

For the attention of:

Mr. Paul DeMeester

Lausanne, 12 December 2017

Subject: **Claim "Inês Henriques and Maria Dolores Marcos Valero"
50km Race Walking Women - Measures**


Dear Mr. DeMeester,

Following our letter dated 20 November we have, as promised, set in place the required measures for the introduction of the 50km Race Walking Women in the programme of the European Athletics Championships 2018 in Berlin, within the agreed deadline.

Enclosed you may find the circular letter and relevant appendices sent to all Member Federations and different European Athletics Family members, which contains the information on the introduction of the event in the programme of the Championships, the respective regulation changes and the entry standards, all set in conformity with the European Athletics procedures.

Therefore as we trust all your concerns were addressed, we kindly ask you to confirm to the EAA Court the dismissal of the case for this claim "Inês Henriques and Maria Dolores Marcos Valero" against the European Athletics Association on the 50 km Race Walking Women, copying please both of us.

Kind regards,



Svein Arne HANSEN
President



Christian MILZ
CEO

Annexes: European Athletics Circular Letter 31/2017 (1) & Appendices (3)

c.c.: EAA Court, Daniele Moro, President

For the attention of:

European Athletics Member Federations
European Athletics Council
European Athletics Commissions

Copy: IAAF President, IAAF CEO

Lausanne, 12 December 2017
Circular Letter 2017/31

Items covered in this letter:

- **European Athletics Championships 2018**
 - Introduction of a new discipline
 - Amended Timetable
 - Amended Entry Standards
 - Amended Competition Regulations

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to inform you about the major decision taken by the European Athletics Council on 8 December 2017.

Introduction of a new discipline

The Council of European Athletics has decided to introduce as a project a new discipline – 50km Race Walking Women - based on its intention to ensure gender equality on the field of play at the European Athletics Championships. This new discipline will be officially ratified at the next European Athletics Congress.

Amended Timetable

Following the aforementioned decision, the Council approved changes to the Timetable of Berlin 2018 as per **Appendix 1**. The updated version of the Timetable will be shortly available in our website at <http://www.european-athletics.org/competitions/european-athletics-championships/>.

Amended Entry Standards

Following the aforementioned decision, the Council approved changes to the Entry Standards for Berlin 2018 as per **Appendix 2**. Furthermore, the Time Limit was introduced for 50km Race Walking competition.

Amended Competition Regulations

The Council also approved changes to the Competition Regulations as per **Appendix 3**. The updated version of the concerned regulations will be shortly available in our website at <http://www.european-athletics.org/european-athletics/competition-regulations/>.

Kind regards



Christian Milz
CEO

Encl.: App.1 – European Athletics Championships 2018 – Timetable - updated
 App.2 – European Athletics Championships 2018 – Entry Standards – updated
 App.3 – Competition Regulations Changes

BERLIN 2018



DAY 1 / AM

TUESDAY 7 AUGUST 2018

08:35	50km RW	M	Final
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09:30	100m Dec	M	
09:40	Discus Throw	M	Q A
10:00	400m H	W	R1
10:10	Shot Put	W	Q A+B
10:30	Long Jump Dec	M	A+B
10:35	400m	M	R1
11:05	800m	W	R1
11:10	Discus Throw	M	Q B
11:40	3000m SC	M	R1
11:50	Shot Put Dec	M	A+B

DAY 2 / AM

WEDNESDAY 8 AUGUST 2018

09:35	110m H Dec	M	
10:10	100m H	W	R1
10:20	Discus Throw Dec	M	A
10:50	200m	M	R1
11:05	Triple Jump	W	Q A+B
11:30	400m	W	R1
11:40	Discus Throw Dec	M	B
12:00	Pole Vault Dec	M	A
12:05	1500m	M	R1
13:00	Javelin Throw	M	Q A
13:15	Pole Vault Dec	M	B
14:25	Javelin Throw	M	Q B

DAY 3 / AM

THURSDAY 9 AUGUST 2018

09:30	Discus Throw	W	Q A
10:00	100m H Hep	W	
10:30	Long Jump	W	Q A+B
10:50	High Jump Hep	W	A + B
10:55	110m H	M	R1
11:00	Discus Throw	W	Q B
11:30	800m	M	R1
12:30	Javelin Throw	W	Q A
14:00	Javelin Throw	W	Q B

DAY 4 / AM

FRIDAY 10 AUGUST 2018

10:00	Hammer Throw	W	Q A
10:50	Long Jump Hep	W	A+B
11:15	Pole Vault	M	Q A+B
11:25	200m	W	R1
11:30	Hammer Throw	W	Q B
12:00	1500m	W	R1
12:25	3000m SC	W	R1
12:40	Triple Jump	M	Q A+B
12:50	Javelin Throw Hep	W	A
13:05	4 x 400m Relay	M	R1
13:40	4 x 400m Relay	W	R1
14:05	Javelin Throw Hep	W	B

DAY 5 / AM

SATURDAY 11 AUGUST 2018

09:05	20 Km RW	W	Final
10:55	20 Km RW	M	Final

DAY 6 / AM

SUNDAY 12 AUGUST 2018

09:05	Marathon	W	Final
10:00	Marathon	M	Final

DAY Q / PM

MONDAY 6 AUGUST 2018

16:05	Hammer Throw	M	Q A
16:30	100m	M	R1
16:35	Long Jump	M	Q A+B
17:05	400mH	M	R1
17:30	Hammer Throw	M	Q B
17:45	100m	W	R1
OUTSIDE STADIUM			
17:35	Shot Put	M	Q A
18:55	Shot Put	M	Q B

DAY 1 / PM

TUESDAY 7 AUGUST 2018

18:30	High Jump Dec	M	A+B
18:45	Hammer Throw	M	Final
19:05	100m	W	SF
19:05	Pole Vault	W	Q A+B
19:30	100m	M	SF
19:55	400m H	M	SF
20:20	10,000m	M	Final
20:33	Shot Put	M	Final
21:00	400m Dec	M	
21:30	100m	W	Final
21:50	100m	M	Final

DAY 2 / PM

WEDNESDAY 8 AUGUST 2018

17:50	Javelin Throw Dec	M	A
18:25	High Jump	W	Q A+B
19:00	Javelin Throw Dec	M	B
19:10	400m H	W	SF
19:35	400m	M	SF
19:45	Long Jump	M	Final
20:00	800m	W	SF
20:15	Shot Put	W	Final
20:20	200m	M	SF
20:25	Discus Throw	M	Final
20:45	10,000m	W	Final
21:35	1500m Dec	M	Final

DAY 3 / PM

THURSDAY 9 AUGUST 2018

19:15	Pole Vault	W	Final
19:20	Shot Put Hep	W	A+B
19:25	100m H	W	SF
19:45	High Jump	M	Q A+B
19:50	400m	W	SF
20:15	400m H	M	Final
20:22	Javelin Throw	M	Final
20:30	200m Hep	W	
21:00	200m	M	Final
21:20	3000m SC	M	Final
21:50	100m H	W	Final

DAY 4 / PM

FRIDAY 10 AUGUST 2018

19:10	110m H	M	SF
19:20	High Jump	W	Final
19:35	800m	M	SF
19:55	200m	W	SF
20:10	Triple Jump	W	Final
20:20	800m Hep	W	
20:25	Javelin Throw	W	Final
20:50	400m H	W	Final
21:05	400m	M	Final
21:20	800m	W	Final
21:35	110m H	M	Final
21:50	1500m	M	Final

DAY 5 / PM

SATURDAY 11 AUGUST 2018

20:00	High Jump	M	Final
20:05	Long Jump	W	Final
20:20	400m	W	Final
20:25	Discus Throw	W	Final
20:35	800m	M	Final
20:50	200m	W	Final
21:00	5000m	M	Final
21:30	4 x 400m Relay	M	Final
21:50	4 x 400m Relay	W	Final

DAY 6 / PM

SUNDAY 12 AUGUST 2018

19:10	Pole Vault	M	Final
19:30	Hammer Throw	W	Final
19:30	4 x 100m Relay	W	R1
19:50	4 x 100m Relay	M	R1
20:05	Triple Jump	M	Final
20:15	3000m SC	W	Final
20:35	1500m	W	Final
20:55	5000m	W	Final
21:20	4 x 100m Relay	W	Final
21:35	4 x 100m Relay	M	Final

**European Athletics Championships 2018
Entry Standards & Conditions – as of 8 December 2018**

Rounds	MEN	Event	WOMEN	Rounds
3	10.35	100m	11.50	3
3	20.90	200m	23.50	3
3	46.70	400m	53.40	3
3	1:47.60	800m	2:02.50	3
2	3:40.00	1500m	4:12.00	2
Final	13:42.00	5000m	15:40.00	Final
Final	28:55.00	10,000m	33:20.00	Final
2	8:40.00	3000m SC	9:55.00	2
3	13.85	110m H / 100m H	13.25	3
3	50.70	400m H	57.70	3
2		4x100m		2
2		4x400m		2
Final	1:25.00	20km W	1:37.00	Final
Final	4:08.00	50km W	4:50.00 or 1:39.00 in 20km RW	Final
Final	NES	Marathon	NES	Final
2	2.26	High Jump	1.90	2
2	5.55	Pole Vault	4.45	2
2	7.95	Long Jump	6.60	2
2	16.60	Triple Jump	13.90	2
2	19.90	Shot Put	16.50	2
2	63.50	Discus	56.00	2
2	74.00	Hammer	69.00	2
2	80.00	Javelin	59.00	2
2 Gr	7850	Combined Events	5900	2 Gr

NES = No entry standards

Note: There will be a time limit for 50km Race Walk Event. In order for the athletes to be allowed to finish the 50km Race Walk Event, they shall finish the race within 5 hours. Athletes who failed to finish the race within 5 hours will be stopped by competition officials and prevented from continuing the race. They will be classified in the order in which they were before being removed from the race and behind any athlete who finished the race within the time limit.

Entry Rules

Individual Entries (103.6)

Each European Athletics Member Federation may enter up to 5 (five) athletes in each individual event of whom up to 3 (three) may participate provided all of them shall have achieved the qualifying standard for that event.

According to 103.7, in each individual event, the current reigning European Outdoor Champion will also be invited to participate as a **Wildcard**, in the same event organised in the following European Athletics Championships, where this event will be staged, on the condition that the athlete in question is entered by his federation in that specific event. If a Member Federation has four athletes in that event as a result of this regulation, all four will be permitted to compete.

Member Federations who have no male and/or no female qualified athletes at an event **may enter one unqualified male athlete and/or one unqualified female athlete in each individual event. The acceptance of these unqualified entries is at the discretion of the Technical Delegates, considering the number of entered athletes but always ensuring the quality of the event. The next ranked performances to the set entry standards shall be considered if complying with 103.6.**

The Host Country will be allowed to enter one athlete without standard in any event provided he has no athlete with entry standards for that event.

10.000m (men & women):

The first three placed athletes (men & women) of the two editions of the European Cup 10.000m preceding the European Athletics Championships (2017 and 2018) will automatically become eligible to compete in this event, even if the entry standard was not achieved.

The first 3 placed athletes (if they are European) in each event at European Athletics Premium meetings & the first athlete in European Athletics Classic (outdoor meetings staged between the 1 January 2017 and 30 July 2018) will be considered eligible for the respective event in the European Athletics Championships 2018. These performances must be achieved in an event which is part of the official programme and where the requirements set in the App. A of the Principles of Selection and Management of the European Athletics Meetings were fulfilled, therefore to be confirmed by European Athletics.

Note:

In the two previous cases the **athletes become eligible but their entry at the European Athletics Championships is at the discretion of respective Member Federation's criteria.**

According to the regulations, subject to the exceptions stated below, only athletes aged at least 16 (sixteen) years on 31 December of the year of the competition may participate in the European Athletics Championships:

- Only athletes aged at least 18 (eighteen) years on 31 December of the year of the competition may participate in the Shot Put (men) and Hammer Throw (men).

- Only athletes aged at least 20 (twenty) years on 31 December of the year of the competition may participate in the 50km Walk and Marathons.

Other Eligibility Procedures for individual events:

It is the European Athletics goal to secure the participation of a target number of athletes in order to ensure a high level of competition with the appropriate number of entries. Therefore in case the target number cannot be achieved by reaching the set limits European Athletics will consider the level of additional athletes on the reserve list and, if suitable, invite additional athletes up to a maximum of the target number, as follows:

- a. Member Federations that wish to participate at an event with athletes that have not reached the entry standard even in those events where MFs have entered also athletes having achieved the entry standards, must enter them also in the Teams Online Entry System by the deadline for the final entries, **30 July 2018 (14:00 CET)**, as for the athletes with entry standard.
- b. On the **31 July 2018** European Athletics will inform directly those Member Federations whose athletes can be accepted to participate without reaching the entry standard.
- c. The **selection will be made by European Athletics**, through the appointed Technical Delegates, taken in consideration two aspects:
 - c.1 Number of athletes needed to reach the minimum figures required per event.
 - c.2 Season best ranking list of the year of the Championships.

However not more than 5 athletes can be entered and not more than 3 athletes can compete, per Member Federation, in each of the individual events of the European Athletics Championships.

Track events up to 400m:

For 100m, 200m, 400m, 100/110m Hurdles and 400m Hurdles (Men and Women) the qualification system will be as follows:

- There will be 3 rounds: Pre-qualification round, semi-final and final;
- The Pre-qualification round will include all athletes entered by the Member Federation and eligible to compete in the championships, except 12 top athletes (12 best ranked athletes according to the 2018 Season List entered by their Member Federation and to a maximum of 3 per country) directly qualified to the Semi-finals;
- The athletes to be directly qualified for the Semi-finals are the entered athletes who are in the top 12 of the season list (in that case a maximum of 12, or more in case of a tie for the 12th best performance, but possibly less)
- There will be 3 Semi-Finals where up to 12 top athletes of the 2018 Season List and minimum 12 best athletes from the Pre-Qualification round will compete;
- The distribution by heat in the Semi-finals will be made according to IAAF Rules for the first round and IAAF Rule 166.4b will apply for the lanes draw.
- The 2 first athletes in each Semi-Final plus the 2 athletes with the best performance in the Semi-finals will be qualified for the final.

Marathon Cups (102.3):

The European Marathon Cups are competitions for national men's and women's teams and are incorporated in the marathon events of the European Athletics Championships. Each Member Federation may take part with one men's and one women's team. Teams entered must participate with minimum of 3 (three) and maximum of 6 (six) runners.

Relay Teams (103.9):

Only 16 national teams will be qualified to compete in each relay event. The qualification procedure will be based on the aggregate of the two fastest times achieved by national teams in the qualification period. For the purpose of being ranked, the results of relay races shall be valid only on condition that they are part of a competition staged in compliance with IAAF Rules and that at least 2 international teams, representing at least 2 countries compete in the race.

Member Federations that wish their qualified relays to compete must declare it **by the 22 July 2018** and enter them later in the Final Entries.

The Host Nation has the right to be represented with one national team in each relay race. If they wish to participate and are not qualified as indicated above, the number of national teams to qualify will be reduced to 15. The Host Nation shall declare their intention to compete in any of the relay races **by 08 July 2018**.

Up to 6 (six) athletes may be entered per team for each relay. From these 6 (six) and from any other athletes entered for any event in the European Athletics Championships, the 4 (four) athletes to participate must be nominated at the time specified for the Final Declaration.

Conditions for the validity of performances:

- Performances must be achieved during official competition organised in conformity with IAAF Rules;
- Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or sanctioned by the IAAF, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations. Thus, results achieved at other competitions must be certified by the National Federation of the country in which the competition was organised;
- Performances must be achieved between the 1 January 2017 and **30 July 2018 (except for Relay Teams, where performances are considered until 22 July 2018)**;
- Indoor performances shall be accepted.
- In the case of race walking events, track performances (20,000m and 50,000m) shall be accepted.
- Performances achieved in mixed competitions in track events will not be accepted. Exceptionally, in accordance with IAAF Rule 147, performances achieved in events of 5000m and 10,000m may be accepted in circumstances where there were insufficient athletes of one or both genders competing to justify the conduct of separate races and there was no pacing or assistance given by an athlete(s) of one gender to an athlete(s) of the other gender.
- Performances which are wind assisted or for which a wind reading is not available, shall not be accepted; (For the combined events the conditions set in IAAF Rule 260.27 [version 2009] will still be applied for qualification purposes, so either the average velocity (based on the algebraic sum of the wind velocities, as measured for each individual event, divided by the number of such events) shall not exceed plus 2 m/s or the wind velocity in any individual event shall not exceed plus 4 m/s);
- Hand-timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 110m/100m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles and 4x100m relay shall not be accepted;
- For the running events of 200m and longer, performances achieved on oversized tracks shall not be accepted.
- Competitors must comply with eligibility qualifications for Area Games or Championships as set out in the IAAF rules;

No athlete may compete in the European Athletics Championships unless entered by a European Athletics Member Federation, but the participation of athletes without entry standards will be always subject to the European Athletics selection.

December 2017

Amendments to the Competition Regulations as of 8 December 2017

Proposal to introduce 50km Race Walking Women into the programme of European Athletics Championships

102.2. The programme shall comprise the following 24 (twenty-four) events for Men and **24 (twenty-four)** events for Women:

Men	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Running - Walking - Jumps - Throws - Decathlon 	100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m, 10000m, Marathon/Half Marathon, 110m hurdles, 400m hurdles, 3000m steeplechase, 4x100m relay, 4x400m relay 20km (road), 50km (road) High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump, Triple Jump Shot put, Discus Throw, Hammer Throw, Javelin Throw
Women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Running - Walking - Jumps - Throws - Heptathlon 	100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m, 10000m, Marathon/Half Marathon, 100m hurdles 400m hurdles, 3000m steeplechase, 4x100m relay, 4x400m relay 20km (road), 50km (road) High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump, Triple Jump Shot put, Discus Throw, Hammer Throw, Javelin Throw

Note: Marathon/Half Marathon includes both individual and team ranking. Thus, there are 25 (twenty-five) men and **25 (twenty-five)** women events to be considered in the overall medal/standing ranking.