



Technical rules

1. The Balkan Association of Masters Athletes (BAMA) Championships are organized by the Bulgarian Masters Federation and Stara Zagora Municipality. The competition will take place in Stara Zagora, during the period September 22rd – 24th, 2017, at Stadium „Beroe“, located on „Beroe“ square, with the assistance of Athletic club „Beroe“.

2. The 27th edition of the championships will be conducted in compliance with the IAAF and EMA Technical Rules, and in agreement with the BAMA Statutes and the present guidelines issued by the Local Organizing Committee.

3. An athlete shall be eligible to complete in an age group competition under these Rules if he (she) is of age within the age range specified in the relevant age group classification. An

athlete must be able to provide proof of his age through presentation of a valid passport upon request. An athlete who fails or refuses to provide such proof shall not be eligible to complete.

The XXVII Balkan Masters Athletics Championships Stadia are open only to men and women who were born before September 23-rd, 1982 and who are physically fit.

4. The registration of the competitors will be done online by the relevant National federation. Each Federation will receive a user name and password for access to the registration form. Deadline for registration until August 31st 2017, 23:59. Team Managers are held responsible for collecting health declarations and doping sampling consent from the athletes they approve for registration. The competition is open for competitors from countries which are

Events are divided into age groups and shown below:

M + W	35 - Born From	23 September 1977 - to	22 September 1982
M + W	40 - Born From	23 September 1972 - to	22 September 1977
M + W	45 - Born From	23 September 1967 - to	22 September 1972
M + W	50 - Born From	23 September 1962 - to	22 September 1967
M + W	55 - Born From	23 September 1957 - to	22 September 1962
M + W	60 - Born From	23 September 1952 - to	22 September 1957
M + W	65 - Born From	23 September 1947 - to	22 September 1952
M + W	70 - Born From	23 September 1942 - to	22 September 1947
M + W	75 - Born From	23 September 1937 - to	22 September 1942
M + W	80 - Born From	23 September 1932 - to	22 September 1937
M + W	85 - Born From	23 September 1927 - to	22 September 1932
M + W	90 - Born From	23 September 1922 - to	22 September 1927

not members of BAMA; they will not be included in the official ranking of BMACS, and can send applications to email: bfav@abv.bg.

5. Each participant may compete in no more than 4 disciplines individually, maximum 2 disciplines per day, and in relays. The time schedule of the competition is announced on the BMACS website: www.bmacs2017.eu

6. The registration fee for the one event is € 20 +1€ (doping). Any additional event has an extra cost of € 5. Relays fee is 10€ per relay.

7. The registration fees should be transferred to the (specially dedicated to BMACS) account of the:
Bulgarian Masters Federation
IBAN BG73STSA93000021807965 -
EUR BIC STSABGSF
BANKA DSK, Branch Otechestvo
1040 Sofia, 73 „Vasil Levski“, bul.

8. No application will be approved after deadline. No application will be registered unless correspondingly paid for before the deadline. Local Organization Committee must be informed regarding all changes applied to the registered entries before the Technical Meeting on the 21-st of September 2017. These changes refer to corrections of the personal data of athletes already registered. New registrations are not accepted. Changing the events for an athlete is not accepted either.

9. The start lists will be published on the website www.bmacs2017.eu at least three days before the competition begins.

10. The Technical Meeting to be

attended by the Team Managers will be held on September 21th in the press room located at the stadium at 18:00 h. Maximum two representatives of each country will be admitted to the Technical Meeting.

11. Registration Center and numbers (bibs) pick up. Date: Thursday September 21st, 2017 from 14:00 to 18:00h. The Team Managers have to pick up the registration numbers (bib) and the runner's packs exclusively from the Registration Center.

12. Each competitor will get two start numbers which should be worn in front and on the back. Exception includes high jump and pole vault, in which competitors should only wear one start number, either on front or back. Additional start numbers with country marks will be given in relay race and which should be picked up by Team Managers. Start numbers should not be folded or changed. Contrary action may lead to disqualification.

13. All athletes must compete in the sport uniforms and colors of their national teams.

14. The Opening Ceremony will take place on Friday, September 22rd 2017, 14:30h. Each country must be represented by its athletes who will participate in a ceremonial defile during the opening ceremony.

15. The events javelin, discus, and hammer throws will be held on the throwing polygon which is located above the main stadium.

16. The warm-up area is located at 100m to the north of the main stadium. No warm-up will be allowed on the main



track.

17. It is strictly forbidden to enter the grass areas of the main and the warm-up stadium.

18. All participants should register in the Call room. Application time in the Call Room for all events will be 20 minutes before the start of the event. For the events javelin, discus and hammer throws a Call Room will be established on the throwing polygon. Competitors who don't register on time will not be allowed to compete.

19. All competitors will be accompanied to the competition area by officials.

20. The part of each spike which projects from the sole or the heel shall not exceed 9mm, except in the High Jump and Javelin Throw, where it shall not exceed 12mm. The number of spike positions shall not exceed 11.

21. In the Vertical Jumps, each increase of the bar shall be uniform throughout the competition: 3 cm in the High Jump and 10 cm in the Pole Vault.

22. Instructions to athletes at races will be given in English according to IAAF rules.

23. Athletes may start from either block-start or standing position at their own choice.

24. In the Track events, only one false start per race shall be allowed without the disqualification of the athlete(s) responsible for the false start. Any athlete(s) responsible for further false start in the race shall be disqualified by the Starter.

25. Block-start sensors and devices (at the discretion of the OC), electronic timing, photo-finish equipment and wind-meters will be operational during the competition.

26. The relays teams will combine two age categories for men and women in the following groups: 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, and 75+. Each country can register up to two teams per group. The second national team will not be competing for the medals.

27. Entries for relays must be submitted to the Organization Committee at least 24 hours before the start of the event and finally confirmed no less than 2 hours before the actual start.

28. The Competition Director has the executive authority.

29. For any objection € 100 fee should be paid. If the objection is rejected, the money will be kept.

30. The objections must apply in no more than 30 minutes after the results are announced. The LOC Jury will judge all of the objections.

31. The medal ceremony will be held in a specially designated area approx. 30 minutes after the results are posted.

32. The person or entity that requires the testing of any competitor for doping is requested to pay in advance a fee of € 350 per case.

33. During the whole competition emergency medical assistance will be provided by the organizers. Emergency calls at 112 – the medical service - may also be used in case of need.

