

## **EUROPEAN CHAMPION CLUBS CUP CROSS COUNTRY**

### **1301. PROMOTION AND RIGHTS**

- 1301.1. The European Athletic Association (hereinafter European Athletics) shall promote a European Champion Clubs Cup in Cross Country every year for men and women (hereinafter the ECCC Cross Country) as an individual and team competition.
- 1301.2. All rights in and arising from the ECCC Cross Country are the exclusive property of European Athletics. These rights include but are not limited to rights of ownership, marketing, advertising, broadcasting, filming, televising and all or any other means of exploitation. No other entity may exercise any of these rights without the written consent of European Athletics.

### **1302. PROGRAMME, STRUCTURE, ELIGIBILITY AND SCORING**

#### **Programme**

- 1302.1. The ECCC Cross Country shall be staged on 1 (one) day and in accordance with the applicable Competition, Advertising, Doping and other relevant Rules and Regulations of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF).
- 1302.2. The programme shall comprise the following events for Men and Women, to be held, in principle, in the following order:

Junior Women	4,000 m
Junior Men	6,000 m
Senior Women	6,000 m
Senior Men	10,000 m

Note: The distance of the course can be adapted to local conditions (e.g. profile of the course)

#### **Structure & Eligibility**

- 1302.3. The ECCC Cross Country comprises separate competitions for junior and senior men's and women's teams representing the long distance Cross Country national champion clubs of European Athletics Member Federations.

A club is defined as a public or private, permanent organisation of persons jointly participating in, and/or supporting development of, athletics, irrespective of the legal form under which it is organised. To be eligible to participate in an ECCC event, a club must be an affiliated member of, and/or registered by, or otherwise recognised by a written instrument by the Member Federation.

- 1302.3.1. Only clubs recognised by the Member Federation as National Champions of the preceding year are eligible to take part in the ECCC Cross Country. If the champion club is not able to take part then the Member Federation may nominate the second placed club team and so on.
- 1302.3.2. Moreover, the first 3 (three) placed teams of the previous ECCC Cross Country cup competition and the organiser of the event will be invited to compete.

- 1302.3.3. A Club may only select national or foreign athletes to compete in the ECCC Cross Country who are eligible under the Member Federation terms of eligibility at the date in the year in which the ECCC Cross Country is held. Provided that such an athlete is a bona fide member of that club for a period starting at least on 1 January of the year of the ECCC Cross Country.
- 1302.3.4. An athlete cannot compete for 2 different clubs which participate in at least one of the ECCC competitions of the same year.
- 1302.3.5. An athlete may not be declared eligible to compete by two participating clubs. In the event that an athlete does appear on two lists of eligible athletes, then the clubs' respective federations may consult together (before the final entries) to agree for which club the athlete will compete in that competition. In the event there is no agreement between the involved federations, then the athlete will be excluded from that competition.
- 1302.3.6. Selected foreign athletes must comply with the Member Federation's rules of qualification currently in force and must present their resident card or passport.
- 1302.3.7. The number of foreign athletes is strictly limited to one (1) for each club team in ECCC Cross Country.
- 1302.3.8. Member Federations must provide the list of eligible national and foreign athletes to European Athletics by 10 January of the year of the ECCC Cross Country.
- 1302.3.9. The Technical Delegate reserves the right to inspect resident cards or passports
- 1302.4. No athletes aged less than 16 (sixteen) years on 31 December of the year of the competition may compete in the ECCC Cross Country. Each athlete may only be entered in one race of the competition and he/she can only compete in the race for which he/she was entered.
- 1302.5. Only athletes aged from 16 to 19 years on 31 December of the year of the competition may compete in the Junior races.
- 1302.6. Every athlete entered shall, upon request of the Technical Delegate, produce official documentary evidence of his or her date of birth.
- 1302.7. Each Team may enter a maximum of 8 (eight) athletes in each event, of which not less than 4 (four), nor more than 6 (six) shall be allowed to start the race.

### **Scoring**

- 1302.8. Each race shall be scored separately according to 1302.2.
- 1302.9. Each team's score shall be determined by the aggregate of finishing positions achieved by its 4 (four) best placed athletes. If two or more athletes tie for a place in any event, the attributable points shall be divided equally between them.
- 1302.10. A team with fewer than 4 (four) finishing athletes shall not be counted in the team classification.

1302.11. No adjustment to teams' scores shall be made in respect of any non-scoring team members.

1302.12. Teams shall be classified according to their scores, the team in each event having the lowest score being the winner, and so on.

1302.13. A tie shall be decided in favour of the team whose last scoring athlete finishes nearest to first place.

### **1303. ENTRIES AND CONFIRMATION**

1303.1. All European Athletics Members Federations in good standing shall be entitled to participate in the ECCC Cross Country.

1303.2. No athlete may take part in the ECCC Cross Country unless entered by the European Athletics Member Federation which he/she is eligible to represent in accordance with IAAF Rules.

1303.2.1. Participating clubs in the ECCC Cross Country must provide European Athletics with a full set of their club team uniforms until the closing of the final entries and will have the obligation to wear them throughout the competition.

All competitors must wear registered vests of the same design and colour of the club they are representing.

The competition and the warm-up attire of the athletes representing qualified clubs in the ECCC events may have advertising, as permitted, under the regulations of the respective Member Federations. If a Member Federation's regulations differ from IAAF Advertising Regulations in regard to clothing of athletes, Member Federation's regulations shall prevail for the ECCC events, on exceptional basis.

1303.3. Preliminary Entries: Not later than 3 (three) months before the ECCC Cross Country, each Member Federation shall send to European Athletics (usually via the teams' on-line entry system) a preliminary list of athletes, the numbers of accompanying officials, together with their travel details and full contact details

1303.4. Final Entries: Not later than 10 (ten) days before the ECCC Cross Country, each Member Federation shall send to European Athletics a final list of its athletes, plus the names of accompanying officials. Final Entry information shall be supplied in the manner to be prescribed by European Athletics (usually via the teams' on-line entry system) and shall include such details as required by European Athletics, including the names and best performances of each athlete.

1303.5. Final Declarations: Confirmation of the Final Declaration of athletes to compete shall be made according to the procedures defined in the Team Manual.

### **1304. APPLICATIONS TO STAGE THE ECCC CROSS COUNTRY**

1304.1. Any European Athletics Member Federation may apply to stage a ECCC Cross Country provided that the proposed venue and city comply with the criteria established by European Athletics.

Prior to making the formal application, each potential bidder shall participate in the long term planning by indicating the interest in the annual questionnaire signed by the Member Federation President & General Secretary.

European Athletics shall be entitled not to accept any unrealistic announcement or if it was not indicated in the long term planning questionnaire.

- 1304.2. Each applicant shall complete the European Athletics official application forms and supply such information and undertakings as European Athletics shall require. The applications shall be completed in English and any application that is not fully and properly completed may be regarded as invalid.
- 1304.3. The European Athletics Council shall announce the time- and deadlines for applications and these shall normally include:
- i. Indication of interest in questionnaire of long term planning by 30 November, 2 (two) years before the year of the ECCC Cross Country which is the deadline to be considered as a candidate for bidding.
  - ii. Confirmation of candidature, with the name of the bid city, to be made by 31 January, 1 (one) year before the year of the ECCC Cross Country. The candidature form must be signed by the Member Federation and City.
  - iii. Formal application to be submitted within 2 (two) months of ii.
  - iv. Decision of the European Athletics Council in a timely manner.
- 1304.4. The written undertakings required to be submitted with the application shall normally include:
- i. The bidding European Athletics Member Federation's undertaking to respect the applicable Rules and Regulations of the IAAF, European Athletics and other competent authorities and to enter into an organising contract with European Athletics.
  - ii. A guarantee(s) from the owner(s) that all official sites used for the event, including the competition course(s) shall be free of all commercial and non-commercial advertising, identifications and/or franchises.
  - iii. A letter of intent by a television broadcaster of the bidders' country to act as host broadcaster in accordance with the requirements of European Athletics.
  - iv. The undertakings in writing of relevant national, regional and other authorities that they support the application.
  - v. A detailed budget of income and expenditure for the event.

### **1305. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE VENUE**

- 1305.1. The ECCC Cross Country shall be staged in a competition venue and city which are appropriate to the event. European Athletics may establish criteria by which the suitability of a proposed venue may be decided. The city shall be of an appropriate size and standing and the competition venue shall have acceptable facilities and be fully equipped in conformity with the respective IAAF rules.
- 1305.2 The Organiser must ensure that the electronic timing is done by chips transponder system.

### **1306. DOPING CONTROL**

1306.1. Doping control shall be conducted in accordance with the respective IAAF Rules and Guidelines and shall be carried out under the supervision of the European Athletics Doping Control Delegate.

### **1307. THE ORGANISING CONTRACT**

1307.1 Immediately after the decision of the European Athletics Council to appoint an organiser, the appointed European Athletics Member Federation shall enter into an organising contract with European Athletics, such contract to establish the respective rights and obligations of the parties in relation to the ECCC Cross Country.

### **1308. THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE EUROPEAN ATHLETICS**

1308.1. Notwithstanding the organising contract, European Athletics shall retain the overall care and responsibility of the ECCC Cross Country. In exercise of this role, the European Athletics Council shall:

1308.1.1. Decide the dates, venue and the organiser.

1308.1.2. Appoint Delegates and other persons (see 1311.3).

### **1309. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ORGANISING CLUB**

1309.1. The organising club shall be responsible for organising and staging the ECCC Cross Country in accordance with the organising contract and in compliance with the Rules and Regulations and directions of European Athletics.

### **1310. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

#### **The Organising Club**

1310.1. The financial rights and obligations of the organising club shall be set out in the organising contract. Subject thereto, the organising club shall be responsible for all costs of organising and staging the ECCC Cross Country but may retain the income from the sale of admission tickets, approved local marketing and subventions and grants from national and/or local authorities.

1310.1.1. The organising club undertakes to cover accommodation and full board costs of each participating team (except the host) for no more than 2 days. The maximum number of quota team members to be covered per participating team (except host) is 4 athletes in each race and 1 official. In case the Junior team is from the same club as the Senior team, the Organiser will not cover the accommodation costs for any additional official for the Junior Team.

1310.2. For the avoidance of doubt, the organising club shall be responsible for the costs of the following persons:

Technical and Doping Control Delegates appointed by European Athletics; travel, accommodation and board at the event;

Technical Delegate accommodation and board at the site visits.

### **European Athletics**

- 1310.3. European Athletics shall not be responsible for any costs other than those referred to in these regulations and/or the organising contract.
- 1310.4. European Athletics may pay to the organising club a contribution for the organisation of the ECCC Cross Country.
- 1310.5. European Athletics shall be responsible for the travelling costs of Delegates appointed by European Athletics at the site visits prior to the event and staff members travelling costs, accommodation and board when visiting the venue.

### **The Participating Club Teams**

- 1310.6. The participating club teams shall be responsible for all costs incurred as a result of their participation in the ECCC Cross Country which exceed any contributions made by or through the organising club in accordance with 1310.1.1 above.

- 1310.6.1. The following contribution must be paid to the organising club by each participating club team (except host):

Registration fee: EUR 200,- which must be paid at the latest by the date of the closing of the preliminary entries.

Note: Any participating club team, not paid the registration fee by the date specified above, shall be liable to pay the registration fee increased by 25%.

Accommodation support: EUR 300,- (price to be charged per night is EUR 150) which must be paid at the latest upon arrival to the venue.

- 1310.7. The final account for accommodation attributable to each club team shall be based on the numbers declared in the Final Entries and this shall be paid in full, considering 1310.1.1 no allowance being made for subsequent any reduction in the actual numbers of athletes and/or officials.
- 1310.8. Any club team which, having agreed to participate with a team, withdraws and does not compete after their declaration at the closing date for Preliminary entries shall pay to the organising club for any irrecoverable costs related to the cancellation. The Member Federation is responsible for the guarantee of the payment of the registration fee.
- 1310.9. Each participating club team is responsible for taking out their own insurance to cover illness or injury to any member of their party when travelling to and from and during the ECCC Cross Country.

**1311. THE EUROPEAN ATHLETICS OFFICIATING PERSONS**

- 1311.1. The President and Director General of European Athletics or their representative(s) shall have the overall responsibility for the care and supervision of the ECCC Cross Country.
- 1311.2. European Athletics shall designate a member of its professional staff to be the Project Leader having the responsibility to coordinate the European Athletics Officiating Persons and other staff members and to direct the operational management of the event in cooperation with the organiser.
- 1311.3. The European Athletics Council shall appoint the following Delegates and other persons to provide specialist advice and guidance to the organiser:
- 1 Technical Delegate;
  - 1 Doping Control Delegate;
  - 3 Jury of Appeal Members (to be appointed at the Technical Meeting).
- 1311.4. As soon as possible after the decision to appoint an organising club European Athletics shall inform the organising club as to the names and roles of the European Athletics Officiating Persons and the organiser shall cooperate with and follow the reasonable and proper directions of such persons.

**1312. PROTOCOL, CEREMONIES**

- 1312.1. All matters concerning protocol, ceremonies, trophies/medals and related matters shall be decided by European Athletics, which may, from time to time, establish guidelines.

**Opening and Closing and Victory Ceremonies:**

- 1312.2. Subject to 1312.1, the organising club shall propose opening and closing and victory ceremonies of styles and content appropriate to the venue. These may include ceremonies and/or celebrations held either inside or outside the stadium. Such proposals shall be subject to the approval of European Athletics and shall be appropriate to an ECCC Cross Country.
- 1312.3. **Victory Ceremonies:**
- 1312.3.1. The individual winner, second placed and third placed of each race shall receive gold, silver and bronze medals respectively from the organising club.
- 1312.3.2. The winning team in each event shall receive and retain a cup to be provided by European Athletics. The second and third teams shall receive a trophy to be provided by European Athletics.
- 1312.3.3. For the winner, second and third team in each event, the 4 (four) scoring members as well as non-scoring members who completed the race shall attend the ceremony and receive medals provided by the organising club.
- 1312.3.4. During the ceremony, the national anthem of the winner's country shall be played.
- 1312.3.5. During the ceremony, the athletes must wear their official team uniforms.

**Commemorative Souvenirs:**

1312.4. The organising club shall present all participating athletes and officials with a suitable commemorative souvenir.

**1313. INFORMATION, NAMES AND ABBREVIATIONS**

1313.1. All information shall be printed, displayed or announced in English.

1313.2. The names and abbreviations of all European Athletics Member Federations shall, at all times, conform to those approved and decided by the IAAF.

**1314. FINAL PROVISIONS**

1314.1. All matters not provided for by these regulations shall be decided by the European Athletics Council.

1314.2. These Regulations are drawn up in English.

1314.3. These Regulations may be amended by the European Athletics Council.