

TECHNICAL REGULATIONS for the Minsk 2019 European Games

1. General

1.1. Athletics competition within the Minsk 2019 European Games, hereafter called "the European Games 2019", is to be organised based on the agreement between the European Olympic Committee (EOC) and European Athletics, in Minsk, from 23 to 28 June 2019, for which a specific Operational Committee has been created (hereafter called "MEGOC").

2. Programme and Scoring

2.1. The athletics competition within the European Games 2019 is a knock-out tournament between national teams and shall be staged over a minimum of 6 (six) days. There shall be only one event at a time.

The programme will be as follows:

Day 1 – Qualification Round

Day 2 – Rest day

Day 3 – Quarter Finals

Day 4 – Semi-Finals

Day 5 – Rest day

Day 6 – Final

2.2 Tournament Schedule

See Annex 1 for the tournament schedule for the European Games 2019.

2.3. The tournament is based on the matches between the participating teams. Each match is to be around 120 minutes. Each match is to include 6 (six) teams, mixed of men and women athletes. Each match is to include 10 (ten) events, in the same order and sex categories as per below:

Track'athlon – Universal Relay (one man & one woman athletes per team). See Annex 2 for details.

Long Jump – Women. See Annex 3 for details for all Field Events.

100m – Men

Javelin Throw – Women

100m – Women

4x400m – Universal Relay (two men & two women athletes per team). See Annex 4 for details.

110m Hurdles – Men

High Jump – Men

100m Hurdles – Women

Pursuit Race (The Hunt) – Universal Relay (two men & women athletes per team). See Annex 4 for details.

2.4 Scoring System

In each match, the winner of each individual event and relay shall score 12 points, second placed 10 points, third placed 8 point, fourth placed 6 points, fifth placed 4 point and sixth placed 2

points. Athletes or relay teams with no valid performance, disqualified or not finishing shall not score.

If two or more athletes or relay teams tie for a place in any individual event or relay, the attributable points shall be divided equally between them.

After nine (9) events, the team scoring will determine the starting positions of the last (i.e. tenth) event – Hunt.

The winner of the last race (Hunt) is the winner of the match (i.e. the last event determines the winner of the competition). The second placed team will be second in the final classification, and so on. The teams with no valid performance in the Hunt (e.g. disqualified or not finishing) will be classified in the final standing of the match according to their standing before the Hunt (i.e. after nine (9) events), but behind the teams who finished the race.

3. Participation

3.1 The National Olympic Committees, hereafter called "NOCs", of 30 teams qualified based on the results of European Athletics Team Championship 2017 (see Annex 5) shall be invited to participate in the athletics programme of European Games 2019. In case any of the qualified NOCs decides not to participate, the unused quota places will be reallocated according to point 4.7 below.

3.2 The quota of athletes for the European Games athletics competition has been set by the EOC. Each team invited to participate, as per Annex 5, is to have a maximum of 23 athletes.

4. Entries

4.1 No athlete may take part in the athletics competition of the European Games 2019 unless entered by the National Olympic Committee, which he/she is eligible to represent in accordance with the relevant eligibility rules.

4.2 Only athletes aged at least sixteen (16) years on 31 December of the year of the competition may participate in the athletics competition of the European Games 2019.

4.3 Preliminary Entries: Not later than 1 March 2019 (24:00 CET) each National Olympic Committee shall send to MEGOC (via the teams' on-line entry system) a preliminary list of entries, indicating its anticipated numbers of athletes per event and the numbers of accompanying officials.

4.4 Final Entries: Not later than 1 May 2019 (24:00 CET) each National Olympic Committee shall send to MEGOC a final list of its entries, plus the names of accompanying officials. No subsequent changes may be made thereto.

Final Entry information shall be supplied in the manner to be prescribed by MEGOC (usually via the teams' on-line entry system) and shall include such details as required by MEGOC and European Athletics, including the names and best performances of each athlete.

Each NOC may enter 1 (one) athlete in each individual event and up to 4 (four) athletes may be entered in each relay. In track'athlon, one man and one woman is to be entered by each participating NOC. In addition, each NOC is entitled to enter up to six (6) reserve athletes.

4.5 Final Declarations: Final Declaration of athletes to compete at each individual match shall be made according to the procedures defined in the Team Leaders' Technical Manual.

For relays, four (4) athletes to participate must be nominated, at the time specified for the Final Declaration, out of four (4) athletes entered for the relay and from any other athletes entered for any individual event and/or reserves athletes.

After the closure of final declarations, only three (3) further alterations may be allowed per team per match for medical or tactical reasons. The procedures, including the deadline, for such alterations are to be defined in the Team Leaders' Technical Manual.

4.6 Qualification Timeline

1 July 2018: MEGOC on behalf of EOC and European Athletics to inform, in writing, the NOCs of their allocated quota places

1 January 2019: NOCs to confirm, in writing, use of allocated quota places to MEGOC

15 January 2019: MEGOC to inform, in writing, European Athletics about using of allocated quota places by the NOCs

1 February 2019: European Athletics to reallocate all unused quota places and inform, in writing, MEGOC

15 February 2019: MEGOC to inform, in writing, the NOCs of their reallocated quota places

1 March 2019: NOCs to confirm, in writing, use of reallocated quota places to MEGOC

1 April 2019: MEGOC to inform, in writing, the European Athletics about using of reallocated, quota places by the NOCs

1 May 2019: Deadline for MEGOC to receive entry forms submitted by the NOCs

5. Delegates and Officials

5.1 General

5.1.1 MEGOC shall cover costs of European Athletics Core Production Team, delegates and officials, as shown below. Travel and accommodation expenses shall be paid in accordance with EOC procedures.

MEGOC shall bear the expenses of the European Athletics Core Production Team and international technical officials for at least two days before the Competition (with the exception of the European Athletics Core Production Team which may need to arrive earlier) until one day after the Competition and for any preliminary visit of Technical Delegates and Project Leader to be decided between MEGOC and European Athletics, for the successful staging of the Competition.

5.1.2 No European Athletics Core Production Team members and International and National Technical officials may be a member of his/her NOC's delegation.

5.1. All European Athletics Core Production Team members and International and National Technical officials shall act in conformity with current IAAF Rules, European Athletics Regulations and Guidelines and the EOC Charter.

5.1.4 European Athletics Core Production Team members and International Technical Officials shall be appointed at least 12 months before the Competition.

5.2 Event Production Core Team

2 Technical Delegates

1 Event Presentation Manager

1 TV Production Advisor

1 Project Leader

5.3 Other European Athletics Delegates and Officials

- 8 International Technical Officials (ITOs), IAAF and/or Area Level;
- 1 International/European Starter;
- 1 International/European Photo Finish Judge;
- 2 International/European Video Distance Measurement (VDM) Judges.

5.4 National Technical Officials (NTOs)

MEGOC through the relevant National Member Federation is responsible for the appointment of all NTOs, whose competence must be guaranteed. The list of NTOs must be approved by European Athletics.

The National Member Federation shall plan and implement educational activities for NTOs with the support of European Athletics, where relevant.

6. Technical Matters and Requirements

6.1 Facilities

6.1.1 Main Stadium

The European Games 2019 Athletics Competition shall be held in a stadium conforming in all respects with the requirements of IAAF Track and Field Facilities Manual, IAAF Competition Rules and relevant sections of European Athletics Organisational Manual.

The main stadium must be fully equipped with facilities and implements for which a current IAAF Certificate of Approval exists. The track must hold Class 1 IAAF Athletics Facility Certificate.

6.1.2 Warm-Up & Training Area

Adequate training and warm-up facilities must be provided to ensure training and warm-up possibilities, according to the requirements of European Athletics, for all events at appropriate times. European Athletics Technical Delegates shall inspect and decide upon the most suitable facilities during the Site Visit(s).

6.1.3 Technical Offices and Rooms

A number of technical and functional offices and rooms must be provided by MEGOC as per European Athletics Organisational Manual. European Athletics Technical Delegates shall inspect and decide upon the most suitable facilities during the Site Visit(s).

6.2 Technical Services

6.2.1 Timing

A Fully Automatic Timing and Photo Finish system must be used.

IAAF certified Start Information System (SIS) is to be provided.

6.2.2 Measurement

Video Distance Measuring (VDM) measuring equipment must be provided and shall be used as appropriate for the field events.

6.2.3 Video Recording

It is mandatory that a dedicated video system to be provided to record all events and ensure correct decisions taken by the Video Referee. The system shall enable Video Referee to take 'live'

decisions. The system is to be according to the requirements specified in European Athletics Organisational Manual.

6.2.4 Video Board

At least three (3) video boards in the stadium shall be provided: one for permanent team ranking, one for data (e.g. results) and one for video. The location, size and technical specifications of the video screens must be approved by European Athletics.

6.2.5 Public Address System

The main stadium must be provided with a suitable sound system for public address and event presentation purposes to be approved by European Athletics.

6.3 Lane Draw and Starting Order

The draw for lanes in track events is to be done by European Athletics Technical Delegates separately for each match. The example of lane distribution is presented in Annex 6.

The distribution of athletes in groups during qualification/initial round in the field events is to be done by European Athletics Technical Delegates based on the season bests of competing athletes and using the zigzag distribution.

The starting positions are to be announced to the Teams before each round of the matches (i.e. Qualification Round, Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals and Final).

6.4 Protests

Any protest shall be made orally to the relevant Referee in the infield by an athlete or someone acting on behalf of an athlete, during the event or immediately after the event. The decision of the Referee will be final and no further appeals will be allowed. Video Recording and Control System will be used extensively to support immediate decisions by the Referee.

6.5 Coaches and Teams Areas

To facilitate communication between team members and encourage teams support and engagement, there will be designated team zone inside the competition area. The exact location of the zone will be specified in the Team Leaders' Technical Manual and/or at the Technical Meeting.

In addition, there will be designated zones, inside the competition area, for the coaches of field events and for 4x400m Universal Relay. Special coach stewards will bring the coaches (one coach per team for field events and relays) to the specific coaching zone.

7. Protocol, Medals, Ceremonies

7.1 All matters concerning protocol, ceremonies, awards and related matters shall be in accordance with EOC procedures and respective MEGOC manuals.

7.2. Medals

7.2.1 The first, second and third placed teams in the final match shall receive gold, silver and bronze medals respectively. These medals shall count in the overall Medal Standing of the European Games 2019.

Consequently, all 23 members of the first, second and third placed teams in the final match shall receive gold, silver and bronze medals respectively.

7.2.2 The winner, second and third placed of each individual event and each relay within the programme of the European Games shall receive gold, silver and bronze medals respectively, to be counted in the overall Medal Standing of the European Games 2019.

The winners and medallists of individual events and relays will be identified based on the best performances achieved across all five (5) matches held on the Day 1 (Qualification Round). In case of a tie for any medal place, including first place, the tie shall remain.

Consequently, Athletics programme of the European Games 2019 is to include ten (10)¹ medal events (nine (9) individual/relays and one (1) for the teams' final standing) to be considered in the overall medal/standing ranking.



¹ Subject to the possibility of having Gunderson method being used in the Hunt, the number of total medals would be increased to eleven (11) - ten (10) individual/relays and one (1) for the teams' final standing.

The best second team in the Qualification Round and two best second teams in the Quarter Finals are to be determined based on the following procedure:

- (a) The second team having the highest number of points after 9 events of a match (before Hunt) is to be considered as the best second team (two best second teams in case of Quarter Finals).
- (b) In case there is a tie following application of point (a), the team who has the highest number of better results (in comparison with another tying team or teams) in that round in all **nine (9) events** shall be considered the winner of a tie.
- (c) In case the tie remains following application of points (a) and (b), the winner of a tie is to be decided by a draw conducted by Technical Delegates.

Seeding / Draw:

The distribution of teams per matches will be done using zigzag distribution with the seeding determined by the procedures described below. After distribution of teams per matches in each round, the order of matches (i.e. Match 1, Match 2, etc.) shall be determined by a draw.

Qualification Round:

The seeding list will be based on the results of the European Athletics Association Ranking 2017 (top 30 teams). The distribution of the teams will be done as below:

Qualification Day 1				
Match 1	Match 2	Match 3	Match 4	Match 5
1	2	3	4	5
10	9	8	7	6
11	12	13	14	15
20	19	18	17	16
21	22	23	24	25
30	29	28	27	26
Note: ranking is based on the results of ETCH 2017				

Quarter Finals:

The seeding will be based on the teams' results in the Qualification Round, i.e. teams' points after nine events (before Hunt), as below:

Best 2nd placed team, second 2nd placed team, third 2nd placed team, fourth 2nd placed team (out of remaining 2nd placed teams – since one will qualify to the Semi-Final directly);

Best 3rd placed team, second 3rd placed team, third 3rd placed team and so on;

Best 4th placed team, second 4th placed team, third 4th placed team and so on;

Best 5th placed team, second 5th placed team, third 5th placed team and so on.

Thus, there will be a list of 24 ranked teams to be distributed between matches as below:

Quarter Finals			
Match 1	Match 2	Match 3	Match 4
1	2	3	4
8	7	6	5
9	10	11	12
16	15	14	13
17	18	19	20
24	23	22	21
Note: ranking based on the results of Qualification Round (teams scoring after 9 events)			

Semi-Finals:

The seeding will be based on the teams' results in the Qualification Round (for those teams qualified directly to the Semi-Finals) and on the teams' results after Quarter Finals, i.e. teams' points after nine events (before Hunt), as below:

Best 1st placed team, second 1st placed team, third 1st placed team, fourth 1st placed team, fifth 1st placed team – based on the Qualification Round

Best 1st placed team, second 1st placed team, third 1st placed team, fourth 1st placed team – based on the Quarter Finals

Best 2nd team – qualified from the Qualification Round

Best 2nd team, second 2nd team from Quarter Finals

Thus, there will be a list of 12 ranked teams to be distributed between matches as below:

Semi-Finals	
Match 1	Match 2
1	2
4	3
5	6
8	7
9	10
12	11

Annex 2 – Track’athlon

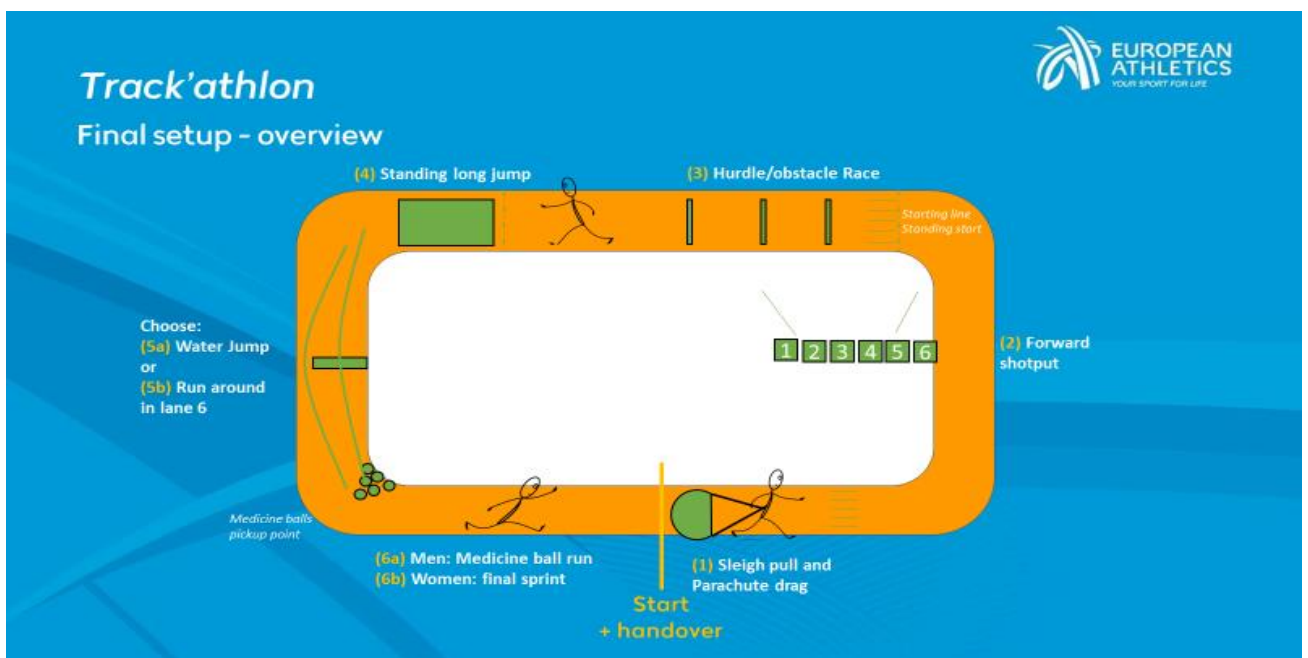
Track’athlon is an obstacle race of two laps to include key components of athletics: run – jump – throw. Each team is to have one man and one woman competing, having approximately one lap each, with man starting first.

The Track’athlon race is to include the following elements:

- *Parachute drag and sleigh pull*: approximately 40m run, then dropping “harnesses”. During the first lap, men run with the tyre (*weight tbc*) and while for the second lap women run with the parachute (*sizes tbc*).
- *Forward Shot Throw with two hands* (7,260kg shot for men and 4kg shot for women): The goal is to clear/reach 14m (tbc) in 1st attempt, otherwise 12m (tbc) in 2nd attempt, or otherwise to have 3rd attempt.
- *Obstacles*: approximately 50m of run with 3 low height steeplechase hurdles (0.762m) of approximately 10m apart.
- *Standing Long Jump*: The goal is to clear 2,5m (tbc) for men and 2,0m (tbc) for women in 1st attempt, otherwise make 2nd attempt to clear 1,5m (tbc) both men & women.
- *Steeplechase water jump or run in outer lanes*: there is a choice between jumping over steeplechase water pit or running around it in outer lanes. Steeplechase hurdle height is 0.762m.
- *Medicine Ball carry* (9kg): Men only (lap 1) – pick up medicine ball after steeplechase barrier and sprint to handover for women to start lap 2.
- *Final sprint*: Women only (lap 2)

In case of the infringement of the relevant rules or track’athlon procedures, a team is to be penalized with deduction of 0.5 points for each infringement from their score after completion of track’athlon.

More detailed explanations and a briefing to the team leaders will be provided in the Team Leaders’ Technical Manual and during the Technical Meeting.



Picture 1: Track’athlon set up.

Annex 3 – Field Event – Special Format

Field events will be based on the head to head system. For each match, the athletes will be divided into two groups: 3 athletes in each group (Group A & Group B).

At the initial stage, each athlete will have two attempts within three rounds against two other athletes in his/her group. For the win in each round an athlete gets 3 “spikes³”, 1 “spike“ for a tie and 0 for lost or foul.

The total number of “spikes” of an athlete determines the standing based on the initial round in each group. In case of any ties between two or three athletes after initial round, the standing is decided by the best performance. In case of two or three athletes in a group would not have any valid attempt after two jumps, their standing in the initial/qualification round is decided by a draw to be conducted by the relevant Referee.

At the final stage, the athlete will have one attempt to determine the winner and the final standing as the following head to head round: 3rd place in Group A jumping against 3rd place in Group B contesting 5th and 6th places, 2nd place in Group A jumping against 2nd place in Group B contesting 4th and 3rd places, and finally, 1st place in Group A jumping against 1st place in Group B contesting 1st and 2nd places. The final standing of the athletes determines the points to be received by each team as for any other individual event.

In the High Jump, there are no pre-defined starting heights and progression. Each athlete decides about the height before each round/attempt (as per above) without knowing the height of the competitor. The referee records the heights ordered by two athletes and then announces them before the jumps of the head to head format starts. The procedure of deciding the heights is repeated before each round (i.e. each ‘duel’). The athlete with lower height ordered always jumps first. In case the same height is ordered by both athletes, the order of the start list will be used.

Stage	Round	Group A	Group B
Qualification	1	A1 vs A2	B1 vs B2
	2	A2 vs A3	B2 vs B3
	3	A3 vs A1	B3 vs B1
Final	5th place	3rd Group A vs 3rd Group B	
	3rd place	2nd Group A vs 2nd Group B	
	1st place	1st Group A vs 1st Group B	

Picture 2: Field events format.

³ Spike is a term used to determine the positions of athletes after the initial stage of the competition in the field events (two rounds).

Annex 4 – Relays – Special Format

4x400m Mixed Relay

Each team will be composed of two men and two women. The running order is free and will be decided by the Team.

The composition of a team shall be officially declared by the time of Final Declarations. The Teams are to provide the names of four (4) athletes, including the name of the first leg runner. The order of the 2nd, 3rd and the last leg may be decided during the race by the accredited Team Leader or a coach. To facilitate the process, one Team Leader or Coach per Team would be allowed to be in the special zone close to the relay athletes inside the competition area.

Notwithstanding the aforementioned procedure, IAAF Rule 170.20 shall be strictly applied.

Hunt

The Hunt (i.e. pursuit race) is a medley relay of the following distances and order: 800m – 600m – 400m – 200m. Each team to have two women and two men athletes with the following distribution: 800m (men) – 600m (women) – 400m (men) – 200m (women).

The starting positions and the distance gaps between the teams, if any, are determined by the teams score/standing after nine (9) events of the match. Each point difference between the teams in the team standing translates into one meter of distance gap for the start of the Hunt race. Meaning the leading team after nine (9) events is starting from 800m start line, while other teams, depending on the gap identified as per above, would start behind the leading team.⁴

For the second, third and fourth legs, the athletes shall, under the direction of a designated officials, place themselves in their waiting positions in the same order (inside out) as the order of their respective team members, as they enter the last bend before the exchange zone.

⁴ Subject to the availability of relevant technologies, the time gaps are to be implemented instead of distance gaps (similar to Gunderson method)

Annex 5 – List of Qualified NOCs and Number of Athletes

First 30 Qualified Teams from 2017 Ranking

1 GER	6 UKR	11 FIN	16 TUR	21 IRL	26 BUL
2 POL	7 ITA	12 SUI	17 POR	22 HUN	27 DEN
3 FRA	8 CZE	13 BLR	18 NOR	23 SVK	28 SLO
4 GBR	9 GRE	14 NED	19 ROU	24 LTU	29 LAT
5 ESP	10 SWE	15 RUS*	20 BEL	25 EST	30 CYP

*Russian participation pending IAAF reinstatement

A Group Draw will be done by European Athletics.

Event	Specific Quota	Quota per NOC	
		Men	Women
100m	1 athlete per gender	1	1
100m Hurdles	1 athlete	–	1
110m Hurdles	1 athlete	1	–
Javelin Throw	1 athlete	–	1
Long Jump	1 athlete	–	1
High Jump	1 athlete	1	–
Mixed 4 x 400m Relay	1 team	2	2
The Hunt Mixed-Distance Pursuit Relay	1 team	2	2
Mixed Track-Athlon	1 team	1	1
	Total	8	9
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Quota places for DNA Mixed Team include eight (8) quota places for male athletes, nine (9) quota places for female athletes and six (6) quota places for reserves athletes, what makes the total quota places up to 23 athletes.

Annex 6 – Lane Distribution / Draw

	Team A	Team B	Team C	Team D	Team E	Team F
100m M	2	3	4	5	6	7
100m W	3	4	5	6	7	2
110m H M	4	5	6	7	2	3
100m H W	5	6	7	2	3	4
4x400m Relay	6	7	2	3	4	5
Track'athlon	6	1	2	3	4	5