

### 3. BALKAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Championships will be staged on one day every year. The date shall be proposed by the candidate country, and must be approved at the relevant ABAF Congress.

#### 3.1. Programme:

The programme shall comprise the below mentioned events:

Boys: 100m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m, 110m hurdles, 2000m steeple, 4x100m, high jump, long jump, triple jump, shot put, discus throw, javelin throw.

Girls: 100m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m, 100m hurdles, 2000m steeple, 4x100m, high jump, long jump, triple jump, shot put, discus throw, javelin throw.

#### 3.2. Entries:

3.2.1. The Championships is an individual competition. Team Medal and Team Placing tables up to the 8<sup>th</sup> place shall be made for statistical purpose only

3.2.2. Each country may compete with two athletes per event and one team in each relay.

3.2.3. There will be no "out of competition" athletes.

3.2.4. Only athletes aged not more than 17 (seventeen) years on 31 December of the year of the competition may participate in the Balkan Youth Championships.

3.2.5. No athletes younger than 14 years shall be accepted in the throwing events and steeplechase.

3.2.6. Preliminary entries: Not later than 2 (two) months before the first day of the Balkan Youth Championships, each Member Federation shall send to the hosting country and to ABAF Headquarters a preliminary list of athletes and the numbers of accompanying officials.

3.2.7. Final Entries: Not later than 10 (ten) days before the first day of the Balkan Youth Championships, each European Athletics Member Federation shall send to the hosting country and to ABAF Headquarters a final list of its athletes, plus the names of accompanying officials.

3.2.8. Entries shall be made by National Federations only. Any changes after the deadline for the Final entries shall not exceed 1% of the participants.

#### 3.3. Financial Obligations:

3.3.1. The hosting Federation shall cover the board and lodging expenses for a maximum of 2 nights of a maximum of 38 persons, that is 30 athletes and 8 officials in principle. If the team is travelling by bus, the drivers shall not count in the above quota, but their accommodation shall be covered by the host country.

3.3.2. Additional participants (both athletes and officials) can be entered, on the cost of the respective visiting federation. Those additional participants shall benefit from a preferential fixed rate for accommodation, payable to the hosting federation as follows:

**For any persons exceeding the above quota, the visiting federation shall pay a fixed rate of €50 (fifty Euros) per person per day full board accommodation.**

3.3.3. The visiting delegations shall pay their travel expenses in both directions to and from the venue of the competition.

3.3.4. Local transportation between the hotels and the various venues related to the event, as well as transfers from the airport in case of teams travelling by plane, shall be arranged and paid for by the hosting Federation.

3.3.5. The hosting Federation shall also cover the board and lodging expenses for Balkan Athletics President and/or General Secretary should they attend the event.

- 3.3.6. The travelling expenses of Balkan Athletics President and General Secretary shall be covered by the ABAF.

**3.4. Awards:**

- 3.4.1. First three placed athletes in each event shall receive medals.

**3.5. Ceremonies:**

- 3.5.1. An Opening Ceremony shall be held at the beginning of the Championships. The order of the Opening Ceremony shall be at the discretion of the hosting Federation.
- 3.5.2. At individual victory ceremonies, the first three placed athletes shall mount on the podium. The flags of their respective countries shall be hoisted when the conditions are conducive. Playing of national anthems is also optional at the discretion of the host Federation.
- 3.5.3. No Closing Ceremony shall be held infield. A Closing Banquet in the evening of the competition for all participants is traditional but not compulsory.

**3.6. Doping Control:**

No doping controls will be conducted at the Balkan Youth Championships.

**3.7. Technical Aspects:**

- 3.7.1. The allocation of lanes and the order of the competition in field events shall be determined by draw. The draw shall be made together by the Competition Director and the relevant member of the Organising Committee well in advance before the Technical Meeting.
- 3.7.2. In the throwing events and the horizontal jumps, the athletes will have six attempts where there are eight competitors or fewer. Where there are more than eight athletes, each athlete shall be allowed three attempts, and the eight scoring athletes with best valid performances shall have three additional attempts in conformity with the IAAF Competition Rules. Where there are more than eight athletes starting the competition, a non-scoring athlete may be awarded the three additional trials if only the scoring athletes having started are less than eight.
- 3.7.3. Starting heights and the bar raising increments for high jump and pole vault shall be proposed at the Technical Meeting considering the season bests of the participating athletes. The decision taken at the Technical Meeting shall be final.
- 3.7.4. The use of multiple take-off boards at the triple jump competitions shall be decided at the Technical Meeting according to such demands.
- 3.7.5. The height of the hurdles and the weight of the throwing implements will be according to the IAAF Rules.
- 3.7.6. The Technical Meeting shall be held the day before the first day of the competition, and shall be chaired by the Competition Director.

**3.8. Printed Materials and Announcements:**

- 3.8.1. Every kind of printed material intended for distribution to participants such as invitation letters, information notes, bulletins, competition documents, official result sheets as well as the announcements during the competition shall be either in English, or in both English and in the language of the host country. All printed materials must contain the official ABAF logo.