

RESOLUTION (63) 16

(Adopted by the Ministers' Deputies on 25th October 1963)

EUROPEAN ATHLETICS DIPLOMA

The Committee of Ministers,

Welcoming the inclusion in the activities of the Council of Europe of European co-operation in the field of physical education, sport and outdoor activities formerly carried out under the auspices of the Western European Union;

Recognising the value of the project for a European Athletics Diploma for encouraging the participation of young Europeans in sporting activities while imbuing them with a sense of European solidarity,

Approves the Recommendation of the Council for Cultural Co-operation laying down the official procedure for organising the Diploma tests and co-ordinating them on an international scale;

Transmits this Recommendation to Governments so that they can distribute it to the appropriate national authorities, whether governmental or private, with a request that all member countries hold tests as soon as possible;

Recommends member countries, as appropriate :

- either to hold tests as soon as possible where these do not already exist,
or

- to arrange for the European Athletics Diploma to be awarded in conjunction with national tests, in accordance with the minimum requirements set out in CCC Recommendation No. 9 and following a procedure to be laid down by national authorities (such arrangements being valid until the revision provided for in paragraph III, 1 (a) of the Recommendation);

Resolves to institute the European Athletics Diploma under the auspices of the Council of Europe ;

Resolves further to authorise persons having passed the test under the prescribed conditions to receive and wear the Diploma badge, incorporating the emblem of twelve gold stars on a blue background, and to take part in events reserved for holders of the European Athletics Diploma.

APPENDIX

RECOMMENDATION No. 9 OF THE COUNCIL FOR CULTURAL CO-OPERATION ON CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE AWARD OF THE EUROPEAN ATHLETICS DIPLOMA

The Council for Cultural Co-operation,

Whereas one of the aims of its Committee for Out-of-school Education is to promote the participation of young Europeans in sporting activities while imbuing them with a sense of European solidarity;

Having approved the proposal of the Committee to pursue this aim through the creation of a European Athletics Diploma,

Recommends that the Committee of Ministers request all member countries of the Council for Cultural Co-operation to institute the tests for the European Athletics Diploma in accordance with the following provisions :

I. Basic Provisions

1. The Council of Europe sponsors the European Athletics Diploma. Instituted with a view to contributing to the cultural unity of Europe, it shall be awarded for successful completion of the prescribed tests in the basic aspects of sport. It shall be conferred at two levels (lower and upper).

2. The European Athletics Diploma is intended to raise health standards in the various countries and to further the idea of cultural unity and solidarity in Europe.

3. To obtain the European Athletics Diploma (lower level) one must have satisfied certain minimum requirements in the basic branches of sport as set out in Section II of these recommendations. The examination will test organic strength, muscular power, skill and endurance. The award of the European Athletics Diploma is also dependent upon a declaration of acceptance of the principles set out in the European Cultural Convention.

4. (a) No one may enter for the upper level of the Diploma until the lower level qualification has been obtained.

(b) The upper level award shall be made after successful fulfilment of conditions to be determined in detail by a co-ordinating panel composed of countries having demonstrated their interest by launching the Diploma tests. The tests prescribed for the upper level award shall, in general, show evidence of a visit abroad, or a study project of a European character or youth service (e.g. an open air or cultural activity; life-saving and first aid; taking another national test abroad), showing initiative, community spirit and endurance.

(c) As a transitional measure, the upper level award may be entered for by candidates holding a national diploma of equivalent standard to the tests outlined in this Recommendation. This provision shall apply until the establishment of the European tests in the country concerned.

5. The conditions under which the tests are taken are the subject of special provisions. These are the responsibility of the competent sports organisations in the various countries.
6. In the first instance, the European Sports Diploma shall be established for boys and girls between 16 and 18 years old. These age-limits shall run from 1st January to 31st December in the year in which the tests are taken. The 18-year age-limit shall not apply to the upper level award.
7. Tests must be completed by 31st December of the year in which they are begun.
8. A medical examination is recommended for all candidates prior to taking the tests.
9. The European Sports Diploma should enjoy the protection of the national sports authorities, both public and private.

II. Athletics test

Minimum requirements for the lower level award (16 to 18 years)

One test to be chosen from each of the following five sections :

		Boys		Girls	
1. <i>Running</i>	60 m.	8.6 sec.		9.8 sec.	
	80 m.	11.2 sec.		13.0 sec.	
	100 m.	14.0 sec.		16.0 sec.	
2. <i>Jumping</i>					
	- high jump	1.30 m.		1.05 m.	
	- long jump	4.35 m.		3.45 m.	
3. <i>Throwing</i>					
	(a) weight put	3 kg	--	6.80 m.	
		4 kg	8.80 m.	6.00 m.	
		5 kg	8.00 m.	--	
		6 kg	7.50 m.	--	
		7.25 kg	6.60 m.	--	
	(b) discus	1.5 kg	20 m.	Hockey ball	90 g. 30 m.
		1.75 kg	19 m.	or similar	150 g. 27 m.
	(c) javelin	600 g.	25 m.		16 m.
4. <i>Swimming</i>	200 m.	Free style No time-limit		Free style No time-limit	
5. <i>Endurance</i>					
	walking	20 km.	4 h.	Choice of	
	running	2 km.	8 min.		
		3 km.	12 min. 30 sec.	tests to	
	swimming	500 m.	15 min.		
	cycling	20 km.	55 min.	be fixed	
	ski-ing	5 km.			
	skating	20 km.		by each country	
sculling	3 km.				

Countries which do not yet have national proficiency certificates are recommended to institute them, using the above tests as a model.

III. Administration

1. Co-ordination

The Council for Cultural Co-operation approves the principle of an annual meeting of one representative from each country holding tests to act as a European co-ordinating panel, the first meeting to take place in 1964. The Council of Europe shall provide secretarial and interpretation services for a two or three-day meeting.

This panel shall be empowered :

(a) to amend or extend the tests in the light of experience after the first two years :

(b) to deal with finance; administration; publicity; production of the badges; organisation of meetings, upon invitation from a given country, for competition between Diploma holders; general liaison with national authorities and, where necessary, international sports federations.

2. Finance

The Council for Cultural Co-operation shall provide funds for the launching of the project as follows :

(a) costs of the annual meeting of the co-ordinating panel;

(b) creation and initial supply of badges and Diplomas;

(c) publicity measures;

(d) grants towards meetings between Diploma holders, the main cost of which would be borne by the host country.

3. Publicity and general provisions

(a) The Council is requested to place its publicity media at the disposal of the co-ordinating panel.

(b) Governments and national sporting authorities are requested :

(i) to institute national diplomas (where they do not already exist) and the European Athletics Diploma;

(ii) to provide possibilities for young sportsmen from European countries to meet in their countries;

(iii) to report annually to the Committee for Out-of-school Education on tests taken for the European Athletics Diploma providing names, addresses and figures, and an indication of the five best performances in each category.