



Berlin, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015

## **15<sup>th</sup> USPE European Police Championships Cross Country 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in Coventry/United Kingdom**

### **Invitation to enter**

Police Sport UK (PSUK) is entrusted with the organization of the 15<sup>th</sup> USPE European Police Championship in Cross Country by the Union Sportive des Polices d'Europe (USPE) from 21<sup>st</sup> March – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in Coventry/United Kingdom.

The following invitation to enter is issued for the USPE EPC Cross Country 2016.

1. **General Organiser**  
Union Sportive des Polices d'Europe (USPE)
2. **Organiser**  
Police Sport UK (PSUK)
3. **Date**  
Arrival: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016  
Depart: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016
4. **Venue**  
Princethorpe College, Princethorpe, Near Coventry, England

The Women's and Men's Cross Country Races will be staged in the private grounds of Princethorpe College. [www.princethorpe.co.uk](http://www.princethorpe.co.uk) The venue is six miles from the accommodation. Transport will be provided by the organiser.

5. **Accommodation/Travelling**  
Chesford Grange Hotel, Kenilworth, Near Coventry, England.  
[www.qhotels.co.uk/chesfordgrange](http://www.qhotels.co.uk/chesfordgrange)

All participants will be lodged in the same location.

The organiser will provide the transportation from Airport (Birmingham International - BHX) or Train station (Birmingham International) to the hotel according the travelling details of all the delegations.

**Delegations which need a VISA are requested to contact the host in time.**

## 6. **Competition rules**

6.1 The provisions of the USPE Competition Rules, paragraph 4.12 shall apply.

4.16.1 The rules and regulations laid down by the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) shall apply, unless otherwise stipulated below or provided for in the Invitation to Enter.

4.16.2 Men's events will be approximately 12 km, while ladies' races will be approximately 8 km.  
The teams scores shall embrace the individual results (positions) achieved by the first four male runners or the first three female runners. In the event of a tie, the position of the last placed runner in each team shall be decisive.

4.16.3 Each member association may enter up to six sportsmen and six sportswomen as well as up to three attendants. However, the number of attendant must not exceed the number of sportsmen/-women.

### 6.3 **Draw**

The starting positions will be decided as per the European Athletics Regulations. Competitors must start from the allocated area, failure do so will result in disqualification.

### 6.4 **Team sport equipment**

All teams must wear nominated team colours. Failure to do so will lead to disqualification.

## 7. **Referees**

The provisions of the USPE Competition Rules, paragraph 2.4, shall apply.

The organiser is in charge of ensuring that there are sufficient referees.  
The minimum standard for the referees is the highest national level.

Exceptions to this must be approved by the competent member of the Technical Commission in charge for the respective sport and the USPE Secretary General.

## 8. **Provisional timetable**

### **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016**

14:00 – 19:00 h Arrival, control, accreditation 19:00 – 20:30 h Dinner at Hotel

### **Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016**

10:30 – 12.30 h Training at the Course Venue, Transport provided from Hotel.  
10:00 – 15.00 h Delegate visit  
13:00 – 14:00 h Lunch at Hotel  
15:30 – 17:00 h Technical Meeting  
18:00 – 19:00 h Opening Ceremony at Hotel  
19:15 – 21:00 h Dinner at Hotel

**Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016**

10:30 – 11:00 h	Ladies depart for Course.
11:00 – 11:30 h	Males depart for Course.
11:30 h	Delegates depart for Course.
12:00 h	Ladies Race (8k)
13:30 h	Mens Race (12k)
after	All return to Hotel.
17:30 – 18.15 h	Presentation of Awards & Closing Ceremony
19:30 – 24.00 h	Dinner & Disco

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

Teams depart Hotel for Birmingham International Airport / Birmingham International Rail Station.

**9. Jury of appeal**

The provisions of the USPE Rules and Regulations, Article R 19, shall apply. The Jury of Appeal for the USPE EPC Cross Country 2016 is comprised of:

1. Fred Kusserow Secretary General of the USPE, Chairmen
2. Paul Moran Member of the Technical Commission
3. Graham Heeley, Member of the organising committee, expert in cross country
4. Member of the British Athletics

All appeals have to be made in writing by the delegate or one of the attendants of the member union in question within less than an hour after the end of the fixing of or the publication of the results unless the respective international sport rules specify different.

The delegate or one of the attendants of the member union has to enclose an appeal fee with the appeal in order for the appeal to be valid.

The deposited sum will be refunded to its owner if the appeal proves to be justified. If the appeal is rejected the sum deposited is retained by the USPE.

The appeal fee will be a total of 100,00 EUR, paid in cash.

**10. Eligibility to start**

The provisions of the USPE Statutes, the USPE Rules and Regulations, the USPE Competition Rules as well as the USPE Anti-Doping Regulations shall apply.

**USPE Statutes Article 23: The Competitors**

(1) Participation in championships is restricted to athletes, who:

1. meet the starting requirements of their international union,
2. belong to a national sports organisation that is a member of the USPE,
3. are police officers or
4. are police students at a public police academy,
5. have reached the age of 18 at the time of the championships (including preliminary rounds),
6. have signed the Anti-Doping Declaration,
7. and submit the USPE Declaration of Participation signed by the respective President/Secretary General to the competent member of the Technical Commission.

### **USPE Rules and Regulations Article R 12/2: Competitors**

(1) In order to be able to take part in an European championship organised by the USPE, the members of the member unions have to fulfil the following conditions:

1. They have to satisfy the provisions set out in Article 23 of the Statutes.
2. They have to be police officers or students at a public police academy. The police are a set of all bodies and institutions in charge of maintenance of public law and order (administrative police and crime investigation departments).

(2) Military police, members of the military, members of fire brigades and civil servants that do not belong to the police are excluded from European police championships.

#### **USPE Competition Rules paragraph 1.3.2:**

Competitors suspended from sports contests by the USPE or by the respective sports association due to having violated the relevant doping regulations are not eligible to enter.

#### **USPE Competition Rules paragraph 1.5:**

All teams shall wear uniform sportswear displaying the emblems of their individual member union.

### **11. Accreditation/Verification of eligibility to enter**

For verification of a person's eligibility, the presentation of the police ID and passport or national ID-card (including a photo) must be presented to the Technical Delegate of the USPE. In case these documents are not presented, permission to start could be refused.

**According to the USPE Statutes, all participating countries must present the USPE Declaration of Participation for each athlete who will participate, signed by the respective President or Secretary General.**

**Without the Declaration the participation at the USPE EPC is not possible!**

The verification will be effected by the competent member of the USPE Technical Commission, Mr. Paul Moran.

### **12. Anti Doping**

Doping tests (urine and/or blood) will be conducted during the championships, with the current WADA list of prohibited substances being applicable. ([www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org)).

**Every Competitor must sign the USPE Anti-Doping-Declaration and hand it over to the USPE Technical Delegate at the accreditation.**

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### **13. Expenses/fees**

#### **13.1. Travelling expenses**

Each member union will pay its own travelling expenses.

**13.2. Board and lodging****Delegate**

The expenses incurred by the delegate (USPE Rules and Regulations Article R 11) of the respective member union will be paid by the organizer.

**Team**

For all participants 40,00 € per person per night are to be paid to the organizer (Article R 14/3 of the Rules and Regulations).

**Guests**

Should a member country intend to take guests with them and should the organiser be able to provide the respective accommodation, each guest has to pay the actual costs incurred by them.

The costs for guests will be as follows:

The full pension per day will be in single room 100 Euro and in a double room 70 Euro.

The respective invoices will be sent by the organiser.

**13. 3. Registration fee**

USPE Rules and Regulations Article R 14/2:

Prior to a championship each participating nation has to pay a registration fee to the General Treasurer of the USPE.

This fee has to be paid before the opening of the championships.

Registration fees:

Each start (single/team): 40,00 EUR

The respective invoices will be sent to the participating member countries in time by the USPE.

**14. Registration**

Each participating member country is requested to send the enclosed forms

You are requested to send enclosed forms by E-mail to:

1. Office of the USPE Secretary General ([office@uspe.org](mailto:office@uspe.org))
2. Police Sport UK ([ianecampbell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ianecampbell@hotmail.co.uk))
3. Paul Moran, responsible member of the USPE Technical Commission ([moran.marathon@gmail.com](mailto:moran.marathon@gmail.com))

Please meet the following deadlines:

<b>Form 2:</b> Number of Participants	1 <sup>st</sup> October 2015
<b>Form 3:</b> Participants Names	14 <sup>th</sup> January 2016
<b>Form 4:</b> Travelling Details	22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2016

**15. Restriction of personality rights**

Entrants consent through their entry that their personal data/information shall be recorded for the entire competition and results' lists in a file and shall be published on the Internet or in USPE publications.

They also consent that photographs/film recordings produced prior to, during and after the event may be used for the purpose of USPE public relations work.

**16. Disclaimer**

The USPE and the Italian Sports Association shall not assume any liability in the event of accidents, theft and other events of damage or loss.

The disclaimer shall be recognised upon registration for the event.

**17. Notes**

**One contestant per team has to wear the police uniform of their respective country at the opening ceremony.**

All teams shall wear uniform sportswear displaying the emblem of their individual member union.

**As to the Final Banquet, you are requested to attend adequately dressed to suit the occasion (no blue Jeans).**

The participating teams are responsible for the assurance of their delegation.

Fred Kusserow  
USPE Secretary General

Ian E Campbell  
Police Sport UK