

Qualification System and Entry Standards

Entry conditions

- Individual Events (203.5)
 - Each European Athletics Member Federation may enter up to 4 (four) qualified athletes in each individual event of whom up to 3 (three) may participate.
- Relay Events (203.7)
 - According to the European Athletics Regulation, the number of teams to participate in relays at the European Athletics Indoor Championships is limited to 6 teams in each 4x400m event. The places for relay teams shall be allocated as per main points below:
 - The European Athletics Member Federation of the host country shall be allocated 1 (one) place in each relay.
 - 3 (three) places shall be allocated in accordance with the order of ranking of European Athletics Member Federation official teams in 4 x 400m combined outdoor lists 2022.
 - The other 2 (two) places (or 3 (three) if the host European Athletics Member Federation does not take its allocated place) shall be allocated in accordance with the accumulated 400m times of individual athletes from 2023 indoor season as at 10 days prior to the first day of the European Athletics Indoor Championships (**20 February 2023**).

The detailed information on the entry procedures for the relays will be provided in due time.

- Unqualified athletes
 - Member Federations who have no:
 - Male and/or no female athletes who have achieved the Entry Standards or considered as having achieved the Entry Standard (see below)
 - Male and/or no female athletes who are potentially qualified by World Rankings.may enter one unqualified male athlete AND/OR one unqualified female athlete in one individual event of the Championships.
 - The name and event of the unqualified athlete must be submitted no later than **03 February 2023** to competition@european-athletics.org, together with information about their best performance during the qualification period.
 - In principle, no more than 2 unqualified athletes per event may be accepted. Final decision will be at the discretion of the Technical Delegates based on their positions in the World Rankings.
- Age categories:
 - Athletes aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December 2023 (born in 2006 or 2007), may compete in any event except Shot Put Men.
 - Only athletes aged at least 18 (eighteen) years on 31 December 2023 (born in 2005) may participate in Shot Put Men.
- I Run Clean:
 - Each European Athletics Member Federation may enter only those athletes who have received and hold a valid certification for having completed European Athletics Anti-Doping Education Programme – I Run Clean. The certification is to be achieved by all athletes in addition to fulfilling any requirements for the qualification for the event they are entered in.

Qualification System

- Qualification period valid for the Entry Standards and the World Rankings:
 - For the Combined Events: 18 months from 20 August 2021 to midnight 19 February 2023 (regardless of the time zone)
 - For all other events: 12 months from 20 February 2022 to midnight 19 February 2023 (regardless of the time zone)

Note: For the European Athletics Indoor Championships 2023 qualification system, the World Rankings / Road to Istanbul 2023 will be exceptionally released on Tuesday 21 February by 12:00. Therefore, Member Federations are requested to:

- send to World Athletics the complete and official results of their National Indoor Championships held on that weekend by midnight Monaco time on Sunday 19 February 2023.
- send to World Athletics the complete and official results of any other competitions where their athletes achieved a performance which can be potentially included in the qualification World Rankings and / or eligible for Entry Standard for the European Athletics Indoor Championships 2023 by midnight Monaco time on Sunday 19 February 2023.
- The format of these submissions should be in any digitally readable format (Word, Excel, csv, txt, html, extractable PDF).

The results not provided to the World Athletics in due time and as per the above requirements will not be taken into consideration for the qualification to EICH Istanbul 2023. It is the responsibility of the individual Member Federations to make sure the requirements and the deadlines for results submission are followed.

- Qualification in Individual Events
 - Athletes can qualify in one of two ways:
 - By achieving the **Entry Standard** within the qualification period in accordance with the criteria detailed below.
 - By virtue of the **World Rankings Position** achieved at the end of the qualification period according to the respective Event Ranking Rules (and ranking period). In case of ties, athletes with the next best Performance Score will prevail.
 - European Athletics will keep a regularly updated running list of qualification situation for each event in the lead up to the European Athletics Indoor Championships. This will be published in due course at European Athletics Website (<https://www.european-athletics.com/competitions/european-athletics-indoor-championships/overview>)
 - Individual Athletes Ranking Process
 - Following the end of the qualification period, based on the target numbers for each event European Athletics will determine:
 - The number of athletes having achieved the standard,
 - The approved unqualified athletes
 - The list of athletes subsequently qualified by virtue of their World Ranking position to complete the target number in each event. Should the target number of athletes in any event be reached (or surpassed) through entry standards and approved unqualified athletes, no athletes would qualify by virtue of their World Rankings position.
 - The declined quota places: Member Federations must inform European Athletics of their intention to decline a quota place (athletes qualified according to both above ways but not intending to participate) not later than **20 February 2023**. Such notification must be sent to competition@european-athletics.org, by the Member Federation concerned. **Quota places declined after the above deadline will NOT be reallocated.**
 - The list with the athletes finally eligible for entry will be published by Tuesday 21 February 2023 in the afternoon.

- Member Federations shall select the athletes for entry from this list and enter all athletes to Istanbul 2023 by the final entries' deadline of **22 February 2023 at 20:00 CET**.

Target numbers of athletes / teams per event and the Entry Standards

Event	Target Number	Entry Standards Men	Entry Standards Women
60m	40	6.63 (10.08 for 100m outdoor)	7.24 (11.10 for 100m outdoor)
400m	30	46.35 (45.15 for outdoor)	52.20 (50.80 for outdoor)
800m	30	1:46.75 (1:44.70 for outdoor)	2:02.20 (1:59.00 for outdoor)
1500m	27	3:37.40 (3:32.80 for outdoor)	4:09.00 (4:02.50 for outdoor)
3000m	24	7:44.00 (7:37.00 for outdoor)	8:48.00 (8:39.00 for outdoor)
60m H	32	7.64 (13.30 for 110mH outdoor)	8.03 (12.90 for 100mH outdoor)
4x400m	6 teams	n/a	n/a
High Jump	18	2.30	1.96
Pole Vault	18	5.82	4.70
Long Jump	18	8.12	6.75
Triple Jump	18	17.02	14.32
Shot Put	18	21.20	18.60
Combined Events	14	6140 (8400 for Dec)	4580 (6650)

Please, note that the standards are built to make sure that approximately 50% of athletes from the target number will qualify by achieving the standard. While the remaining 50% will be qualified by the virtue of their standing in the World Ranking (please, see above the Qualification System section).

Conditions for the validity of performances

- All performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by World Athletics, its Area Associations, or its National Federations, and conducted in conformity with World Athletics Rules and for which (starting from 1 January 2023) an application has been submitted in advance (see below).
- Starting 1 January 2023, in the case of National permit competitions, in addition to compliance with the above, all performances must be achieved in a competition for which an application has been submitted to World Athletics (see World Rankings Competitions Framework). The list of such competitions will be published on the Global Calendar pages of the World Athletics website.
- In regard to the Member Federations, who are on the latest Competition Manipulation Watch List, the consequences, as defined by the WA (please, refer to WA Circular Letter M/49/22), are valid also for the purpose of qualifying to European Athletics Indoor Championships, as well as any other European Athletics event.
- Special conditions for validity of performances:
 - Performances achieved in mixed competitions in track events will not be accepted.
 - Performances which are wind assisted or for which a wind reading is not available, will not be accepted for Entry Standards purposes (but will be valid for the World Rankings with the appropriate adjustments).
 - Hand-timed performances in 60m, 100m, 400m, 800m, 60m Hurdles, and 100m/110m Hurdles will not be accepted.
- For the running events of 200m and over, performances achieved on over-sized indoor tracks will be accepted. Subject to that an oval track length is greater than 201.2m (220 yards) but no greater than 400m; and the event is conducted in a competition area or facility in conformity with the Rules and in respect of which, if held on a temporary facility, a survey has been made in accordance with Rule 10 of the Technical Rules.

European Athletics reserves the right to establish additional criteria for the acceptance of the results for the purpose of the entry standards, with the aim to preserve the integrity of the sport.

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