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Spitzen Leichtathletik Luzern takes place in front of an audience

The canton of Lucerne has selected Spitzen Leichtathletik Luzern as a pilot event within the pandemic ordinance. Therefore the International Athletics Meeting will definitely take place on June 29th with spectators.

The third largest Swiss meeting has been ranked among the 20 largest events of its kind worldwide in terms of the performance of the athletes in recent years. The final approval for the event on June 29th is still pending. However, those responsible are confident that the protective measures that have been developed will be approved. "We really put great effort into the implement the framework requirements of the federal government," says Karl Vogler, chief of the OC. 800 spectators will be admitted.

Vogler says: "That is much less than the average of just over 7,000 in recent years, but at least we can offer the athletes a long-missed ambience that will hopefully inspire them to perform well." It is for many the last chance to qualify for the Olympics. The tickets - only seats - will be available online next week at <u>www.spitzenleichtathletik.ch</u>.

Spectators are required to be either vaccinated, recovered or tested. It is hoped that the deficit in the low six-digit range will be able to be compensated with the help of federal funds, which are to flow through the association and thanks to cantonal and municipal support. In addition, loyal sponsors are still there.

Currently no information is available on witch athletes are taking part. Because of the protective measures, the organizers need additional helpers. They can register at www.spitzenleichtathletik.ch. Further information is also available there.