

Qualification System and Entry Standards*

(as of April 2026)

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)**
 - a) 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 (incl. mixed). 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 outdoor list 2026.
 - 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 2027 indoor season as at 10 days prior to the first day of the European Athletics Indoor Championships (**21 February 2027**).
- **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 Top Listsmay enter one unqualified male athlete AND/OR one unqualified female athlete in one individual event of the Championships. Two unqualified athletes of the same gender are not allowed.
 - The name and event of the unqualified athlete must be submitted no later than **22 February 2027 at 14:00** to competition@european-athletics.org, together with information about their best performance during the qualification period.
 - The Technical Delegates will decide whether to accept such an Entry or not. Once accepted an athlete will appear in the list of qualified athletes in the Road to Valencia (please, see below). The decision of the Technical Delegates will be communicated at the latest on Monday 22 February at 18:00.
- **Age categories**
 - U18 Athletes: athletes aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December 2027 (born in 2010 or 2011), may compete in any event except Shot Put Men.
 - U20 Athletes: Only athletes aged at least 18 (eighteen) years on 31 December 2027 (born in 2009) may participate in Shot Put Men.
 - Athletes younger than 16 years on 31 December 2027 (born in 2012 or later) may not compete in any event.
- **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.

*The Qualification System is to confirm athletes being qualified, but it is up to each European Athletics Member Federation to enter athletes in the European Athletics Indoor Championships in accordance with the World Athletics Rules on eligibility and internal selection procedures.

Qualification System

- **Qualification period** valid for the

- a) **Top Lists**

- For all events: from 01 November 2026 to 21 February 2027.

- And for the**

- b) **Entry Standards**

- For the Combined Events: 18 months from 22 August 2025 to midnight 21 February 2027 (regardless of the time zone).
 - For all other events: 12 months from 22 February 2026 to midnight 21 February 2027 (regardless of the time zone).

Note: For the European Athletics Indoor Championships 2027 qualification system, the Road to Valencia 2027 will be exceptionally released on Tuesday 23 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 21 February 2027.
 - 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 Top Lists and / or eligible for Entry Standard for the European Athletics Indoor Championships 2027 by midnight Monaco time on Sunday 21 February 2027.
 - 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 Valencia 2027. 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 **Top Lists Position** achieved at the end of the qualification 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-2027/overview>).

- Athletes Qualified by Top Lists position
 - 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 (either directly or by finishing position at the selected competitions),
 - The approved unqualified athletes,
 - The list of athletes subsequently qualified by virtue of their Top List 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 Top List position.
 - In those events where the target number of entries (see below) has not been reached, European Athletics shall identify and confirm, as qualified, the athletes with the next best Top List position (based on list calculated as of 23 February), in order to reach the

established target number while respecting the maximum quota by Member Federation by 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 Top List position.

NB: To pro-actively identify those athletes, MFs are asked to pre-enter, via WA/EA entry system, **by 14:00 on 22 February 2027** all athletes who would be competing/interested to compete at the European Athletics Indoor Championships Valencia 2027 (whether being qualified at that moment or just being in the 'next to qualify' list but interested to participate). Athletes whose names are not pre-entered by that deadline, will be automatically considered as 'withdrawn' and thus not included in the final list of qualified athletes.

- The list with the athletes finally eligible for entry will be published during the afternoon on 22 February. Then, all MFs will have time until 22 February, 23:59, to check everything carefully. After this deadline, no further changes would be made to the list (even in case of further, late withdrawals due to injuries or other reasons).
- Member Federations shall enter all athletes to Valencia 2027 by the final entries' deadline of 24 February 2027 at 14:00 CET.

▪ Qualification in Relays

- For being ranked, the results of relay races shall be valid only on condition that they are part of a competition staged in compliance with World Athletics Rules (and included into WA Global Calendar) 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 22 February 2027 at 14:00 CET and enter them later in the Final Entries.
- The Host Nation shall declare their intention to compete in any of the relay races by 22 February 2027 at 14:00.

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

Event	Target Number	Entry Standards Men	Entry Standards Women	Entry Standards Mixed
60m	40	6.58 (10.05 for 100m outdoor)	7.17 (11.05 for 100m outdoor)	-
400m	30	45.90 (44.75 for outdoor)	51.70 (50.50 for outdoor)	-
800m	30	1:45.60 (1:43.00 for outdoor)	2:00.40 (1:58.00 for outdoor)	-
1500m	26	3:35.50 (3:31.00 for outdoor)	4:05.50 (4:00.00 for outdoor)	-
3000m	24	7:40.00 (7:34.00 for outdoor)	8:46.00 (8:37.00 for outdoor)	-
60m H	32	7.61 (13.25 for 110mH outdoor)	7.95 (12.70 for 100mH outdoor)	-
4x400m	6 teams	n/a	n/a	n/a
High Jump	18	2.29	1.97	-
Pole Vault	18	5.90	4.73	-
Long Jump	18	8.17	6.83	-
Triple Jump	18	17.00	14.35	-
Shot Put	18	21.20	18.90	-

Event	Target Number	Entry Standards Men	Entry Standards Women	Entry Standards Mixed
Combined Events	14	6250 (8550 for Dec)	4600 (6600 for Hep)	-

Conditions for the validity of performances

- Performances must be achieved in a competition conducted according to World Athletics Competition and Technical Rules, or authorized by World Athletics, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations, and published on the World Athletics Global Calendar: <https://www.worldathletics.org/competition/calendar-results>
- 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 qualification.
 - Hand-timed performances in 60m, 100m, 400m, 800m, 60m Hurdles, and 100m/110m Hurdles will not be accepted.
- For the running events of 400m and over, performances achieved on oversized indoor tracks will be accepted towards the outdoor standards.

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.