	All equipment & implements must be World Athletics certified	All equipment & implements must be World Athletics certified	All equipment & implements must be World Athletics certified
International Officials	• 1 Technical Delegate	• 1 Technical Delegate	
Accommodation	• 4-star hotel	• 3-star hotel	
Transportation	On site for athletes and officials Pick up at local airport for invited Athletes and Delegates	On site for athletes and officialsPick up at local airport for invited Athletes and Delegates	



Medical	 Physiotherapy service starting 48h before (during office hours) Doctor/Physician on site First aid ambulance at event (recommended) 	 Physiotherapy service starting 48h before (during office hours) Doctor/Physician on site First aid ambulance at event (recommended) 	Doctor/Physician on site First aid ambulance at event (recommended)
Anti-Doping	Minimum 6 doping controls, 3 if less than 5 events	Minimum 4 doping controls, 2 if less than 5 events	Doping control organization & analysis if requested by Member Federation
TV	 Live TV or Live streaming (English commentary) If less than 5 events: live streaming (English commentary) The livestream is duplicated at official EA platform, wherever possible, to maximize the audience reached 	 20 minutes of highlights on TV or live streaming (English commentary) If less than 5 events: live streaming The livestream is duplicated at official EA platform, wherever possible, to maximize the audience reached 	Streaming is recommended
Media	 Tribune with dedicated seats Regular press releases (min 4) Photographers to have access to WIFI or internet access in the media working area. Press conferences (2 minimum) A link to the live results is to be provided to EA 	 Regular press releases (2 minimum) Press Conference (recommended) A link to the live results is to be provided to EA 	Regular press releases (1 minimum) Press Conference (recommended)
Website	 Dedicated website in English Start list and immediate/Live results on website. Silver logo on the opening page, visible always (together with the institutional logos and/or separate from sponsor logos) 	 Dedicated website in English Start list and immediate/Live results on website. Bronze logo on the opening page, visible always (together with the institutional logos and/or separate from sponsor logos) 	 Dedicated website in English Start list and immediate/Live results on website. Challenger logo on the opening page, visible always (together with the institutional logos and/or separate from sponsor logos)
Budget & Financial obligations	 Total budget 150,000 EUR minimum (incl. prize money). If less than 5 events: total budget 35,000 EUR minimum (incl. prize money) Prize money budget 35,000 EUR minimum for the athletes If less than 5 events: prize money budget minimum 6.000 EUR per event Payments according to point 8.12 Audited accounts of the previous year Detailed budget including prize money structure and travel & accommodation of appointed officials. Local transportation for athletes, coaches, managers Doping control organisation & analysis 	 Total budget 75,000 EUR minimum (incl. prize money) If less than 5 events: Total budget 30,000 EUR minimum (incl. prize money) Prize money budget 15,000 EUR minimum for the athletes If less than 5 events: prize money budget minimum 3.000 EUR per event Payments according to point 8.12 Audited accounts of the previous year Detailed budget including prize money structure and travel & accommodation of appointed officials. Local transportation for athletes, coaches, managers Doping control organisation & analysis 	Prize money budget 6.000 EUR minimum for athletes If less than 5 events: prize money budget minimum 1.000 EUR per event Payments according to point 8.12



- Exact prize money structure must be sent to European Athletics for approval at the latest by 1 November of the preceding year of the meeting and should be published on meeting website 60 days before competition.
- Total prize money budget must be paid to athletes for ranked performance during the meeting.
- Prize money does NOT include appearance fee and/or any bonus.
- Minimum prize money must be:

Prize Money

before tax

(brutto)

Meetings with 5 or more events

"A" prize money system
1st Place 1500 EUR
2nd Place 1000 EUR
3rd Place 700 EUR
4th Place 500 EUR
5th Place 300 EUR
6th place 200 EUR

"B" prize money system

1st Place 900 EUR
2nd Place 600 EUR
3rd Place 400 EUR
4th Place 300 EUR
5th Place 200 EUR
6th Place 100 EUR

Meetings with 4 or less events

1st Place 2000 EUR
2nd Place 1500 EUR
3rd Place 1000 EUR
4th Place 700 EUR
5th Place 500 EUR
6th Place 300 EUR

The organiser must declare until 1 November preceding year to which PM the events are belonging to.

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- Prize money does NOT include appearance fee and/or any bonus.
- Minimum prize money must be:

Meetings with 5 or more events

"A" prize money system
1st Place 700 EUR
2nd Place 500 EUR
3rd Place 300 EUR
4th Place 200 EUR
5th Place 150 EUR

"B" prize money system

1st Place 400 EUR 2nd Place 300 EUR 3rd Place 200 EUR 4th Place 100 EUR

Meetings with 4 or less events

1st Place 1000 EUR
2nd Place 800 EUR
3rd Place 600 EUR
4th Place 400 EUR
5th Place 200 EUR

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European Athletics Logo	Silver logo on all printed materials, TV graphics, and website (linked to European Athletics) European Athletics advertising boards (at least three advertising boards, one of 12x1m being in prime TV view along the back straight "europeanathletics.org", one of 6x1m being placed in one of the curves with "I run clean", and one of 5mx0.5m (usually triangle) placed infield just before the finish line with "WIT category logo"	Bronze logo on all printed materials, TV, graphics, and website (linked to European Athletics) European Athletics advertising boards (at least three advertising boards, one of 12x1m being in prime TV view along the back straight "europeanathletics.org", one of 6x1m being placed in one of the curves with "I run clean", and one of 5mx0.5m (usually triangle) placed infield just before the finish line with "WIT category logo"	Challenger logo on all printed materials, TV, graphics, and website (linked to European Athletics)
Event Presentation	Hardware & Personnel	Hardware & Personnel	Hardware & Personnel (recommended)
Insurance	Liability for Athletes, Officials and Spectators (recommended) Meeting cancellation (recommended)	Liability for Athletes, Officials and Spectators (recommended) Meeting cancellation (recommended)	Liability for Athletes, Officials and Spectators (recommended) Meeting cancellation (recommended)



APPENDIX B - EVALUATION

- 1. European Athletics Indoor 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. A Member Federation can apply one season in advance for an upgrading of its meeting status (according to Principle 3.).
 - 2.1. At the meeting organisers' expense, an evaluation can take place.
 - 2.2. The final decision for an upgrading will be made by the European Athletics Executive Board following the Evaluation Panel recommendation.
- 3. The downgrading of a meeting will also be overseen by the Evaluation Panel, for serious shortcomings in a meeting's performance, this can be with immediate effect at the Evaluation Panel's discretion and final approval of the European Athletics Executive Board.
- 4. Meetings will be evaluated on criteria that are within their control.
 - 4.1 The following criteria will be closely controlled and integrated in the annual evaluation:
 - Mandatory events/Programme
 - Communication with TD/EA Liability Insurance
 - · Medical services Quality of food
 - Quality of accommodation Quality of transport services
 - Technical Facilities (equipment & implements) Technical Conduct
 - Requirements about participating countries
 - Athletes' payment Spectators
 - Time schedule Event presentation Advertising rules
 - TV Production & coverage/ live streaming Video screens
 - Media services (web & results) Budget
 - Prize money structure