



SOFTBALL SPECIFIC COMPETITIONS REGULATIONS – MSESC

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1. PARTICIPATION

- 1.1. The MSESC shall be played each year. The MSESC shall start the week after the SE Women’s Cups. and should avoid conflicting with the ISC tournament.
- 1.2. Affiliated Federations may enter their two best teams from their national championship played in the year before each MSESC competition. The executive council of each Affiliated Federation must nominate and approve each team entering this competition. As a concession to the leading countries of men’s fastpitch in Europe, three teams may be entered by the countries which have finished in the first three places (medal winners) of the previous MSECh.
- 1.3. The winners of the previous year SUPER CUP and CUP II automatically qualify to participate at the next event. The host country for each MSESC may enter one extra team. The number one and two of the previous European Championship Junior Men are also qualified to participate. Up to two extra teams from outside Europe can be invited by SE, who may also allow further participants in case of special circumstances.

2. TEAM REQUIREMENTS AND COMPETITIONS FORMAT

- 2.1. To be eligible for the MSESC, teams must complete the relevant Entry Form and pay the Entry Fee required by Financial Appendix and according to Competitions Regulations (**CR 4**) (Entries for Competitions). Each participating team shall pay a special contribution required as per the Financial Appendix.
- 2.2. The Preliminary Team Roster requirements (**CR 9**) apply for all participants. Each club team that qualifies for participation in an MSESC shall be entitled to include a maximum of three (3) Pick-Up players on its Preliminary Team Roster.
- 2.3. Participant teams are responsible for their accommodation, meals and transportation to and from the venue and during the competition. Upon request of participant teams, the organizer is responsible to provide contact names and special rates for local transportation companies.
- 2.4. Starting from 10 teams: competing teams will be seeded and divided into pools. Seeding will be done based on the ranking of the previously completed MSESC. Teams that did not play in a previous year’s MSESC competition will receive consideration as regards seeding. Pools shall be structured to avoid, if at all possible, teams from the same Affiliated Federation playing against each other. At the end of pool games, teams shall be sorted by ranking and play a double elimination round for each of the SUPER CUP and the CUP II.

3. ORGANIZER RESPONSIBILITIES SPECIFIC TO MDESC

- 3.1. On the basis that between 18 and 25 teams enter the MDESC, the organizer must have three to six fields fairly close to each other (as reasonably determined by the organizer in cooperation with SE). Of these fields, at least two are required to comply with SE field requirements (**TR 8.1.1** – Fields and Playing Facilities, Level A) as regards playing surface, other fields may have grass infield / outfield. After pool games, the best fields will be used solely for the SUPER CUP. However, the CUP II final will be played immediately before the SUPER CUP final on the main field.
- 3.2. The organizer is responsible for organizing and paying for the accommodation, meals and transportation for umpires and SE officials to and from the venue and during the competition.

4. SE REPRESENTATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1. SE officials shall be appointed, including one member of the Executive Council, at least two Technical Commissioners, at least two Umpires in Chief and at least one Scorer in Chief. All games shall be umpired with the 3-man system (unless otherwise notified before the start of the tournament).
- 4.2. SE will supply game balls and line-up cards, and medals for first, second and third places of both Cups.

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