



Technical Regulations Athletics

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1. EVENT STATUS

1.1 Event Authority

The European Deaf Youth Games (EDYG) Athletics competition is organised under the authority of the European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO).

The sport-specific organisation and technical supervision shall be conducted by the EDSO Athletics Director in cooperation with the Local Organising Committee (LOC).

The LOC shall be responsible for venue operations, logistics, scheduling, and on-site organisation.

All technical and regulatory authority remains with EDSO.

1.2 Event Type / Sport Status

EDYG Athletics is a youth development competition.

It is designed to:

- promote participation in international Deaf sport,
- support athlete development,
- provide competitive experience for young athletes,
- and encourage long-term engagement in athletics disciplines.

EDYG Athletics is not an elite championship and does not serve as a qualification event for ICSD competitions, World Deaf Championships or Deaflympics.

1.3 Event Level

EDYG Athletics is conducted at the continental youth level under EDSO authority. It constitutes an official European youth competition for Deaf athletes.

1.4 Sport Classification

Athletics is classified as an individual sport with multiple disciplines.

The competition may include:

- track events,
- field events,
- combined events,
- relay events,

provided that the minimum participation requirements are met.

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1.5 Competition Categories

The following categories may be organised:

- Boys
- Girls

Mixed relay events (e.g. mixed relay) may be organised if the minimum participation criteria are fulfilled.

1.6 Qualification Competitions

No qualification competitions are required for EDYG Athletics.

Participation is based on open entry, subject to the limits defined in these Technical Regulations.

1.7 Advancement Pathways

The EDYG Athletics competition does not serve as a qualification event for:

- European Deaf Championships (EDC)
- World Deaf Championships
- World Deaf Youth Games
- Deaflympics

The competition serves exclusively as a developmental and educational platform.

1.8 Ranking, Seeding and Cycle Systems

Results from EDYG Athletics do not form part of any official ICSD ranking system.

EDSO may, where appropriate, use results for:

- internal youth development tracking,
- future seeding purposes in youth competitions.

No automatic ranking points or advancement rights shall apply unless explicitly stated.

2. PARTICIPANTS & ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Invitation / Nomination

Participation in the EDYG Athletics competition is subject to official nomination.

All National Deaf Sports Federations (NDSFs) in good standing with EDSO are entitled to nominate athletes for participation.

Only athletes duly nominated by their respective NDSF are eligible to compete.

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Entries may only be submitted by authorised representatives of the respective NDSFs.

2.2 Eligibility

Participation in the competition is restricted to athletes who fulfil all eligibility requirements defined by EDSO and ICSD.

All athletes must:

- hold a valid ICSD athlete registration number,
- be registered with a National Deaf Sports Federation recognised by ICSD,
- possess a valid and ICSD-recognised audiogram in accordance with the ICSD Audiogram Regulations.

Athletes without a valid ICSD ID and recognised audiogram are not eligible to compete.

2.2.1 Hearing Eligibility

Participation is restricted to athletes who are deaf and/or hard of hearing.

All athletes must comply with the ICSD Audiogram Regulations.

A minimum hearing loss of 55 dB in the better ear is required.

Audiograms shall be verified in accordance with the applicable ICSD procedures.

The use of hearing aids, cochlear implants or similar hearing devices is prohibited in the Restricted Zone.

2.2.2 Age Eligibility

EDYG Athletics is a youth-level competition.

Age eligibility is defined by year of birth, not by exact date of birth.

The following age categories apply:

Category	Year of Birth
Boys U14	2013
Boys U16	2011 - 2012
Boys U18	2009 – 2010
Boys U19	2008
Girls U14	2013
Girls U16	2011 - 2012
Girls U18	2009 – 2010
Girls U19	2008

The exact grouping into competitions depends on the number of registered athletes and shall be confirmed in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

EDSO reserves the right to merge or adapt age categories if required to ensure meaningful competition.

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All athletes who are sixteen (16) years of age or younger must obtain written permission from their parents or legal guardians and, where applicable, from their educational authorities.

2.2.3 Compliance

Only athletes who comply with:

- the EDSO Statutes,
- the EDSO General Regulations,
- the EDYG General Provisions (Part I1),
- and the present Technical Regulations

are eligible to participate.

2.3 Number of Teams

Not applicable.

Athletics is an individual sport, with relay events forming part of the competition programme.

2.4 Qualified Teams / Athletes

Participation in EDYG Athletics is based on open entry.

No qualification tournaments are required.

If the number of registered athletes exceeds the operational capacity of the event, EDSO may introduce:

- quota systems,
- entry caps per NDSF,
- or prioritisation criteria.

Any such measures shall be published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

2.5 Maximum Number of Athletes and Team Officials per NDSF

2.5.1 Athletes

There is no overall numerical limit on the total number of swimming athletes that a National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) may register and accredit for the EDYG Swimming competition.

Participation limits apply only at discipline and event level, as defined in Article 2.6.

2.5.2 Team Officials

In addition to the registered athletes, each National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) may accredit team officials in accordance with its own organisational needs.

For EDYG Swimming events, no fixed maximum number of team officials per delegation is prescribed. The composition and number of team officials (e.g. coaches, head of delegation,

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medical staff, support personnel) shall be determined at the discretion of the respective NDSF, subject to overall event capacity and accreditation policies.

The final confirmation of accredited team officials, including categories, numbers and access rights, shall be determined by the Organising Committee and communicated via the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.2.6 Number of Athletes per Discipline / Event

Within the overall participation framework, the following limits apply:

Individual events:

- Maximum two (2) athletes per NDSF per discipline (e.g. 100 m, long jump).

Relay events:

- Maximum one (1) relay team per NDSF per relay event.

Mixed relay events:

- One relay team consisting of two (2) male and two (2) female athletes, where offered.

These limits define how many athletes may be entered and fielded per discipline, and do not restrict the total size of a national delegation.

2.7 Number of Reserves / Substitutes

Reserve athletes may be nominated within the overall delegation size.

Replacements must be made in accordance with the entry phase regulations and applicable deadlines.

No additional athletes beyond the permitted entries per discipline shall be allowed to compete.

2.8 Competition Entry Standards

No minimum performance standards apply.

EDYG Athletics is a development-oriented competition.

2.9 Competition Entry Rules

Only an authorised representative of each NDSF is allowed to submit entries.

All entries must be submitted using the official EDSO forms or platforms.

2.10 Non-Starting Athletes (DNS / No-Show)

A fine of EUR 30 shall be levied on each non-starting athlete.

This fine shall not apply if the athlete submits a medical certificate or a doctor's declaration stating that he/she is not allowed to start.

3. ENTRIES & REGISTRATION

3.1 Entry Procedure

Entries for EDYG Athletics shall be submitted exclusively by the National Deaf Sports Federations (NDSFs).

All entries must be submitted using the official EDSO registration forms or platforms.

Entries shall be sent to the EDSO Athletics Director, with a copy to the EDSO Representative and the Organising Committee.

3.2 Entry Phases

EDYG Athletics follows the standard multi-phase entry system for individual sports.

Due to the youth-development character of the EDYG, flexibility may be applied within the defined framework.

The following phases apply:

Phase 1 – Preliminary (Form 1)

NDSFs shall submit a non-binding preliminary entry indicating their intention to participate and the expected number of athletes.

Standard deadline: **30 June 2025**

This phase serves to:

- estimate participation numbers,
- support scheduling and lane allocation / sector allocation / event scheduling
- enable early planning of age categories and formats.

Phase 2 – Final Entry (Form 2)

NDSFs shall submit the number of athletes entered per individual discipline and per relay event.

A maximum of two (2) athletes per NDSF per individual discipline and one (1) relay team per relay event applies.

Standard deadline: **16 January 2026**

Special EDYG provision for Athletics:

At Phase 2, an NDSF may initially register:

- 0, 1 or 2 athletes per individual discipline, and
- 0 or 1 relay team per relay event.

An increase:

- from 0 → 1 or 0 → 2 athletes, or

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- from 1 → 2 athletes, and
- from 0 → 1 relay team

is permitted until Phase 3, in order to allow the late identification of talented youth athletes.

After Phase 3, no further increases shall be permitted.

Phase 3 – Provisional Name List (Form 3)

NDSFs shall submit a provisional and extended list of athletes, including reserve athletes.

Standard deadline: **16 May 2026**

This phase serves for:

- verification of eligibility,
- age category confirmation,
- discipline allocation,
- relay composition planning,
- safeguarding and supervision planning

Phase 4 – Final Name List (Form 4)

NDSFs shall submit the final and binding list of athletes.

Standard deadline: **16 July 2026**

Only athletes included on the Final Name List are eligible to compete, unless replacement rules apply.

3.3 Entry Limits

Entry limits per NDSF, discipline or event may apply.

For EDYG Athletics, the following principles apply:

- No overall limit on the total number of athletes per NDSF,
- Maximum two (2) athletes per NDSF per individual discipline,
- Maximum one (1) relay team per NDSF per relay event,
- Maximum one (1) mixed relay team per NDSF.

These limits refer exclusively to athletes and do not include coaches, officials, interpreters or support staff.

No fixed maximum number is imposed on the total number of non-athlete delegation members per NDSF.

However, the number of coaches and officials allowed in the field of play, competition area or restricted zones shall be limited and regulated in accordance with the sport-specific competition rules.

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All additional delegation members may only access spectator areas or non-restricted zones.

3.4 Reserve Athletes

Reserve athletes may be designated within the submitted name lists.

Reserve athletes do not increase the maximum number of athletes permitted per discipline or relay event.

Any activation of a reserve athlete must be approved by the Technical Committee.

3.5 Late Entries & Changes

Late entries, changes after deadlines or exceptional modifications require explicit approval by EDSO.

Such approvals shall only be granted in justified youth-development cases.

3.6 Non-Start, Withdrawal & Penalties

A fine of EUR 30 shall be levied for each non-starting athlete (DNS).

This fine shall not apply if the athlete submits an official medical certificate or a doctor's declaration confirming that he or she is not allowed to start.

Additional sanctions may apply in accordance with the EDSO Schedule of Fees.

3.7 Maximum Numbers of Teams and/or Athletes

The maximum number of athletes admitted to EDYG Athletics may be limited for organisational, scheduling or safeguarding reasons.

If necessary, restrictions shall be published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

3.8 Accreditation Fees

Participation in the European Deaf Youth Games (EDYG) is subject to an accreditation fee payable to EDSO.

Unless otherwise specified in the sport-specific Technical Regulations, an accreditation fee of EUR 30 per person shall apply for:

- athletes,
- coaches,
- team officials,
- team leaders,
- physiotherapists,
- interpreters,
- and any other accredited delegation members.

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This accreditation fee is payable to EDSO and is mandatory for all persons accredited for participation in EDYG events.

3.8.1 Sport-Specific Exception – Beach Volleyball

For EDYG Beach Volleyball, the following exception applies:

- An accreditation fee of EUR 50 per pair shall apply for each competing beach volleyball pair (two athletes together).
- This pair-based accreditation fee replaces the individual athlete fee for beach volleyball athletes only.

All non-athlete delegation members (coaches, officials, interpreters, etc.) remain subject to the standard EUR 30 per person accreditation fee.

3.8.2 Local Organising Committee (LOC) Fees

Any additional fees charged by the Local Organising Committee (LOC), including but not limited to accommodation, meals, transport or local services, are not included in the EDSO accreditation fee.

Such LOC-related fees shall be invoiced separately by the LOC and are governed exclusively by the event-specific participation package.

4. COMPETITION RULES

4.1 Governing Rules

All EDYG Athletics competitions shall be conducted in accordance with the World Athletics Competition Rules and Technical Rules in their valid version.

Where applicable, World Athletics rules shall be applied with adaptations reflecting:

- the youth-development character of the EDYG,
- safeguarding requirements,
- and Deaf-specific needs.

In case of conflict between World Athletics rules and these Technical Regulations, these EDYG Athletics Technical Regulations shall prevail.

4.2 Deaf-Specific Adaptations

The following deaf-specific adaptations shall apply:

- Visual starting signals (e.g. light signals) shall replace acoustic start signals
- Referees and officials shall ensure that all instructions are clearly visible.
- Written or visual announcements may be used for scheduling and calls.
- Competition supervision shall take into account communication accessibility.

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Any further sport-specific adaptations shall be announced at the Technical Meeting.

4.3 Competition Format

Athletics competitions may include:

- heats,
- semifinals,
- finals,
- direct finals (time finals),

depending on:

- number of registered athletes,
- available competition time,
- age category structure,
- venue capacity.

The final competition format for each discipline shall be determined after the Final Entry Phase (Form 2) and confirmed at the Technical Meeting.

The objective is to ensure:

- fair competition,
- meaningful participation,
- athlete safety,
- and appropriate workload for youth athletes.

4.4 Field of Play & Equipment

All EDYG Athletics competitions shall be conducted on facilities that comply with World Athletics standards, including:

- certified running tracks,
- approved throwing and jumping facilities,
- appropriate measurement and timing systems.

Competition venue:

Erika-Fisch-Stadion
Ferdinand-Wilhelm-Fricke-Weg 2A
30169 Hannover

All competition areas, including track, field event sectors and warm-up areas, shall be prepared and maintained in accordance with World Athletics technical requirements.

All equipment (starting blocks, hurdles, throwing implements, relay batons, measuring devices, etc.) must comply with World Athletics specifications.

Only equipment approved by the Technical Committee shall be used during the competition.

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4.5 Equipment Control / Verification

Equipment checks may be conducted before or during the competition.

Athletes are responsible for ensuring that:

- personal equipment (e.g. spikes, throwing implements where permitted) complies with World Athletics rules,
- clothing complies with EDSO advertising and identification regulations.

National identification on competition clothing is mandatory.

Non-compliant equipment may be rejected by officials.

4.6 Youth-Specific Provisions

Due to the youth-development character of the European Deaf Youth Games (EDYG), the following youth-specific provisions shall apply to all Athletics competitions:

- The number of starts per day per athlete may be limited in order to protect athlete health and welfare.
- Adequate recovery and rest periods between events shall be ensured, particularly for athletes competing in multiple disciplines.
- The competition schedule may be adapted to avoid excessive physical load for youth athletes.
- Safety shall be prioritised in all technical disciplines, including throwing, jumping and hurdle events.
- Appropriate warm-up times and access to warm-up facilities shall be provided.
- Medical services and first aid support shall be available throughout training and competition periods.
- Hydration breaks and heat protection measures may be implemented where necessary.

Any youth-specific adaptations, limitations or protective measures shall be communicated in advance and confirmed at the Technical Meeting.

5. EVENT PROGRAMME

5.1 Disciplines / Events Offered

The following disciplines and events shall be offered in EDYG Athletics, subject to the minimum participation requirements being met and final confirmation by EDSO.

All events are conducted separately by gender and age category, unless otherwise stated.

5.1.1 Women U14 (Year of birth: 2013)

- 75 m
- 800 m
- 2000 m
- 60 m hurdles

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- High jump
- Long jump
- Shot put – 3 kg
- Discus throw – 750 g
- Javelin throw – 400 g
- 4 × 75 m relay

5.1.2 Men U14 (Year of birth: 2013)

- 75 m
- 800 m
- 2000 m
- 60 m hurdles
- High jump
- Long jump
- Shot put – 3 kg
- Discus throw – 750 g
- Javelin throw – 400 g
- 4 × 75 m relay

5.1.3 Women U16 (Years of birth: 2011–2012)

- 100 m
- 300 m
- 800 m
- 3000 m
- 80 m hurdles
- High jump
- Long jump
- Shot put – 3 kg
- Discus throw – 1 kg
- Javelin throw – 500 g
- 4 × 100 m relay

5.1.4 Men U16 (Years of birth: 2011–2012)

- 100 m
- 300 m
- 800 m
- 3000 m
- 80 m hurdles
- High jump
- Long jump
- Shot put – 4 kg
- Discus throw – 1 kg
- Javelin throw – 600 g
- 4 × 100 m relay

5.1.5 Women U18 (Years of birth: 2009–2010)

- 100 m
- 200 m
- 400 m

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- 800 m
- 1500 m
- 3000 m
- 100 m hurdles
- High jump
- Long jump
- Triple jump
- Shot put – 3 kg
- Discus throw – 1 kg
- Javelin throw – 500 g
- 4 × 100 m relay

5.1.6 Men U18 (Years of birth: 2009–2010)

- 100 m
- 200 m
- 400 m
- 800 m
- 1500 m
- 3000 m
- 110 m hurdles
- High jump
- Long jump
- Triple jump
- Shot put – 5 kg
- Discus throw – 1.5 kg
- Javelin throw – 700 g
- 4 × 100 m relay

5.1.7 Women U19 (Year of birth: 2008)

- 100 m
- 200 m
- 400 m
- 800 m
- 1500 m
- 3000 m
- 100 m hurdles
- High jump
- Long jump
- Triple jump
- Shot put – 4 kg
- Discus throw – 1 kg
- Javelin throw – 600 g
- 4 × 100 m relay

5.1.8 Men U19 (Year of birth: 2008)

- 100 m
- 200 m
- 400 m
- 800 m

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- 1500 m
- 3000 m
- 110 m hurdles
- High jump
- Long jump
- Triple jump
- Shot put – 6 kg
- Discus throw – 1.75 kg
- Javelin throw – 800 g
- 4 × 100 m relay

5.1.9 Mixed Relay Event

The following mixed relay event may be organised if the minimum participation requirements are fulfilled:

- Mixed U19 – 4 × 400 m relay
(Two (2) female and two (2) male athletes per team)

5.2 Confirmation of Programme

The final event programme shall be confirmed after the completion of the final entry phase (Form 2).

EDSO reserves the right to:

- merge age categories,
- cancel events with insufficient participation,
- adjust relay offerings,
- or modify the programme for safety, scheduling or organisational reasons.

All confirmed disciplines and events shall be published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

5.3 Timetable

The EDYG Athletics competitions are scheduled within the official EDYG event period:

17–23 August 2026

The Athletics competition days are planned as follows:

21–22 August 2026

The exact number of competition days and daily schedules shall depend on the number of registered athletes, disciplines and relay events.

The provisional and final timetables shall be:

published on the official event website www.dg-sportjugend.de/de/edyg-2026 , and confirmed at the Technical Meeting.

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5.4. Minimum Participation Requirements

Competitions shall only be conducted if the following minimum participation criteria are met:

5.4.1 Individual Events

- At least four (4) athletes per event category
- From at least two (2) different countries

5.4.2 Relay Events

- At least four (4) teams
- Representing at least four (4) different countries

5.5. Competition System and Formats

The competition system and formats shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable World Athletics Rules and the confirmed EDYG Athletics programme.

Depending on the number of entries, time schedule and operational feasibility, the following may apply:

- heats and finals,
- qualification rounds and finals (for field events),
- direct finals (time finals) where appropriate,
- lane draws and start lists in accordance with World Athletics procedures,
- relay qualification formats where required.

The final structure per event (e.g. number of rounds, qualification standards, heat allocation) shall be determined after the close of entries and published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin, and/or confirmed at the Technical Meeting.

5.6. Programme Adjustments

EDSO reserves the right to adapt the competition programme in order to ensure:

- meaningful competition,
- athlete safety and welfare,
- age-appropriate workload,
- fair scheduling and operational feasibility.

Possible adjustments include:

- merging or cancelling age categories or events,
- combining events as time finals,
- reducing the number of rounds,
- rescheduling events,
- limiting the number of attempts or modifying qualification procedures where appropriate,
- adapting relay formats.

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All programme adjustments shall be communicated to participating NDSFs without delay and published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

6. TECHNICAL MEETING

6.1 General Provisions

A Technical Meeting shall be held prior to the start of the EDYG Athletics competitions.

The Technical Meeting serves as the official forum for:

- confirmation of entries and eligibility,
- confirmation of disciplines, age categories and relay events,
- clarification of competition rules and procedures,
- presentation of technical and organisational information,
- explanation of event programme and timetable,
- addressing questions from participating delegations,
- adoption of binding technical decisions.

All decisions taken at the Technical Meeting shall be binding for the competition.

6.2 Date, Time and Location

The date, time and location of the Technical Meeting shall be determined by EDSO and the Organising Committee.

Date - Time		Location
TBA	First Technical Meeting	TBA
TBA	Second Technical Meeting	TBA

This information shall be published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin and communicated to all participating National Deaf Sports Federations.

6.3 Attendance

Each participating National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) may send up to two officials, at least one of whom must be deaf. In addition, a maximum of one interpreter may accompany the country if the second official is not deaf.

6.4 Chair and Organisation

The Technical Meeting shall be chaired by the EDSO Athletics Director or by a person designated by EDSO.

The Organising Committee and the Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) shall support the organisation of the Technical Meeting, including:

- room booking,

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- provision of interpretation,
- distribution of documents,
- and preparation of attendance lists.

6.5 Languages and Accessibility

The official working language of the Technical Meeting shall be English.
International Sign Language (ISL) interpretation shall be provided.

All important information shall be communicated in a visually accessible manner.

6.6 Agenda and Content

The agenda of the Technical Meeting shall normally include:

- confirmation of participating delegations,
- confirmation of athlete eligibility and age categories,
- confirmation of disciplines and relay events,
- explanation of competition formats and qualification procedures,
- explanation of World Athletics rules and deaf-specific adaptations,
- explanation of timetable and event order,
- relay team declaration procedures,
- warm-up and training regulations,
- Restricted Zone for the Field of Play (track and competition areas)
- protest procedures,
- safety instructions,
- any other relevant technical matters.

6.7 Binding Effect of Decisions

All technical clarifications and decisions made during the Technical Meeting shall be binding.
Delegations are responsible for informing their athletes accordingly.

7. TRAINING & WARM-UP

7.1 Official Training

Official training sessions may be organised prior to the start of the EDYG Athletics competitions.

The availability, duration and structure of official training sessions shall depend on:

- venue capacity,
- competition schedule,
- number of participants,
- and organisational feasibility.

Participation in official training sessions is optional unless explicitly stated otherwise.

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7.2 Training Schedule

The official training schedule shall be determined by the Organising Committee in coordination with EDSO.

For EDYG Athletics, the following applies:

- Training period: TBA
- Daily time slots: TBA
- Venue: Erika-Fisch-Stadion. Ferdinand-Wilhelm-Fricke-Weg 2A, 30169 Hannover
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The detailed training schedule shall be published on the official event website and/or in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

7.3 Warm-Up Areas

Designated warm-up areas shall be provided where possible.

Warm-up areas may include:

- track warm-up zones,
- field event warm-up areas,
- indoor or outdoor auxiliary areas.

Athletes must comply with the instructions of officials and venue staff when using warm-up facilities.

Warm-up activities must not interfere with ongoing competitions.

7.4 Restricted Zone

The Restricted Zone includes all competition and operational areas within the athletics venue that form part of the Field of Play (FOP) and competition environment.

The Restricted Zone includes in particular:

- the competition track,
- all field event areas (jumping and throwing sectors),
- run-up areas and landing areas,
- relay exchange zones,
- designated warm-up areas located within the field of play,
- the Call Room and athlete transfer areas,
- and any other areas designated by the Technical Committee.

The Restricted Zone extends to the clearly marked boundaries separating competition areas from spectator and public zones.

Within the Restricted Zone, the use of any hearing aids, amplification systems, cochlear implants, or external cochlear implant parts is strictly prohibited.
All applicable ICSD and EDSO Audiogram Regulations apply.

7.4.1 Hearing Devices (Audiogram Regulations)

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In accordance with the ICSD Audiogram Regulations, athletes participating in EDYG 2026 Athletics are strictly prohibited from using any hearing aids or cochlear implant devices within the Restricted Zone during warm-up and competition.

For EDYG Athletics, the Restricted Zone applies from the moment athletes enter the Call Room, field of play, or designated warm-up areas and remains in effect throughout the entire warm-up and competition period.

7.4.2 Authority

The authority within the Restricted Zone lies with the Referee and the competition officials appointed by the Technical Committee, including starters, field judges and other authorised officials.

The Referee has final authority regarding the interpretation and enforcement of Restricted Zone regulations.

7.4.3 Violation and Penalty

If this rule is violated, the competition shall be stopped where necessary, and the offending athlete(s) shall be disqualified from the respective event.

Further handling of the violation, including additional sanctions, shall be governed by the [ICSD Audiogram Regulations](#), 8: Violations and Penalties.

8. CHECK-IN / CALL ROOM

8.1 Procedures

Check-in and Call Room procedures shall apply for all EDYG Athletics competitions.

All athletes must report to the designated Call Room / Check-in Area prior to their scheduled event in order to:

- confirm their presence,
- verify identity and accreditation,
- confirm eligibility,
- receive final technical instructions,
- ensure correct event flow and athlete safety.

Access to the Call Room is restricted to accredited athletes, officials and authorised staff only.

8.2 Timing

Call Room reporting times shall be defined per discipline and communicated through:

- the official competition timetable,
- notices at the competition venue,
- and the Technical Meeting.
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Athletes must respect the official reporting times for:

- first call,
- final call,
- transfer to the competition area.

Failure to report within the prescribed time limits may result in DNS (Did Not Start) or disqualification, in accordance with the applicable competition rules.

8.2.1. Discipline-Specific Call Room Timing (Athletic-specific clarification)

Call Room closing times shall be discipline specific.

As a general guideline, the Organising Committee and Technical Committee may apply the principles and standard timeframes used by World Athletics (WA), adapted to the youth and development-oriented character of the EDYG.

The exact Call Room reporting times for each discipline shall be published in the official competition timetable and confirmed at the Technical Meeting.

8.3 Substitution & Replacement

Substitution and replacement rules shall be governed by:

- the entry regulations (Chapter 3),
- the eligibility rules (Chapter 2),
- and EDYG safeguarding principles.

After the final entry deadline (Form 4), substitutions are only permitted:

- for medical reasons,
- in case of injury,
- or other exceptional circumstances,

and must be approved by the Technical Committee.

Failure to appear in time at the Call Room may result in DNS.

8.4 Athletics-Specific Provisions

For EDYG Athletics, the following sport-specific procedures apply:

- Athletes must appear in the Call Room wearing the correct competition uniform.
- Bib numbers, spikes and personal equipment may be checked.
- Athletes shall follow all instructions given by Call Room officials.
- Once athletes leave the Call Room, they must proceed directly to the field of play.

The Call Room procedures are mandatory for all track and field events.

8.4.1 Combined Events and Multiple Starts

Athletes competing in multiple events (e.g. heats, finals, field events, relays) shall:

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- inform the Call Room officials in advance,
- follow the priority instructions issued by the Technical Committee.

The Technical Committee may adjust call times or event sequences to avoid scheduling conflicts where possible.

8.4.2 Hearing Devices – Restricted Zone

The Restricted Zone includes:

- the Call Room,
- all competition tracks and field event areas,
- warm-up areas designated by the Technical Committee.

Within the Restricted Zone:

- the use of hearing aids, cochlear implants or similar hearing devices is prohibited,
- all ICSD hearing device regulations apply.

8.4.3 Failure to Appear

If an athlete fails to report to the Call Room after the final call:

- the athlete may be disqualified from the event,
- the result may be recorded as DNS,
- and further sanctions may apply in accordance with EDSO Regulations.

9. PROTESTS & DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

9.1 Protests

All protests must be submitted in writing within the prescribed time limits.

For EDYG Athletics, the following procedures apply.

9.1.1 Lodging a Protest

All sport-related protests shall be handled in accordance with:

- the applicable World Athletics (WA) Competition Rules,
- the EDSO General Regulations,
- and these EDYG Athletics Technical Regulations.

Any official protest must:

- be submitted in writing in English,
- be completed on the Official EDSO Protest Form,
- be submitted to the EDSO Athletics Director,
- be accompanied by a protest deposit of EUR 100,

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- be submitted within 30 minutes after the official posting of the relevant results or decision.

9.1.2 Classification of Protests

The EDSO Athletics Director shall determine whether a protest is:

- sport-related (rules, technical decisions, competition matters), or
- eligibility-related (participation, age, compliance, accreditation).

Sport-related protests shall be reviewed by the Protest Committee.

Eligibility-related protests shall be referred to EDSO for final decision.

9.1.3 Protest Deposit

The protest deposit shall be returned only if the protest is upheld.

If the protest is rejected, the deposit shall be retained.

9.2 Disciplinary Bodies

For EDYG Athletics, the following disciplinary and adjudication bodies may be appointed:

9.2.1 Technical Committee

The Technical Committee shall be responsible for the technical organisation and supervision of the competition.

It shall normally be composed of:

EDSO Athletics Director (Chair)	Dietmar Marschner
EDSO Representative	Burcu Piskin
WA-qualified Technical Delegate / Referee	TBA
Deaf Representative	TBA
Sport Liaison Officer	TBA

The final composition shall be confirmed in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

9.2.2 Protest Committee

A Athletics Protest Committee shall be established.

It shall normally consist of:

EDSO Representative (Chair – no Voting Rights)	Burcu Piskin
EDSO Athletics Director	Dietmar Marschner
WA-qualified Referee or Technical Delegate	TBA

The Protest Committee shall adjudicate all sport-related protests.

9.3 Protest Review and Decision Procedure

9.3.1 Procedure for Reviewing a Protest

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The Protest Committee shall meet at a location and time determined by the Chair of the committee.

Unless otherwise stated, the following rules apply:

- The EDSO Representative shall chair the meeting.
- The Sport Liaison Officer (SLO) shall arrange the meeting room and interpretation.
- The SLO shall notify all committee members of the time and location.
- The EDSO Athletics Director shall liaise with the relevant competition officials.
- The SLO shall inform the hosting Deaf Sport Federation.
- The EDSO Athletics Director shall inform the EDSO Executive Board of the protest and the decision.

9.3.2 Decision Authority

All sport-related protest decisions taken by the Protest Committee are binding for the competition.

EDSO retains final authority in all disciplinary and eligibility matters.

9.3.3 Unforeseen Cases

In cases not covered by these regulations, the Protest Committee shall decide.

If the Protest Committee is not available, the EDSO Athletics Director shall make a provisional decision, subject to later confirmation.

9.4 Penalties and Financial Sanctions

Disciplinary matters, penalties and sanctions during EDYG Athletics competitions shall primarily be governed by the applicable World Athletics Rules.

In addition:

- financial sanctions may apply in accordance with the EDSO Schedule of Fees,
- misconduct, unsporting behaviour or serious rule violations may result in:
 - warnings,
 - disqualification,
 - exclusion from an event or competition,
 - or further disciplinary measures.

In cases not explicitly covered by these Technical Regulations, the Technical Committee and/or EDSO shall decide.

10. AWARDS & CEREMONIES

10.1 Location and Procedure of Award Ceremonies

The location, timing and procedure of award ceremonies shall be determined by the Organising Committee and published in the applicable Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

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Award ceremonies shall normally take place at or near the competition venue.

Athletes must wear their official national competition clothing during medal ceremonies.

10.2 Medals

For EDYG Athletics events, medals shall be awarded as follows:

- Gold medal for 1st place
- Silver medal for 2nd place
- Bronze medal for 3rd place

In case of a tie, where two (2) or more athletes achieve identical official results (e.g. time, height or distance), the respective placing shall be shared.

All athletes sharing the same placing shall receive the corresponding medal.

No additional tie-breaking procedure or run-off shall be applied.

For relay events, one medal shall be awarded to each athlete who is part of the medal-winning relay team.

Medals shall be awarded exclusively to athletes.

Coaches, team officials, medical staff or other delegation members are not entitled to receive medals.

Commemorative items or certificates for coaches and officials may be provided at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

10.3 Trophies, Cups and Team Awards

No trophies or cups shall be awarded in EDYG Athletics unless explicitly announced by the Organising Committee.

At the discretion of the Organising Committee and/or the host federation, additional special awards may be presented, such as:

- Fair Play Award
- Best Performance Award
- Outstanding Athlete Award
- Other special recognitions

Such awards shall have no effect on official rankings, titles or medal classifications.

10.4 Certificates and Diplomas

Where applicable, certificates, diplomas or participation confirmations may be issued.

According to EDSO practice, official certificates may be awarded up to 8th place per event.

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The design, format and distribution of certificates shall be defined by EDSO and/or the Organising Committee.

11. FINAL PROVISIONS

11.1 Event Modification or Cancellation

EDSO reserves the right to modify, reschedule, suspend or cancel the EDYG Athletics competition, in whole or in part, due to:

- safety reasons,
- weather conditions,
- force majeure,
- insufficient participation numbers,
- organisational or logistical constraints,
- or other exceptional circumstances.

Any such changes shall be communicated to all participating NDSFs as soon as possible.

11.2 Reactivated / Pilot Sports

As a youth and development-oriented event, EDYG Athletics may be conducted under adapted, simplified or transitional formats.

Such adaptations may include, but are not limited to:

- modified competition schedules,
- adapted formats or age groupings,
- pilot or test formats for youth development purposes.

All adaptations shall aim to ensure fairness, athlete safety and sporting integrity.

11.3 Authority

These Technical Regulations are issued under the authority of the European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO).

All participants, officials and delegations are bound by these regulations.

11.4 Language

This Technical Regulation is issued in English.

In case of any discrepancies, ambiguities or differing interpretations, the English version shall prevail.

11.5 Additional Provisions

Any matters not explicitly covered in this Athletics Technical Regulation shall be governed by:

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- the EDSO Statutes,
- the EDSO General Regulations,
- the EDSO Technical Regulations Handbook (Part E),
- Part I – EDYG General Provisions,
- and the applicable Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

12. ADDENDUM

This Addendum supersedes the standard provisions defined in Chapters 1–11 where explicitly stated.

This Addendum is reserved for future supplementary provisions, clarifications and technical specifications relating to the European Deaf Youth Games (EDYG) Athletics competition.

It may be used to publish:

- additional competition details,
- late technical clarifications,
- updated procedures,
- modified formats,
- safeguarding-related adaptations,
- or newly introduced provisions

which could not reasonably be included in the main body of these Technical Regulations at the time of publication.

Any future addenda shall form an integral part of these EDYG Athletics Technical Regulations and shall be published by EDSO.

Such provisions shall not conflict with:

- the EDSO Statutes,
- the EDSO General Regulations,
- the EDSO Technical Regulations Handbook (Part E),
- Part I – EDYG General Provisions,
- or applicable ICSD Regulations (where relevant).

12.1. Event Programme Adjustment (reference 5.1)

Due to the limited number of registrations received and in order to ensure fair, safe and operationally feasible competition, the originally planned athletics programme for the European Deaf Youth Games (EDYG) has been adjusted.

As a result:

All U14 categories have been cancelled in full, and

- only the disciplines listed below shall be conducted.
- All other disciplines originally announced in Chapter 5 are cancelled and will not be held, even in the case of late entries.

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These adjustments apply equally to all participating National Deaf Sports Federations.

12.1.1 Confirmed Disciplines to be Conducted

The following disciplines are confirmed and may be conducted, subject to final entries and minimum participation requirements:

Women U16 (born 2011–2012)

- 100 m
- 300 m

Men U16 (born 2011–2012)

- 100 m
- 300 m
- Javelin Throw – 600 g

Women U18 (born 2009–2010)

- 100 m
- 200 m
- 400 m
- Long Jump

Women U19

- 100 m (born 2008)
- 200 m (born 2008)
- 800 m (born 2008–2012)

Men U19

- 100 m (born 2008–2010)
- 200 m (born 2008–2010)
- 400 m (born 2008–2010)
- 1500 m (born 2008–2010)
- 800 m (born 2008–2012)
- Long Jump (born 2008–2012)

12.1.2 Final Provisions

No additional disciplines beyond those listed in Article 12.1.1 shall be organised.

Late entries shall be accepted only for the confirmed disciplines listed above and only within the applicable entry deadlines.

All other provisions of these Technical Regulations, including eligibility, entry procedures, protest procedures and awards, remain unchanged.

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This Addendum forms an integral part of the EDYG Athletics Technical Regulations and supersedes the corresponding provisions in Chapters 1–11 where explicitly stated