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BALKAN ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS/U20



TEAM MANUAL

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"Nicolae Mărășescu" Athletics Stadium

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1. Host Country Romania

Romania is a vibrant country in Southeastern Europe, known for its rich history, diverse culture, and stunning landscapes. It is bordered by Ukraine, Moldova, Bulgaria, Serbia, and Hungary, with a coast along the Black Sea. Romania's history includes the ancient Dacians, the Roman Empire, and the unification of its historical principalities (Wallachia, Moldavia, and Transylvania) over the centuries.

The country is famous for its regional diversity, with unique traditions across zones like Maramureş, Bucovina, and Transylvania. Romanian cuisine is hearty and world-renowned, featuring dishes like „sarmale” (cabbage rolls), „mămăligă” (polenta) and mici.

Romania also boasts impressive architecture, such as the Palace of the Parliament, Peleş Castle, and the painted monasteries of Suceava.

The country is home to lively festivals like Untold in Cluj-Napoca and traditional winter customs like the bear dance. Romania's dramatic Carpathian Mountains and the beautiful Danube Delta, along with its rich cultural heritage, make it a popular destination for travellers.

FeatureDetails

Form of Government	Semi-Presidential Republic
Location	Southeastern Europe
Area	238,397 km ²
Population	~19,000,000 (Resident Population)
Coastline	Black Sea
Climate	Temperate-Continental
Language	Romanian
Religion	Eastern Orthodox Christian
Capital	Bucharest
Local Time	GMT +2 (EET) / GMT +3 (EEST in summer)
Electricity	230V (plugs type C & F)
Telephone Country Code	+40
Mobile Phone Networks	Orange, Vodafone, Digi.Mobil, Telekom
Currency	Romanian Leu (RON)

1.2. Host City Craiova

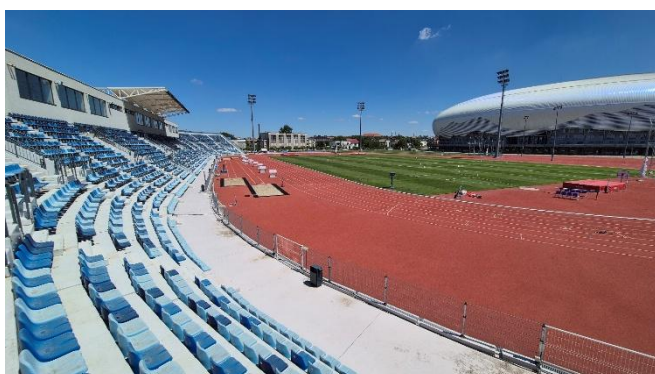
Craiova is a historic city in southwestern Romania, serving as the cultural, economic, and sports hub of the Oltenia region. Located near the Jiu River, the city is renowned for its rich academic tradition, beautiful parks, and impressive architectural heritage, such as the Craiova Art Museum and the Craiova „Băniei” House.

The city will proudly host the U20 Balkan Athletics Championships on July 11, 2026. The competitions will take place at the modern "Nicolae Mărășescu" Athletics Stadium, a state-of-the-art facility dedicated entirely to track and field events, named after one of Romania's most legendary athletics coaches.

Craiova's famous hospitality, combined with its passion for sports and the lively atmosphere of Nicolae Romanescu Park—one of the largest natural parks in Eastern Europe—makes it the perfect stage for welcoming young talented athletes from across the Balkans.

FeatureDetails

Status	Host City for the U20 Balkan Athletics Championships
Location	Southwestern Romania (Oltenia Region)
Competition Venue	"Nicolae Mărășescu" Athletics Stadium
Event Date	11th July 2026
Altitude	~100 m above sea level
Climate	Temperate-Continental (with Mediterranean influences)
Main Access	Craiova International Airport (CRA), Bucharest-Craiova Highway / Railway



2. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

2.1. Balkan Athletics

President: Slobodan BRANKOVIĆ (SRB)

General secretary: Predrag MOMIROVIĆ (SRB)

2.2. Romanian Athletics Federation

President: Constantina DIȚĂ

General Secretary: Inocențiu VOINEA

2.3. Local Organizing Committee

Competition Director: Marius TĂTARU

Technical & Refereeing Manager: Alexandru ȘTEFAN

Secretary & Accreditation Officer: Gabriel OPRESCU

Transport: Iulian CIUCĂ / Marcu TĂNĂSESCU

Accommodations Manager: Ion BULIGA

Protocol & Ceremony Manager: Lenuța DRAGOMIR

Media & Communication Manager: Eugen BARBU

Branding & Visuals Manager: Ovidiu FUNDULACHE

Stadium Logistics Manager: Cătălin BRÂNDUȘOIU

Medical & Antidoping Manager: Laura MUNTEANU

Security Manager: Alina AVRAM

International Relations Manager and Liaison Officers: David PÂRȘOI

Volunteers Manager: Ovidiu FUNDULACHE

Treasurer: Nicoleta DRINCEANU

Judge Referee: Paul OPRIȘ

Internal Transfers Manager: Iulian CIUCĂ

Press Officer: Eugen BARBU

3. PARTICIPANTS

18 Balkan Athletics members have confirmed their participation in the Balkan U20 Athletics Championships:

- Albania 5 athletes / Team Leader: Juxhin Cili
- Bosnia & Herzegovina 11 athletes / Team Leader: Vahida Kozić
- Bulgaria 33 athletes / Team Leader: Anton Bonov
- Cyprus 7 athletes / Team Leader: Tsolakis Kyriakos
- Croatia 14 athletes / Team Leader: Ozren Čučković
- Georgia 6 athletes / Team Leader: Nika Rurua
- Greece 32 athletes / Team Leader:
- Israel 5 athletes / Team Leader:
- Kosovo 7 athletes / Team Leader: Bajram Duja
- Malta 3 athletes / Team Leader: John Attard Kingswell
- Montenegro 4 athletes / Team Leader:
- Republic of Moldova 10 athletes / Team Leader: Dumitru Şchiopu
- Serbia 19 athletes / Team Leader:
- Slovenia 17 athletes / Team Leader: Andrej Jeriček
- Ukraine 25 athletes / Team Leader: Anna Ryzhykova
- Turkey 29 athletes / Team Leader: Burak Uygun/Nuray Sev
- North Macedonia 8 athletes / Team Leader: Filip Kolevski
- Romania 24 athletes / Team Leader: Cristina Man

Athlete starts	267 (Male: 159, Female: 108)
Relay starts	7 (Male: 4, Female: 3)
Unique athletes (excl. relay-only members)	259
Unique athletes (incl. relay members)	264
Unique athletes - Male (incl. relay members)	155
Unique athletes - Female (incl. relay members)	109

4. TRANSPORTATION

4.1. Arrivals

4.1.1. Entry procedures / Visas

An Entry Visa is required for Armenian, Azerbaijan and Turkey Delegations.

4.1.2. Arrivals by Air

The official airport is “Craiova International Airport”.

Upon arrival at the airport, teams will be welcomed by a representative of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) or their designated Team Attaché. After collecting their luggage, team members will board a bus marked with the name of their team, which will transport them to the assigned hotel in Craiova.

4.1.3. Insurance

According to the Balkan Athletics Competition Regulations, the participating Member Federations are responsible for taking out their own insurance to cover the risk of illness or injury of any member of their team when travelling to and from the Balkan Athletics event and during the event itself. Please take the necessary steps to fulfill these requirements well in advance.

4.1.4. Equipment transportation

The transportation of equipment, including poles, massage tables, and other items, will be handled by the Transportation Team of the Romanian Athletics Federation.

Please add information regarding transfers from Bucharest or other airports: the R.A.F. does not cover transfer costs. Participants who have difficulties arranging their transfer are kindly asked to notify the Federation in advance, so that we can assist with logistics, if needed, at their own expense.

4.1.5. Local transportation (hotels ↔ training ↔ competition)

Since the accommodations are located approximately 10 to 15 minutes from the stadium, shuttle buses will be provided to transport athletes between the hotel and the competition venue. Detailed transportation schedules will be available at the information desks in the lobby of each team hotel.

Transportation Schedule

Dedicated buses will operate between official hotels and the stadium:

Route	First Departure	Last Departure
Hotels to Stadium		
*every 30 minutes	Friday: 16:30 Saturday: 16:00	Friday: 20:30 Saturday: 22:30
Stadium to Hotels		
*every 30 minutes	Friday: 18:30 Saturday: 16:30	Friday: 21:30 Saturday: 01:30

4.1.6. Departures

On the day of departures, the transfer of teams to the Airport will be arranged according to the flight schedules submitted in advance by the Team Leaders. Further informations will be available at the Information Desks in the hotels.

5. ACCOMMODATION & HOTELS

5.1. General Information

There will be 8 hotels:

- Hotel Parc (Str. Bibescu 12, 200421 Craiova)
- Hotel Golden House (Str. Brestei 18, 200420 Craiova)
- Hotel Sawei Urban Hotel (Calea Unirii 10A, 200419 Craiova)
- Hotel Green House (Str. Frații Buzești 25, 200381 Craiova)
- Hotel Bacolux Craiovița (Calea Severinului 11, 200768 Craiova)
- Hotel Prestige Boutique (Str. Matei Basarab 15, 200760 Craiova)
- Hotel Europeca (Str. Pietății 9-11-13, 200127 Craiova)
- Hotel Rexton (Bvd. Carol I 49, 200692 Craiova)

Meeting Rooms for Teams: Arrangements for team meeting rooms can be made at the Information Desk. Requests should be submitted in advance for a reasonable duration or included with the Final Entry Form along with the rooming list.

5.2. Information Desk

An LOC Information Desk will be located in the lobby of each hotel with qualified personnel offering relevant informations on all aspects of the Balkan Athletics U20 Championships. The desks will be open on July 10th, 2025 from 08.00 AM to 08.00 PM.

5.3. Payment Procedures

An invoice will be sent to each Federation detailing the amount they owe based on their final entries. Payments should be made in advance before hotel check-in.

Payments should be made in EUR by bank transfer to the following account:

Name of Bank: **BRD – Sucursala Unirea**
Name of account holder: **Romanian Athletics Federation**
Tax ID: **4203423**
IBAN: **RO63 BRDE 441S V735 6221 4410**
SWIFT Code: **BRDEROBU**

Please note: A copy of the bank transfer must be presented on arrival and if there is a balance outstanding, this must be settled by team leaders before they can receive the team's accreditation and receive the hotel room keys.

Extra Charges: The Team Leader will be requested by the hotel reception to provide a credit card for all extras. The Team Leader must settle phone bills and all other extra services and expenses at the hotel reception before departure. All payments must be made in RON. Bank card payments allow for automatic conversion from any currency into RON.

5.4. Meals & restaurant opening hours

Meals will be served in the official team hotels according to the following schedule (to be confirmed in each Hotel):

- Breakfast: 07h00 – 10h00
- Lunch: 12h00 – 14h00
- Dinner: 19h00 – 22h00

Teams are kindly requested to respect the meal times in order to ensure smooth service for all delegations. Any specific dietary requirements should be communicated to the Hotel.

Specific mealtimes for breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be posted at the Hotel Information Desks. A late serving provision will be made for those athletes retained at the stadium due to doping controls. For lunch and dinner, water is available free of charge. All other drinks must be paid for.

Accreditation cards will allow access to meals.

6. ACCREDITATION

Each team member will receive an accreditation card, which must be worn at all times and remain clearly visible. Security personnel will monitor access to all areas. Accreditation is nontransferable and does not permit the holder to escort another person beyond checkpoints.

6.1. Accreditation Procedure

Accreditation cards will be prepared in advance of the event, based on the information provided by each Member Federation in the Final Entry Form. Once all financial obligations have been settled, accreditation cards will be provided to the Team Leader at the Information Desk.

6.1.1. Loss of an Accreditation Card

Any loss or damage of an accreditation card must be reported immediately to the TIC at the stadium. Duplicate cards will only be issued upon verification of identity.

6.1.2. Access Areas for Teams

All team accreditation cards will grant access to the team seating area, warm-up area, locker rooms, and physiotherapy rooms.

Only athletes scheduled to compete will be allowed access to the call room and the infield.

Separate accreditation cards will be issued to Team Leaders for access to the Technical Information Centre (TIC).

The following types of accreditations will be issued:

- Athletes
- Coaches
- Team Leaders
- Organizers
- Referees
- Technical Staff
- VIPs
- Medical Staff
- Media
- Volunteers

6.1.3. Coaches Zones

To allow communication between athletes and coaches during field events, seats have been reserved in the stands close to those events. Special passes for the concerned field event will be distributed during the accreditation procedure, upon signature of the Team Leader. There will be one pass per Team. The pass is only valid when accompanied by a team accreditation, this accreditation needs to be always visible.

7. Technical Information Center (TIC)

7.1. General Information

The main function of the TIC is to ensure smooth communication between each Team Delegation, the LOC, and the Competition Administration regarding any technical matters.

- Location: "Nicolae Mărășescu" Athletics Stadium – main entrance, and is clearly marked with a sign.
- Operating hours:

16:00 – 19:30 on 10th July 2026

11:00 – 00:15 on 11th July 2026

The TIC will be connected to all information desks set up for the event and will be responsible for the following:

- Distributing technical information regarding the competition to each delegation.
- Posting all relevant updates on the official information boards.
- Placing information in team mailboxes, including daily schedules, event entry lists, results, and any official announcements from the LOC

7.2. Technical Meeting

The Technical Meeting will take place on the 10th of July at the **“Ion Oblemenco” Football Stadium** (Boulevard Ilie Balaci, no. 8), located near Athletics Stadium, starting at 19.00.

All questions related to the Technical Meeting must be presented in writing, preferably in English, to the Hotel Information Desk on Friday, July 10 by 12:00 at the latest. The Technical Meeting will be conducted in English.

Notice: Teams that, due to exceptional circumstances, are unable to attend the Technical Meeting may collect their competition package from the TIC after the meeting.

7.3. Team Leaders’ WhatsApp Group

A WhatsApp group including all member federations’ Team Leaders will be created on site in order to offer an additional platform to address generalized and immediate communication needs and to make important announcements.

Major information of interest for all will be communicated to the teams by the TIC/Balkan Athletics via this group.

Balkan Athletics and LOC kindly asks the Team Leaders to use the WhatsApp group only for questions or concerns in the interest of all teams.

For questions and concerns relevant to individual teams only, the Team Leader is encouraged to use other means of communication with the LOC.

To facilitate communication via the WhatsApp group, free Wi-Fi internet access will be provided to Team Leaders in the stadium area. Free internet access may also be provided by the hotels where the delegations are staying.

8. COMPETITION

8.1. Competition events

100m; 400m; 800m; 1500m; 3000m; 100m Hurdles (women); 110m Hurdles (men); 3000m Steeplechase; 4x100m Relay; High Jump; Long Jump; Triple Jump; Shot Put; Hammer Throw; Discus Throw; Javelin Throw.

8.2. Schedule

CALL ROOM OPENS	CALL ROOM CLOSES	LEAVE CALL ROOM	ARRIVE AT THE COMPETITION SITE	START	EVENT	PHASE	MEDAL CEREMONY	MEN/ WOMEN
				18.00	Opening Ceremony			
17.43	17.48	17.58	18.00	18.30	Hammer Throw	Final	19.42	M
17.43	17.48	17.58	18.00	18.30	Triple Jump	Final	20.32	W
17.43	17.48	17.58	18.00	18.30	Triple Jump	Final	19.52	M
18.13	18.18	18.28	18.30	18.40	110m hurdles	Heat 1	-	M
17.58	18.03	18.13	18.15	18.45	Javelin Throw	Final	20.12	W
18.23	18.28	18.38	18.40	18.50	110m hurdles	Heat 2	-	M
18.43	18.48	18.58	19.00	19.05	100m	Heat 1	-	W
18.48	18.53	19.03	19.05	19.10	100m	Heat 2	-	W
18.58	19.03	19.13	19.15	19.20	100m	Heat 1	-	M
19.03	19.08	19.18	19.20	19.25	100m	Heat 2	-	M
19.08	19.13	19.23	19.25	19.30	100m	Heat 3	-	M
19.18	19.23	19.33	19.35	19.40	3000m steeplechase	Final	21.36	W
19.38	19.43	19.53	19.55	20.00	3000m steeplechase	Final	21.46	M
19.13	19.18	19.28	19.30	20.00	High Jump	Final	20.57	W
19.13	19.18	19.28	19.30	20.00	Hammer Throw	Final	21.12	W
19.13	19.18	19.28	19.30	20.00	Javelin Throw	Final	21.22	M
19.53	19.58	20.08	20.10	20.20	110m hurdles	Final	21.32	M
19.03	19.08	20.18	20.20	20.30	100m hurdles	Final	21.59	W
19.43	19.48	19.58	20.00	20.30	Long Jump	Final	22.24	M
20.18	20.23	20.33	20.35	20.40	100m	Final	22.08	W
20.28	20.33	20.43	20.45	20.50	100m	Final	22.16	M
20.43	20.48	20.58	21.00	21.05	400m	Heat 1	22.33	W
20.48	20.53	21.03	21.05	21.10	400m	Heat 2		W
20.58	21.03	21.13	21.15	21.20	400m	Heat 1		M
21.03	21.08	21.18	21.20	21.25	400m	Heat 2	22.39	M
21.08	21.13	21.23	21.25	21.30	400m	Heat 3		M
20.43	20.48	20.58	21.00	21.30	Shot Put	Final		23.17
20.43	20.48	20.58	21.00	21.30	Discus Throw	Final	23.25	M
21.18	21.23	21.33	21.35	21.40	800m	Heat 1	22.46	W
20.58	21.03	21.13	21.15	21.45	High Jump	Final	23.50	M
21.28	21.33	21.43	21.45	21.50	800m	Heat 1	22.53	M
21.38	21.43	21.53	21.55	22.00	800m	Heat 2		M
21.48	21.53	22.03	22.05	22.10	1500m	Final	23.01	W
21.58	22.03	22.13	22.15	22.20	1500m	Final	23.09	M
21.43	21.48	21.58	22.00	22.30	Shot Put	Final	00.14	M
21.43	21.48	21.58	22.00	22.30	Discus Throw	Final	00.20	W
21.43	21.48	21.58	22.00	22.30	Long Jump	Final	00.28	W
22.13	22.18	22.28	22.30	22.35	3000m	Final	23.34	W
22.33	22.38	22.48	22.50	22.55	3000m	Final	23.42	M
22.53	22.58	23.08	23.10	23.15	4 x 100m relay	Final	23.58	W
23.03	23.08	23.18	23.20	23.25	4 x 100m relay	Final	00.06	M

Note: Please arrive for the award ceremony 15 minutes before the scheduled time.

8.3. Competition information

Field Events:

In the field events the official trials are supervised by the judges. Athletes may only use official's markers for the approach. These will be handed out by the competition officials at the competitions area. Height will be announced by the Chief Judge at the beginning of the competition.

The Hammer Throw event (Men Women) will be held near the Warm up Stadium.

Relays:

Athletes competing in the 4x100m relay must be represented by a team official at the TIC no later than one hour before the Call Room time of the event.

The final composition of the relay team, including the running order, must be submitted using the official form within this deadline.

Starter's Commands; Electric Gun will be used:

Starter Commands

The starter commands will be given in English, as follows:

- For distances up to and including 400m, and relay events:

“On your marks” → “Set” → Sound of the gun

- For distances of 800m and above:

“On your marks” → Sound of the gun

In the event of a false start, a whistle sound will be used in combination with the electronic signal emitted by the starting blocks.

8.4. BIB Numbers

The LOC will provide the teams with bib numbers upon their arrival. Each competitor will receive 3 bibs. These must be pinned to the front and back of the competition clothing, to the back of the tracksuit. Exceptions are made for Jumping Events: these competitors are permitted to attach the bib only to the front or to the back of their competition clothing (plus their tracksuit and bag). Bibs must not be cut, folded or covered in any way and must be pinned at all four corners.

Leg numbers for track events will be issued in the Call Room.

Separate bib numbers will be provided for the relay events in the Call Room. These will replace the numbers placed on the front of the running kit.

8.5. Competition Clothing (including shoes)

Competitors must wear the Federation's official team clothing. World Athletics Technical Rule 5 will be strictly applied. Please make sure to follow the World Athletics Advertising Regulations. Clothing and items not conforming to this rule and the current World Athletics Advertising Regulations will be removed or taped at the call room.

This rule applies both to competition clothing (vest, shorts and tights) as well as to tracksuits.

8.6. Markers

Athletes will not be permitted to use their own markers during the Championships. Those athletes wishing to use a marker will be required to use the markers provided by the LOC at the event site. The number of markers per athlete is limited to two, including the tape markers in the High Jump.

Relevant officials will also provide adhesive tape for the relay runners at the track.

9. COMPETITION RULES

9.1. Entries

The Championships is an individual competition. Team Medal tables shall be made.

Each Regular Balkan Member may compete with two athletes per event and one team in each relay.

There will be no out-of-competition athletes coming from Regular Balkan Member Federations. Athletes coming from Federations may participate out-of-competition if previously approved by BA General Secretary and confirmed by appointed Technical Delegate. In the case of out-of-competition athletes, they are not eligible to win medals, they can compete only on the first three rounds of trials in field events except high jump and pole vault, they cannot participate in the jump-off or participate in any round of competition except the first round.

Only athletes aged at least 16 (sixteen) and not more than 19 (nineteen) years on 31 December of the year of the competition may participate in the Balkan Athletics U20 Championships.

Upon arrival, Team Leaders must present athletes' passports or other official documents indicating the year of birth, for them to be photocopied by the organisers.

9.2. Final confirmation

Final confirmation shall be submitted to the Technical Delegate no later than 6 pm on the day before the start of the competition. Final confirmation deadline can be the time of the technical meeting.

No changes will be allowed after final entries. For each withdrawal without valid reason after the final entries the member federation will be subjected to the withdrawal fee of €10 per athlete or €20 per relay team, payable to the Organising Federation.

The visiting delegations shall pay their travel expenses in both directions.

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.

A Technical Delegate shall be proposed by the hosting country and approved by Council or General secretary if previously approved by Council. The Technical Delegate will be responsible for ensuring that all technical arrangements are in conformity with the WA Rules and act as a Doping Control Delegate. In case the Technical Delegate and the hosting Federation mutually agree on a site visit before the Championships, the Delegate's board and lodging expenses shall be covered by the hosting Federation. Technical Delegate must ensure that the competition is listed in the WA

Global Calendar and to make sure that the organizer sent results to EA Competition Office and WA Statistics group immediately after the competition. Technical Delegate must make sure that all Technical Aspects of the WA Rules and BA Regulations are adhered to, and Technical Delegate shall make and approve the start lists and timetable.

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

The travelling expenses of Balkan Athletics President, General Secretary and Technical Delegate, including a site visit, shall be covered by the BA.

Balkan Athletics Championships are recognized by European Athletics and EA can appoint any additional officials as it seems necessary if previously approved by BA Council. All expenses of EA appointed persons will be covered by the hosting member federation.

The hosting Federation will cover all expenses related to the doping control.

9.3. Awards

First three placed athletes in each event shall receive medals.

9.4. Ceremonies

An Opening Ceremony shall be held on the first day of the Championships. The order of the Opening Ceremony shall be at the discretion of the hosting Federation.

Please arrive for the award ceremony 15 minutes before the scheduled time.

At individual victory ceremonies, the first three placed athletes shall mount on the podium.

No Closing Ceremony shall be held infield.

9.5. Doping Control

Doping control shall be conducted by ANAD (National Anti-Doping Agency).

The Technical Delegate will decide, in accordance with WA Rules and Guidelines for Doping Control, which placings from which events are to be selected for doping control.

The host Federation must provide the technical and medical facilities to carry out the doping control.

9.6. Technical aspects

In the 100m event both for men and women and 110 m Hurdles there will be qualification round and final round. The qualification procedure to the final round shall be according to WA Competition Rules.

The allocation of lanes and the order of the competition in field events shall normally be determined according to the season bests of the participating athletes.

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 athletes with best valid performances shall have three additional attempts in conformity with the WA Competition Rules.

Starting heights and the bar raising increments for high jump 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.

The use of multiple take-off boards at the triple jump competitions shall be decided at the Technical Meeting according to such demands.

The height of the hurdles and the weight of the throwing implements will be according to the WA Rules.

The Technical Meeting shall be held the day before and shall be chaired by the Technical Delegate.

9.7. Detailed Technical Information

- Official training is available at the stadium on the 10th of July starting with 17.00-20.30
- Timekeeping: Fully automatic Timing system – TimeTronics Argus
- Field events measurements: Electronic device – Trimble S3 / Laika
- Competition Management platform: Roster Athletics (www.rosterathletics.com)
<https://meets.rosterathletics.com/public/competitions/details/about?id=29433>
- Physical result sheets will also be posted on the official notice board at the stadium
- Each team will have a dedicated tent in the warm-up area
- Throwing implements control: 2 hours before the scheduled event
- Successive heights for High Jump will be communicated at the Technical Meeting
- Triple Jump take-off boards: 11m for women and 13m for men

9.8. Call Room Procedure

Event Type	First Call	Last Call	Leave Call Room
Jumping Events	45 minutes	35 minutes	30 minutes
100m/110m Hurdles	30 minutes	20 minutes	15 minutes
Track Events	30 minutes	20 minutes	10 minutes

Throwing Events

45 minutes

35 minutes

30 minutes

9.9. Post Competition Procedures

After the competition, athletes are to exit the competition area through the mixed zone immediately.

In the mixed zone, all athletes will meet the media: first TV, then radio, and finally the written press. It is for each athlete to decide whether he/she will give an interview.

The clothing baskets will be brought to the Kit Collection Area located after the mixed zone.

9.10. Relay Declaration Forms

The composition of each relay team, as well as the order of running, shall be officially declared via TIC no later than the published First Call time for the respective heat. The applicable deadlines will be published as part of the detailed Call Room schedule.

9.11. Medical Services

Medical services are responsible for providing medical assistance to any and all individuals in the competition venue during the competition and training hours.

Participating teams are responsible for ensuring their members are covered by their own insurance for any illness or injury that may occur while traveling to or from the competition.

In case of emergency, please dial 112 for immediate assistance. For all other situations, you can contact the Medical Care Staff in the Stadium. The stadium medical service is responsible for addressing any health issues concerning the athletes.

A paramedic crew will be present on the infield, under the supervision of a medical doctor (MD).

9.12. Protests & Appeals

Protests will be processed in accordance with WA Rule 8.

In the first instance, protests must be made orally to the relevant official judge by the athlete or by an official acting on their behalf (World Athletics Rule 8). Protests concerning the result or conduct of an event must be submitted within 30 minutes of the official announcement of the event's results (as posted on the TIC information board).

Any written appeal to the Jury of Appeal must be signed by a responsible team official on behalf of the athlete and submitted to the TIC within 30 minutes of the official notification of the Referee's decision.

Appeal fee: €80 (refundable if the appeal is upheld)

The Jury of Appeal will inform the TIC in writing of the decision taken following the appeal.



1. WARM UP AREA
2. CALL ROOM
3. TIC OFFICE
4. LONG JUMP / TRIPLE JUMP
5. HIGH JUMP
6. JAVELIN THROW
7. DISCUS THROW
8. HAMMER THROW
9. SHOT PUT
10. MIXTED ZONE
CEREMONY GATHERING ZONE
11. TECHNICAL MEETING
12. VIP AREA
13. OFFICIALS
14. TEAMS
15. PUBLIC
16. AWARD CEREMONY ZONE



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