Background
As per the General Section of the Sporting Code, in order to be sanctioned as Second Category Event, all required documentation and payment must be received by the FAI secretariat at least 30 days before the start of the event.

Test events should be sanctioned as FAI 2 and published on FAI calendar and civlcomps.org as soon as they are approved by the NAC and the dates are fixed by the organiser, so other event organisers are aware of them and, as far as possible, programme their events at a different time than test events.

Current text
Section 7 Common
2.4.5 Test Event
Unless authorised by the Plenary or the Bureau, the Competition Organiser must arrange a test event on the proposed site one year before the Category 1 event and as close to the proposed Championship dates as is practical. CIVL shall appoint a Steward to attend the test event to provide advice to the organiser and to report on any organisational or site modifications required.
If the test event cannot take place for any reason the Category 1 event shall be cancelled.
Competition Organisers of all test events are to apply for Category 2 status for these events.

New text
2.4.5 Test Event
Unless authorised by the Plenary or the Bureau, the Competition Organiser must arrange a test event on the proposed site one year before the Category 1 event and as close to the proposed Championship dates as is practical. CIVL shall appoint a Steward to attend the test event to provide advice to the organiser and to report on any organisational or site modifications required.
Unless authorised by the Plenary or the Bureau, when the test event cannot take place, the Category 1 event is cancelled.
Competition organisers of all test events shall apply for Category 2 status for their events.
Test events are sanctioned as Second Category events and published on FAI calendar and civlcomps.org as soon as the championships bids are approved by the plenaries.