

## EUROPE

## SOFTBALL

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## 1. EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS FORMAT

The maximum number of participating teams per Federation in the same Competition will be one. The minimum number of teams in one Competition Division will be four.

Qualification to the Medal games will be conducted as follows:

## 1.1. with $\mathbf{4}$ teams:

- Double round-robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 play Gold medal game,
- Teams ranked 3 and 4 play Bronze medal game.


## 1.2. with 5 teams:

- Double round-robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 play Gold medal game,
- Teams ranked 3 and 4 play Bronze medal game.
- The team ranked 5 will be 5 th in the Competition.


## 1.3. with 6 teams:

- Single round-robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 play Gold medal game,
- Teams ranked 3 and 4 play Bronze medal game.
- Teams ranked 5 and 6 play each other to determine places 5 and 6 .


## 1.4. with 7 teams:

- Single round-robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 play Gold medal game,
- Teams ranked 3 and 4 play Bronze medal game.
- Teams ranked 5 to 7 play a single round-robin "b" to determine places 5,6 , and 7 .
1.5. with 8 teams:
- Single round-robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 play Gold medal game,
- Teams ranked 3 and 4 play Bronze medal game.
- Teams ranked 5 and 6 play game for 5 th place.
- Teams ranked 7 and 8 play game for 7 th place.


## 1.6. with 9 teams:

- Single round-robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 play Gold medal game,
- Teams ranked 3 and 4 play Bronze medal game.
- Teams ranked 5, 6 and 7 play a single round-robin "b" to determine places 5,6 and 7 .
- The team ranked 8 and 9 will play one game to determine places 8 and 9 in the Competition.


## 1.7. with 10 teams:

- Two groups "a" and "b" both of five teams. Each group plays a single round-robin.
- Teams ranked 1,2 and 3 of in groups "a" and "b" play a single round-robin "c" in which the games among these four teams will also be considered as a played game for this round-robin "c".
- Teams ranked 4 and 5 of both groups play a single round-robin "d" in which the games between these teams will also be considered as a played game for this round-robin "d".
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 in group "c" play Gold medal game,
- Teams ranked 3 and 4 in group "c" play Bronze medal game.
- Teams ranked 5 and 6 in group "c" play game for 5 th place.
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 in group "d" play game for 7 th place.
- Teams ranked 3 and 4 in group "d" play game for 9 th place.


## 1.8. with 11 teams:

- Two groups: one of 5 teams, "a", and one of 6 teams, "b". Each group plays a single roundrobin.
- Teams ranked 1,2 and 3 of in groups "a" and "b" play a single round-robin "c" in which the games among these four teams will also be considered as a played game for this round-robin "c".
- Teams ranked 4, 5 and 6 of both groups play a single round-robin "d" in which the games between these teams will also be considered as a played game for this round-robin "d".
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 in group "c" play Gold medal game,
- Teams ranked 3 and 4 in group "c" play Bronze medal game.
- Teams ranked 5 and 6 in group "c" play game for 5 th place.
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 in group "d" play game for 7 th place.
- The final results of round-robin "d" determine the places 9 to 11 in the Competition.


## 1.9. with 12 teams:

- Four groups "a", "b", "c" and "d", each having 3 teams. Each group plays a single roundrobin.
- Two quarterfinal groups "e" and " f " will be created after a single round-robin.
- Quarterfinal group "e" will be created from the teams ranked a1, b2, c2 and d1.
- Quarterfinal group "f" will be created from the teams ranked a2, b1, c1 and d2.
- Teams ranked 1, 2 and 3 of both quarterfinal groups "e" and " $f$ " play a single round-robin in Semifinal group for qualification to medal games (games played in quarterfinal groups are counted).
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 play Gold medal game, teams ranked 3 and 4 play Bronze medal game.
- The final results of the round-robin of the Semifinal group will determine places 5 and 6 in the Competition.
- Fourth teams of both quarterfinal groups "e" and "f" play for place 7.
- Teams ranked 3 of groups "a", "b", "c" and "d" play a single round-robin " g ".
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 in group " $g$ " play game for 9 th place.
- Teams ranked 3 and 4 in group " $g$ " play game for 11 th place.


## with 12 teams - alternative:

- Two groups "a" and "b" both of six teams. Each group plays a single round-robin.
- Then teams ranked 1,2 and 3 of both groups play a single round-robin " c " in which the games between these teams of the first round-robins "a" and "b" will also be considered as a played game for this round-robin " c ".
- Teams ranked 4,5 and 6 of both groups play a single round-robin "d" in which the games between
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 in group c play Gold medal game,
- Teams ranked 3 and 4 in group c play Bronze medal game.
- Teams ranked 5 and 6 in group "c" play game for 5 th place.
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 in group "d" play game for 7th place.
- The final results of round-robin "d" determine the places 9 to 12 in the Competition.

With 13 teams and more - the same principle as for 12 teams will be used with following differences due to different numbers of the teams:

### 1.10. with 13 teams:

- Teams ranked 3 and 4 of groups "a", "b", "c" and "d" play a single round-robin "g" in which the games between these teams of round "d" will also be considered as a played game for this round-robin " g ".
- The final results of round " g " will determine places 11 to 13 in the Competition.
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 in group " $g$ " play game for 9th place.


### 1.11. with $\mathbf{1 4}$ teams:

- Teams ranked 3 and 4 of fourth groups "a", "b", "c" and "d" play a single round-robin "g" in which the games between these teams of rounds "c" and "d" will also be considered as a played game for this round " g ".
- The final results of round " g " will determine places 11 to 14 in the Competition.
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 in group " $g$ " play game for 9th place.


### 1.12. with $\mathbf{1 5}$ teams:

- Teams ranked 3 and 4 of fourth groups "a", "b", "c" and "d" play a single round-robin "g" in which the games between these teams of rounds "b", "c" and "d" will also be considered as a played game for this round " $g$ ".
- The final results of round " g " will determine places 11 to 15 in the Competition.
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 in group " $g$ " play game for 9 th place.


### 1.13. with $\mathbf{1 6}$ teams:

- Quarterfinal play out of below breakout will be as follow: " g " and " h " will be created after a single round-robin.
- Quarterfinal group " $g$ " will be created from the teams ranked $a 3, \mathrm{~b} 4, \mathrm{c} 4$ and d3.
- Quarterfinal group "h" will be created from the teams ranked a4, b3, c3 and d4.
- Teams ranked 1 in group " $g$ " and " $h$ " play for 9th place,
- Teams ranked 2 in groups " $g$ " and " $h$ " play for 11 th place.
- Third teams of both quarterfinal groups " g " and " h " play for place 13.
- Fourth teams of both quarterfinal groups " $g$ " and " $h$ " play for place 15.

With 17 teams and more - the same principle as for 16 teams will be used with following differences due to different numbers of the teams:

### 1.14. with $\mathbf{1 7}$ teams:

- " g " and " h " will be created after a single round-robin.
- Quarterfinal group " $g$ " will be created from the teams ranked a3, b4, c4, d3 and a5.
- Quarterfinal group "h" will be created from the teams ranked a4, b3, c3 and d4.
1.15. with 18 teams:
- " $g$ " and " $h$ " will be created after a single round-robin.
- Quarterfinal group " $g$ " will be created from the teams ranked $a 3, b 4, c 4, d 3$ and a5.
- Quarterfinal group " $h$ " will be created from the teams ranked $a 4, \mathrm{~b} 3, \mathrm{c} 3, \mathrm{~d} 4$ and b 5 .
- Fifth teams of both quarterfinal groups " g " and " h " play for place 17.


### 1.16. with 19 teams:

- Teams ranked 5 of group "a", "b" and " $c$ " play a single or double round-robin " $i$ ".
- The final results of round "i" will determine places 17 to 19 in the Competition.
1.17. with 20 teams:
- Teams ranked 5 of group "a", "b", "c" and "d" play a single round-robin "i".
- The final results of round "i" will determine places 17 to 20 in the Competition.


### 1.18. with 21 teams:

- Teams ranked 5 and 6 of group "a", "b", "c" and "d" play a single round-robin "i" in which the games between these teams of the previous round will also be considered as a played game for this round-robin " $i$ ".
- The final results of round "i" will determine places 17 to 21 in the Competition.


### 1.19. with 22 teams:

- Teams ranked 5 and 6 of group " $a$ ", "b", "c" and "d" play a single round-robin "i" in which the games between these teams of the previous round will also be considered as a played game for this round-robin "i".
- The final results of round " g " will determine places 17 to 22 in the Competition.


### 1.20. with 23 teams:

- Teams ranked 5 and 6 of group " $a$ ", " $b$ ", " $c$ " and " $d$ " play a single round-robin " $i$ " in which the games between these teams of the previous round will also be considered as a played game for this round-robin "i".
- The final results of round "i" will determine places 17 to 23 in the Competition.


### 1.21. with 24 teams:

- Eight groups "a", "b", "c", "d", "e", "f", "g" and „h", each having 3 teams. Each group plays a single round-robin.
- Teams ranked 2 of each group will play an extra game for qualification to quarterfinal groups ( $2 \mathrm{a}-2 \mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{~b}-2 \mathrm{c}, 2 \mathrm{e}-2 \mathrm{~h}$ and $2 \mathrm{f}-2 \mathrm{~g}$ ). Two quarterfinal groups " i " and " j " will be created after a single round-robin.
- Quarterfinal group "i" will be created from the team's ranked a1, d1, e1, h1 and winners extra games $2 \mathrm{~b}-2 \mathrm{c}$ and $2 \mathrm{f}-2 \mathrm{~g}$.
- Quarterfinal group "j" will be created from the team's ranked b1, c1, f1, g1 and winners extra games $2 \mathrm{a}-2 \mathrm{~d}$ and $2 \mathrm{e}-2 \mathrm{~h}$.
- Teams ranked 1, 2 and 3 of both quarterfinal groups " $i$ " and " $j$ " play single round-robin in Semifinal group for qualification to Medal games (games played in quarterfinal groups are counted).
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 play Gold medal game, teams ranked 3 and 4 play Bronze medal game.
- The final results of the round-robin of the Semifinal group will determine places 5 and 6 in the Competition.
- Fourth teams of both quarterfinal groups "i" and "j" play for place 7.
- Fifth teams of both quarterfinal groups "i" and "j" play for place 9.
- Sixth teams of both quarterfinal groups "i" and "j" for place 11.
- Losers extra games for qualification to quarterfinal groups ( $2 a-2 d, 2 b-2 c, 2 e-2 h$ and $2 f$ -2 g ) play a single round-robin " $k$ ". The final results of round-robin „ $k$ " will determine places 13 to 16 in the Competition.
- Teams ranked 3 of groups "a", "b", "c", "d", "e", "f", "g" and "h" play a single round-robin "l". The final results of round-robin "l" will determine places 17 to 24 in the Competition.


## 2. WOMEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS FORMAT

- Two groups "a" and "b" each having 4 teams from the last events standings; 1 to 8.
- Four groups "c", "d", "e" and "f" are created with the last events standings; 9 to the last.
- Group "a" will be created from the teams ranked 1, 4, 5 and 8.
- Group "b" will be created from the teams ranked 2, 3, 6 and 7.
- A1 plays A8, A4 plays A5, B2 plays B7, B3 plays B6.
- Group "c", "d", "e" and "f" play a single round robin to determine the winner of each group.
- C1 and F1 will go up to group "a", D1 and E1 will go up to group "b".
- Group "a" and "b" will play a single round robin.
- Teams ranked 2, 3 and 4 of group " $c$ ", " $d$ ", "e" and " $f$ " play a single round robin " $g$ " in which the games between these teams in the starting round will also be considered as a played game for this round-robin " $g$ ".
- Teams ranked 1, 2 and 3 of both quarterfinal groups "a" and "b" play a single round-robin in Semifinal group "x" for qualification to medal games in which the games between these teams of the quaterfinal round will also be considered as a played game for this Semifinal group "x"
- Teams ranked 4, 5 and 6 of both quarterfinal groups "a" and "b" play a single round-robin in Semifinal group " $y$ " for places 7 to 12 in which the games between these teams of the quaterfinal round will also be considered as a played game for this Semifinal group " $y$ ".
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 in group "x" play Gold medal game, teams ranked 3 and 4 in group "x" play Bronze medal game.


## 3. WOMEN'S CUP COMPETITIONS AND FORMAT

## Introduction

The maximum number of participating teams per Federation in WEPC and WECWCA will be two; in WEC and WECWCB, one, unless approved by SE.
Teams subscribing to European Competitions, are constituted into Divisions in each Competition. The minimum number of teams in a Cup Competition will be four
The maximum number of teams in one Competition Division will be twelve, including the possible defending Champion. The Defending Champion is the Holder of the Title of that particular Women's European Cup.
If one or more qualified teams do not enter WEPC or WECWCA Cup for any reason by the deadline (e.g.: defending Champion is playing in different Cup or any other team did not enter the WEPC or WECWCA ), SE will supplement the WEPC or WECWCA as follows:

If one space is available in the WEPC or WECWCA, it will first be offered to the team relegated at the end of the previous season. If declined, it will then be offered to the team which came second in the previous WEC or WECWCB. If declined, no further offer will be made and the WEPC or WECWCA will play with a reduced number unless approved by SE.

If two spaces are available in the WEPC or WECWCA they will be offered to both, the team relegated at the end of the previous season and the team which came second in the previous season WEC or WECWCB. If either or both are declined no further offer will be made and the WEPC or WECWCA will play with a reduced number unless approved by $S E$.

If there are more than two spaces in the WEPC or WECWCA, only two will be offered as in the last point above and the WEPC or WECWCA will play with a reduced unless approved by SE.

## Format Women's European Premiere Cup, Women's European Cup and Woman's European Cup Winners Cup Competitions.

3.1. If no less than four and no more than eleven teams subscribe, not including the possible defending Champion, these will be allocated in one Division:
3.1.1. European Premiere Cup, with all registered teams, plus the possible defending Champion.
3.1.2. European Cup Winners Cup, with all registered teams, plus the possible defending Champion.
3.2. If twelve teams subscribe, not including the possible defending Champion, these will be allocated between two Divisions:
3.2.1. European Premiere Cup, with a maximum of eight teams, plus the possible defending Champion, European Cup, with the emaining number of teams.
3.2.2. European Cup Winners Cup A, with a maximum of seven teams, plus the possible defending Champion,

> European Cup Winners Cup B, with the remaining number of teams.
3.3. If thirteen to twenty-one teams subscribe, not including the possible defending Champion, these will be allocated between two Divisions:
3.3.1. European Premiere Cup, with a maximum of nine teams, plus the possible defending Champion, European Cup, with the remaining number of teams.
3.3.2. European Cup Winners Cup A, with a maximum of seven teams, plus the possible defending Champion,

European Cup Winners Cup B, with the remaining number of teams.
3.4. If twenty-two to twenty-nine teams subscribe, not including the possible defending Champion,
3.4.1. these will be allocated in the European Cup between three Divisions:

- European Premiere Cup, with a maximum of nine teams, plus the possible defending Champion,
- European Cup, with a maximum of eight teams.
- European Cup "C", with the remaining number of teams
3.4.2. these will be allocated in the Cup Winners Cup between two Divisions:
- European Cup Winners Cup A, with a maximum of seven teams, plus the possible defending Champion,
- European Cup Winners Cup B, with the remaining number of teams.
3.5. If thirty to thirty-seven teams subscribe, not including the possible defending Champion, 3.5.1. these will be allocated in the European Cup between four Divisions:
- European Premiere Cup, with a maximum of nine teams, plus the possible defending Champion,
- European Cup, with a maximum of eight teams,
- European Cup " C ", with a maximum of eight teams,
- European Cup "D", with the remaining number of teams
3.6. The allocation of teams within the Divisions of a Competition is made according to their rating in said Competition, teams being allotted to the Divisions of a Competition in the descending order of their rating and in the descending order of the Divisions.
3.7. The allocation of teams within the Divisions of a Competition is effected immediately after the closing date for subscriptions as stated in article CR 4 and is notified to all Affiliated Federations.
3.8. For the allocation of teams, their rating represents only their hierarchy within the Competition and not a right to be allotted in the Division they are rated in.
3.9. Once the allocation of teams has been effected for teams having not subscribed and thus having not been allotted, the procedure of article 5.3 is applied.
3.10. Once the allocation of teams has been effected the format of the Competition shall be considered final and not subject to change.
3.11. In the case when a team withdraws, either by its own fact or as a result of not respecting the conditions of eligibility or of participation, after the notification of the allocation of teams as stated in article 3.7, and before the 30 days deadline as stated in article CR 2.2:

The withdrawing team is retired from the allocation of teams and considered as having not subscribed, the procedure of article 5.3 is applied, without prejudice of the possible financial penalties.

## 4. PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

Promotion and relegation of teams occur in the following cases:
4.1. As a consequence of the final standing of a team in Competition.
4.1.1. Between all Divisions of European Cups, the last ranked team of a Division is relegated to the immediately lower Division and the first ranked team of a Division is promoted to the higher Division.
4.1.2. Such promotions and relegations take effect immediately after the completion of the Competition.
4.2. As a consequence of the non-participation of a team to a Competition to which it subscribed:
4.2.1. A team which does not effectively take part in or withdraws from a Competition to which it subscribed, is relegated to the Division immediately lower than its Division of origin within said Competition, at a rank under the lowest-ranked team of the Division of relegation. The highest-ranked team of the lower Division is then promoted to the higher Division as a replacement. However, a team having been already, for a given year, relegated from the higher Division in application of article 4.1 cannot be promoted the same year to the higher Division in application of article 4.2.
4.2.2. When several teams from the same Division are relegated in application of article 4.2.1, they are relegated in the lower Division in the order of their rating in the higher Division. The same number of teams is promoted from the lower Division, in the order of their rating in the lower Division.
4.2.3. In the application of article 4.2, relegations take effect: for 4.2.1, immediately once the non-participation is established, and for 4.2.2, after the completion of the Competition.
4.2.4. In the application of article 4.3.1, promotions take effect after the completion of the Competition.
4.3. As a consequence of the non-subscription of a team to a Competition to which it was eligible: 4.3.1. A team that does not subscribe in a given Competition, in which it was eligible to take part, is relegated to the Reserve Division of said Competition.
4.3.2. When several teams are relegated in application of article 4.3.1, they are relegated in the Reserve Division in the order of their rating in their Divisions of origin.
4.3.3. In the application of article 4.3.1, relegations are effective at the closing date for subscriptions
4.3.4. The Reserve Division of a Competition is taken into consideration only for relegation in application of article 4.1. There is no relegation to, or promotion from, the Reserve Division for the application of articles 4.1 and 4.2.

## 5. TEAM STANDING AND RESERVE DIVISION

5.1. The standing of a team in a given Competition is the basis for the determination of its qualification for the next Competition. The standing of a team in a given Competition is primarily defined, for said Competition, by the Division in which the team has played and its position inside this Division. For hierarchy purposes, the Division has precedence on the position. For example: standing A5 is higher than standing B3. The standing of teams for the next Competition is determined after all positions in all Divisions of a given Competition are known, as follows:

| STANDING - DIVISION "X" |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Div. | position | standing |
| $\mathbf{E}$ | 1st | X1 |
|  | 2nd | X2 |
|  | 3rd | X3 |
|  | 4th | X4 |
|  | 5th | X5 |
|  | 6th | X6 |
|  | 7th | X7 |
|  | 8th | X8 |
|  | 9th | X9 |
|  | 10th | X10 |
|  | 11th | X11 |
|  | 12th | X12 |

5.1.1. For the "A" Division of Cup Competitions the position of a defending Champion is neutralized for the determination of the standing as per article CR 3.7. If the possible defending Champion has also the First place in the Competition, they receive an A0 standing. The first positioned team, if not the defending Champion, receives an A1 standing as Winner, this standing being transmitted to the team that will represent the Federation in next Competition and an A0 standing as the new defending Champion.

| STANDING - Cup Division "A" |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Defender has 1st place |  |  |  |  |
| Div. | position | standing |  |  |
|  | 1st | A1 |  |  |
|  | 2nd | A2 |  |  |
|  | 3rd | A3 |  |  |
|  | 4th | A4 |  |  |
|  | 5th | A5 |  |  |
|  | 6th | A6 |  |  |
|  | 7th | A7 |  |  |
|  | 8th | A8 |  |  |
|  | 9th | A9 |  |  |
|  | 10th | A10 |  |  |
|  | 11th | A11 |  |  |
|  | 12th | A12 |  |  |
|  | DEF | A0 |  |  |


| STANDING - Cup Division "A" |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Defender has NOT 1st place |  |  |  |
| Div. | position | standing |  |
|  | 1st | A0+A1 |  |
|  | A2 |  |  |
|  | 3rd | A3 |  |
|  | A4 |  |  |
|  | 5th | A5 |  |
|  | 6th | A6 |  |
|  | 7th | A7 |  |
|  | 8th | A8 |  |
|  | 9th | A9 |  |
| 10 th | A10 |  |  |
|  | 11th | A11 |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | DEF | n.a. |  |

NOTE: Positions determined WITHOUT taking the Defending Champion into account
5.1.2. In Cup Competitions, and except for a Title Holder as Defending Champion, the standing is obtained by a team but is attributed to the Federation of belonging of said team. This standing is then the standing of the team that represents the said Federation in the next Competition.
5.2. Once the primary standings have been defined for each Competition according to article 5.1, promotions and relegations are effected as follows:
5.2.1. The standings of teams promoted and relegated as a consequence of their final standings in:
5.2.1.1. When one team is promoted and one team is relegated: The last positioned team of the higher Division and the first positioned team of the lower Division exchange their standings:
5.2.1.2. For the determination of the last positioned team or teams, all teams appearing in the standings of the Competition are taken into account, this including teams having effectively taken part to the Competition and teams mentioned in the Competition's Schedule or standings but not having effectively taken part as per article CR 2.2.
5.2.2. The standings of teams promoted and relegated as a consequence of nonparticipation after subscription in application of article 4.2, are determined as follows:
5.2.2.1. The first team or teams positioned in the lower Division after the team or teams relegated from the higher Division in application of article 5.2.1 are promoted to the higher Division in the limit of the number of places vacant, in the order of their initial standing, after the last positioned team of the higher division, and receive a new standing in the higher Division.
5.2.2.2. The teams relegated from the higher Division are transferred in the lower Division in the order of their initial positioning in the higher Division, after the last positioned team of the lower Division, and the teams of the lower Division are re-rated according to this new positioning.
5.2.2.3. The procedure of articles 5.2.2.1 and 5.2.2.2 must be affected after the procedure of article 5.2.1 and shall not affect the teams promoted and relegated according to said article 5.2.1.
5.2.3. Once all promotions and relegations as stated in articles 5.2.1, 5.2.2 and 5.2.3 have been effected, the standings of Divisions where changes have occurred are determined again according to article 5.1. These standings are then final for the next Competition Year
5.2.4. When a team withdraws from a Women's European Premiere Cup or a Woman's European Cup Winners Cup A competition, then there is no further relegation besides the team that withdraws from the competition
5.3. The right of a team for promotion to a higher Division in next Competition is not absolute but is contingent upon the actual number of teams having registered to said Competition. If, after the closing of subscriptions and the application of the Rules for allocation, the promotion of the team is not possible, said team cannot claim suffering a tort from this situation.
5.4. Reserve Division consists of all teams participating in the given competition which did not play in the previous event. These teams receive a specific $R$ standing, their position position within this standing division being defined by SE ranking system.

## 6. SE RANKING SYSTEM

6.1. The SE ranking system evaluates countries according to their National Teams results at European Championships. and produces rankings that reflect a combination of competition achievement and softball development.
6.2. The SE ranking system includes three separate rankings. for women's fastpitch, men's fastpitch and slowpitch.
6.2.1. The SE ranking system is based on points (multiplied by 100) given according to final standings at European Championships in all categories, with the following weighting:

- Senior European Championship
- U-19 European Championship - 50\%
- All others $-25 \%$
6.2.2. The SE ranking system will only take into account the two most recent Championships in each category, with the following weighting:
- Most recent ECh - 100\%
- Previous ECh - 50\%
6.3. A total of all the points awarded will determine the placement of each country in each ranking.


## 7. COMPETITION SYSTEM AND FORMATS

Qualification to Medal games will be conducted as follows:
7.1. with 4 teams:

- Double round-robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 play Gold medal game,
- Teams ranked 3 and 4 play Bronze medal game,
7.2. with $\mathbf{5}$ teams:
- Double round-robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 play Gold medal game, teams ranked 3 and 4 play Bronze medal game.
- Team ranked 5 will be 5 th in the Competition.
7.3. with 6 teams:
- Single round-robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 play Gold medal game,
- Teams ranked 3 and 4 play Bronze medal game,
- Teams ranked 5 and 6 play each other to determine places 5 and 6 .
7.4. with 7 teams:
- Single round-robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 play Gold medal game, teams ranked 3 and 4 play Bronze medal game
- Teams ranked 5 to 7 play a single round-robin "b" to determine places 5,6 , and 7 .
7.5. with 8 teams:
- Single round-robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 play Gold medal game,
- Teams ranked 3 and 4 play Bronze medal game,
- Teams ranked 5 and 6 play game for 5 th place,
- Teams ranked 7 and 8 play game for 7 th place.
7.6. with 9 teams:
- Single round-robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 play Gold medal game,
- Teams ranked 3 and 4 play Bronze medal game,
- Teams ranked 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 will respectively be 5 th, 6 th, 7 th, 8 th and 9 th in the Competition.


## 7.7. with 10 teams:

- Two groups "a" and "b" both of five teams. Each group plays a single round-robin.
- Then teams ranked 1,2 and 3 of both groups play a single round-robin " $c$ " in which the games between these teams of the first round-robins "a" and "b" will also be considered as a played game for this round-robin "c".
- Teams ranked 4 and 5 of both groups play a single round-robin "d" in which the games between these teams of the first round-robins "a" and "b" will also be considered as a played game for this round-robin "d".
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 of round-robin "c" play Gold medal game,
- Teams ranked 3 and 4 play Bronze medal game,
- Teams ranked 5 and 6 of round-robin "c" will respectively be 5 th and 6 th in the Competition.
- The final results of round-robin "d" will determine the places 7 to 10 in the Competition.
7.8. with 11 teams:
- Two groups "a" and "b" one with five and one with six teams. Each group plays a single round-robin.
- Then teams ranked 1,2 and 3 of both groups play a single round-robin " $c$ " in which the games between these teams of the first round- robins "a" and "b" will also be considered as a played game for this round-robin "c".
- Teams ranked 4,5 and 6 of both groups play a single round-robin "d" in which the games between these teams of the first round- robins "a" and "b" will also be considered as a played game for this round-robin "d" to determine the places 7 to 11 .
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 of round-robin "c" play Gold medal game,
- Teams ranked 3 and 4 play Bronze medal game.
- Teams ranked 5 and 6 of round-robin "c" will respectively be 5 th and 6 th in the Competition.


## 7.9. with 12 teams:

- Two groups "a" and "b" both of six teams. Each group plays a single round-robin.
- Then teams ranked 1,2 and 3 of both groups play a single round-robin " $c$ " in which the games between these teams of the first round-robins "a" and "b" will also be considered as a played game for this round-robin "c".
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 play Gold medal game, teams ranked 3 and 4 play Bronze medal game
- Teams ranked 5 and 6 of round-robin "c" will respectively be 5 th and 6 th in the Competition.
- Teams ranked 4 of both groups play a single round-robin "e" to determine the places 7 and 8.
- Teams ranked 5 of both groups play a single round-robin " $f$ " to determine the places 9 and 10.
- Teams ranked 6 of both groups play a single round-robin " g " to determine the places 11 and 12.
7.10. The composition of the groups is made up by the Technical Commission as follows, based on the rating of the Federations' teams.

| Group "a" | Group "b" |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 |
| 4 | 3 |
| 5 | 6 |
| 8 | 7 |
| 9 | 10 |
| 12 | 11 |

## 8. MEN'S EUROPEAN SUPER CUP and U18 WOMEN'S EUROPEAN SUPER CUP FORMAT

Qualification to the Medal games will be conducted as shown in the formats below.
8.1. If 4 teams subscribe:

- Double round-robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 play Gold medal game,
- Teams ranked 3 and 4 play Bronze medal game.
8.2. If $\mathbf{5}$ teams subscribe:
- Double round-robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 play Gold medal game,
- Teams ranked 3 and 4 play Bronze medal game.
- The team ranked 5 will be 5 th in the Competition.
8.3. If $\mathbf{6}$ teams subscribe:
- Single round-robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 play Gold medal game,
- Teams ranked 3 and 4 play Bronze medal game.
- Teams ranked 5 and 6 play each other to determine places 5 and 6 .
8.4. If $\mathbf{7}$ teams subscribe:
- Single round-robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 play Gold medal game,
- Teams ranked 3 and 4 play Bronze medal game.
- Teams ranked 5 to 7 play a single round-robin "b" to determine places $5,6,7$.
8.5. If $\mathbf{8}$ teams subscribe:
- Single round-robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 to 4 play the "Page System" finals,
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 play Gold medal game,
- Teams ranked 3 and 4 play Bronze medal game,
- Teams ranked 5 and 6 play game for 5 th place,
- Teams ranked 7 and 8 play game for 7 th place.


### 8.6. If 9 teams subscribe:

- Single round-robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 play Gold medal game,
- Teams ranked 3 and 4 play Bronze medal game,
- Teams ranked 5, 6 and 7 play a single round-robin "b" to determine places 5,6 and 7 ,
- Team ranked 8 and 9 will play one game to determine places 8 and 9 in the Competition.

With 10 teams or more, the MESC and U-18 WESC will be concluded by a "double elimination system":
8.7. If $\mathbf{1 0}$ teams subscribe:

- Two groups "a" and "b" both of 5 teams. Each group plays a single round-robin.
- The numbers 1,2 and 3 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system. (Super Cup)
- The numbers 4 and 5 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system to determine places 7 to 10 in the Competition. (SE II)
8.8. If 11 teams subscribe:
- Two groups: one of 6 teams, "a", and one of 5 teams, "b". Each group plays a single round-robin.
- The numbers 1,2 and 3 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system. (Super Cup)
- The numbers 4,5 and 6 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system to determine places 7 to 11 in the Competition. (SE II)
8.9. If $\mathbf{1 2}$ teams subscribe:
- Two groups "a" and "b, both of 6 teams. Each group plays a single round-robin.
- The numbers 1,2 and 3 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system. (Super Cup).
- The numbers 4,5 and 6 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system to determine places 7 to 12 in the Competition. (SE II).
8.10. If $\mathbf{1 3}$ teams subscribe:
- Two groups: one of 7 teams "a" and one of 6 teams "b". Each group plays a single roundrobin.
- The numbers 1,2 and 3 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system. (Super Cup).
- The numbers 4 to 7 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system to determine places 7 to 13 in the Competition. (SE II).
8.11. If $\mathbf{1 4}$ teams subscribe:
- Two groups "a" and "b", both of 7 teams. Each group plays a single round-robin.
- The numbers 1 to 4 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system. (Super Cup).
- The numbers 5 to 7 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system to determine places 9 to 14 in the Competition. (SE II).
8.12. If $\mathbf{1 5}$ teams subscribe:
- Two groups: one of 8 teams "a" and one of 7 teams "b". Each group plays a single roundrobin.
- The numbers 1 to 4 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system. (Super Cup).
- The numbers 5 to 8 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system to determine the places 9 to 15 in the Competition. (SE II).
8.13. If $\mathbf{1 6}$ teams subscribe:
- Two groups "a" and "b", both of 8 teams. Each group plays a single round-robin.
- The numbers 1 to 4 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system. (Super Cup).
- The numbers 5 to 8 from group "a" and the numbers 5 to 7 from group "b" will play a second round in a double elimination system to determine the places 9 to 16 in the Competition. (SE II).
8.14. If $\mathbf{1 7}$ teams subscribe:
- Three groups: two of 6 teams "a" and "b" and one of 5 teams, "c". Each group plays a single round-robin.
- The numbers 1,2 and 3 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system. (Super Cup).
- The numbers 4,5 and 6 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system to determine places 10 to 17 in the Competition (SE II).
8.15. If $\mathbf{1 8}$ teams subscribe:
- Three groups: "a", "b" and "c", all of 6 teams. Each group plays a single round-robin.
- The numbers 1,2 and 3 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system. (Super Cup).
- The numbers 4,5 and 6 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system to determine places 10 to 18 in the Competition (SE II).
8.16. If $\mathbf{1 9}$ teams subscribe:
- Three groups: one of 7 teams "a" and two of 6 teams, "b" and "c". Each group plays a single round-robin.
- The numbers 1,2 and 3 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system. (Super Cup).
- The numbers 4,5 and 6 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system to determine places 10 to 19 in the Competition (SE II).
8.17. If $\mathbf{2 0}$ teams subscribe:
- Four groups "a", "b", "c" and "d", each one of 5 teams. Each group plays a single roundrobin.
- The numbers 1,2 and 3 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system. (Super Cup).
- The numbers 4 and 5 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system to determine places 13 to 20 in the Competition (SE II).
8.18. If $\mathbf{2 1}$ teams subscribe:
- Four groups: one of 6 teams "a", and three of 5 teams, "b", "c" and "d". Each group plays a single round-robin.
- The numbers 1,2 and 3 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system. (Super Cup).
- The numbers 4,5 and 6 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system to determine places 13 to 21 in the Competition (SE II).
8.19. If $\mathbf{2 2}$ teams subscribe:
- Four groups: two of 6 teams "a", "b", and two of 5 teams, "c" and "d". Each group plays a single round-robin.
- The numbers 1,2 and 3 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system. (Super Cup).
- The numbers 4,5 and 6 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system to determine places 13 to 22 in the Competition (SE II).
8.20. If $\mathbf{2 3}$ teams subscribe:
- Four groups: three of 6 teams "a", "b", "c", and one of 5 teams, "d". Each group plays a single round-robin.
- The numbers 1, 2 and 3 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system. (Super Cup).
- The numbers 4,5 and 6 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system to determine places 13 to 23 in the Competition (SE II).
8.21. If $\mathbf{2 4}$ teams subscribe:
- Four groups: all of 6 teams "a", "b", "c", and "d". Each group plays a single round-robin.
- The numbers 1, 2 and 3 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system. (Super Cup).
- The numbers 4,5 and 6 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system to determine places 13 to 24 in the Competition (SE II).


## 9. EUROPEAN SLOW PITCH COMPETITIONS

Refer to the Specific Competitions Regulations Appendix - SLOW PITCH

## 10. EUROPEAN MASSIMO ROMEO TROPHY

Refer to the Specific Competitions Regulations Appendix - EMRYT

