



# **SOFTBALL SPECIFIC COMPETITIONS REGULATIONS APPENDIX**

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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 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 5th 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 5th place.
- Teams ranked 7 and 8 play game for 7th 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 5th place.
- Teams ranked 7 and 8 in group "d" play game for 7th place.
- Teams ranked 9 and 10 in group "d" play game for 9th place.

**1.8. with 11 teams:**

- Two groups: one of 5 teams, "a", and one of 6 teams, "b". 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, 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 5th place.
- Teams ranked 7 and 8 in group "d" play game for 7th place.
- The final results of round-robin "d" determine the places 9 to 11 in the Competition.

**1.9. 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 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 5th place.
- Teams ranked 7 and 8 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**

*When 13 teams and more are entered, the final standing of previous specific championship is used.*

**1.10. with 13 teams:**

- *Top 6 teams from previous championship automatically qualify to second phase of the event, to semifinal pools X and Y.*
- *Remaining 7 teams are divided into two pools – A and B. – play a single round-robin. Winners of A and B pools are qualified to semifinal pools X and Y.*
- *Two semifinal pools are X (1, 4, 5 and A1) and Y (2, 3, 6 and B1) – play a single round-robin.*
- *Super Round Z (X1, X2, Y1 and Y2) – play a single round-robin, in which the games between these teams of the previous round will also be considered as a played game for this Super Round.*
- *Placement Round 1 (X3, X4, Y3 and Y4) – play a single round-robin, in which the games between these teams of the previous round will also be considered as a played game for this Placement Round 1. Teams ranked 1 and 2 in Placement Round 1, play game for 5<sup>th</sup> place. Teams ranked 3 and 4 in Placement Round 1, play game for 7<sup>th</sup> place.*
- *Placement Round 2 (A2, A3, B2, B3 and B4) – play a single round-robin, in which the games between these teams of the previous round will also be considered as a played game for this Placement Round 2. Teams ranked 1 and 2 in Placement Round 2, play game for 9<sup>th</sup> place. Teams ranked 3 and 4 in Placement Round 2, play game for 11<sup>th</sup> place.*
- *Gold medal Game (Z1 vs. Z2) and Bronze medal Game (Z3 vs. Z4) determine the medal standing.*

**1.11. with 14 teams:**

- *The settings are the same as for 13 teams with following difference only:*
- *Remaining 8 teams are divided into two pools – A and B. – play a single round-robin. Winners of A and B pools are qualified to semifinal pools X and Y.*
- *Placement Round 2 (A2, A3, A4, B2, B3 and B4) – play a single round-robin, in which the games between these teams of the previous round will also be considered as a played game for this Placement Round 2. Teams ranked 1 and 2 in Placement Round 2, play game for 9<sup>th</sup> place. Teams ranked 3 and 4 in Placement Round 2, play game for 11<sup>th</sup> place. Teams ranked 5 and 6 in Placement Round 2, play game for 13<sup>th</sup> place*

**1.12. with 15 teams:**

- Top 8 teams from previous championship is automatically qualified to second phase of the event, to semifinal pools X and Y.
- Remaining 7 teams are divided into two pools – A and B. – play a single round-robin. Winners of A and B pools are qualified to semifinal pools X and Y.
- Two semifinal pools are X (1, 4, 5, 8 and A1) and Y (2, 3, 6, 7 and B1) – play a single round-robin.
- Super Round Z (X1, X2, X3, Y1, Y2 and Y3) – play a single round-robin, in which the games between these teams of the previous round will also be considered as a played game for this Super Round.
- Placement Round 1 (X4, X5, Y4 and Y5) – play a single round-robin, in which the games between these teams of the previous round will also be considered as a played game for this Placement Round 1. The results of the Placement Round 1 determine final standing for 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> place.
- Placement Round 2 (A2, A3, B2, B3 and B4) – play a single round-robin in which the games between these teams of the previous round will also be considered as a played game for this Placement Round 2.. Teams ranked 1 and 2 in Placement Round 2, play game for 11<sup>th</sup> place. Teams ranked 3 and 4 in Placement Round 2, play game for 13<sup>th</sup> place
- Gold medal Game (Z1 vs. Z2) and Bronze medal Game (Z3 vs. Z4) determine the medal standing.

**1.13. with 16 teams:**

- The settings are the same as for 15 teams with following difference only:
- Remaining 8 teams are divided into two pools – A and B. – play a single round-robin. Winners of A and B pools are qualified to semifinal pools X and Y.
- Placement Round 2 (A2, A3, A4, B2, B3 and B4) – play a single round-robin, in which the games between these teams of the previous round will also be considered as a played game for this Placement Round 2. Teams ranked 1 and 2 in Placement Round 2, play game for 11<sup>th</sup> place. Teams ranked 3 and 4 in Placement Round 2, play game for 13<sup>th</sup> place. Teams ranked 5 and 6 in Placement Round 2, play game for 15<sup>th</sup> place

**1.14. with 17 teams:**

- Top 8 teams from previous championship is automatically qualified to second phase of the event, to semifinal pools X and Y.
- Remaining 9 teams are divided into three pools – A, B and C. – play a single round-robin. Winners of A, B and C pools are qualified to semifinal pools X and Y.
- Two semifinal pools are X (1, 4, 5, 8, A1 and the best ranked (based on current European ranking) team at second place of pools A, B and C) and Y (2, 3, 6, 7, B1 and C1) – play a single round-robin
- Super Round Z (X1, X2, X3, Y1, Y2 and Y3) – play a single round-robin, in which the games between these teams of the previous round will also be considered as a played game for this Super Round.
- Placement Round 1 (X4, X5, Y4, Y5 and Y6) – play a single round-robin in which the games between these teams of the previous round will also be considered as a played game for this Placement Round 1. The results of the Placement Round 1 determine final standing for 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> place.
- Placement Round 2 (3 remaining teams at second places of A, B and C, A3, B3 and C3) – play a single round-robin, in which the games between these teams of the previous round will also be considered as a played game for this Placement Round 2. Teams ranked 1 and 2 in Placement Round 2, play game for 12<sup>th</sup> place. Teams ranked 3 and 4 in Placement



Round 2, play game for 14<sup>th</sup> place. Teams ranked 5 and 6 in Placement Round 2, play game for 16<sup>th</sup> place

- Gold medal Game (Z1 vs. Z2) and Bronze medal Game (Z3 vs. Z4) determine the medal standing.

#### 1.15. with 18 teams:

- The settings are the same as for 17 teams with following difference only:
- Remaining number of the teams are divided into three pools – A, B and C. – play a single round-robin. Winners of A, B and C pools are qualified to semifinal pools X and Y.
- Placement Round 2 (remaining teams) – play a single round-robin in which the games between these teams of the previous round will also be considered as a played game for this Placement Round 2. Teams ranked 1 and 2 in Placement Round 2, play game for 12<sup>th</sup> place. Teams ranked 3 and 4 in Placement Round 2, play game for 14<sup>th</sup> place. Teams ranked 5 and 6 in Placement Round 2, play game for 16<sup>th</sup> place

#### 1.16. with 19 teams:

- The settings are the same as for 17 teams with following difference only:
- Remaining number of the teams are divided into three pools – A, B and C. – play a single round-robin. Winners of A, B and C pools are qualified to semifinal pools X and Y.
- Placement Round 2 (remaining teams) – play a single round-robin in which the games between these teams of the previous round will also be considered as a played game for this Placement Round 2. The results of the Placement Round 2 determine final standing 12<sup>th</sup> place onwards

#### 1.17. with 20 teams:

- Top 8 teams from previous championship is automatically qualified to second phase of the event, to semifinal pools X and Y.
- Remaining 12 teams are divided into four pools – A, B C and D. – play a single round-robin. Winners of A, B, C and D pools are qualified to semifinal pools X and Y.
- Two semifinal pools are X (1, 4, 5, 8, A1 and D1) and Y (2, 3, 6, 7, B1 and C1) – play a single round-robin .
- Super Round Z (X1, X2, X3, Y1, Y2 and Y3) – play a single round-robin, in which the games between these teams of the previous round will also be considered as a played game for this Super Round.
- Placement Round 1 (X4, X5, X6, Y4, Y5 and Y6) – play a single round-robin, in which the games between these teams of the previous round will also be considered as a played game for this Placement Round 1. The results of the Placement Round 1 determine final standing for 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>ve</sup> place.
- Placement Round 2 (A2, B2, C2 and D2) – play a single round-robin. Teams ranked 1 and 2 in Placement Round 2, play game for 13<sup>th</sup> place. Teams ranked 3 and 4 in Placement Round 2, play game for 15<sup>th</sup> place
- Placement Round 3 (A3, B3, C3 and D3) – play a single round-robin Teams ranked 1 and 2 in Placement Round 3, play game for 17<sup>th</sup> place. Teams ranked 3 and 4 in Placement Round 3, play game for 19<sup>th</sup> place
- Gold medal Game (Z1 vs. Z2) and Bronze medal Game (Z3 vs. Z4) determine the medal standing.

**With 21 teams and more** - the same principle as for 20 teams will be used with following differences due to different numbers of the teams:

#### 1.18. with 21 teams and more:

- The settings are the same as for 20 teams with following difference only:
- Remaining number of the teams are divided into four pools – A, B C and D. – play a single round-robin. Winners of A, B, C and D pools are qualified to semifinal pools X and Y.
- Placement Round 3 (remaining teams) – play a single round-robin, in which the games between these teams of the previous round will also be considered as a played game for this Placement Round 3. The results of the Placement Round 2 determine final standing 17<sup>th</sup> place onwards.

## 2. WOMEN'S CUP COMPETITIONS AND FORMAT

### Introduction

The maximum number of participating teams per Federation

- in WSEPC and WSECWC-A will be *one, unless the defending champion returns, two*
- in WSEC and WSECWC-B, 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 WSEPC or WSECWC-A Cup for any reason by the deadline (e.g.: defending Champion is playing in different Cup or any other team did not enter the WSEPC or WSECWC-A ), SE will supplement the WSEPC or WSECWC-A as follows:

- If one space is available in the WSEPC or WSECWC-A, 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 WSEC or WSECWC-B. If declined, no further offer will be made and the WSEPC or WSECWC-A will play with a reduced number unless approved by SE.
- If two spaces are available in the WSEPC or WSECWC-A 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 WSEC or WSECWC-B. If either or both are declined no further offer will be made and the WSEPC or WSECWC-A will play with a reduced number unless approved by SE.
- If there are more than two spaces in the WSEPC or WSECWC-A, only two will be offered as in the last point above and the WSEPC or WSECWC-A will play with a reduced *number*, unless approved by SE.

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

- 2.1. 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:
  - 2.1.1. European Premiere Cup, with all registered teams, plus the possible defending Champion.
  - 2.1.2. European Cup Winners Cup, with all registered teams, plus the possible defending Champion.

- 2.2. If **twelve teams** subscribe, not including the possible defending Champion, these will be allocated between two Divisions:
  - 2.2.1. European Premiere Cup, with a maximum of *nine* teams, plus the possible defending Champion. European Cup, with the remaining number of teams.
  - 2.2.2. 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
- 2.3. If **thirteen to twenty-one teams** subscribe, not including the possible defending Champion, these will be allocated between two Divisions:
  - 2.3.1. European Premiere Cup, with a maximum of nine teams, plus the possible defending Champion, European Cup, with the remaining number of teams.
  - 2.3.2. 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.
- 2.4. If **twenty-two to twenty-nine teams** subscribe, not including the possible defending Champion,
  - 2.4.1. 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
  - 2.4.2. these will be allocated in the Cup Winners Cup between three Divisions:
    - European Cup Winners Cup A, with a maximum of seven teams, plus the possible defending Champion,
    - European Cup Winners Cup B, with a *maximum of eight teams*.
    - *European Cup Winners Cup C, with the remaining number of teams.*
- 2.5. If **thirty to thirty-seven teams** subscribe, not including the possible defending Champion,
  - 2.5.1. 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
- 2.6. 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.
- 2.7. 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.
- 2.8. 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.
- 2.9. Once the allocation of teams has been effected for teams having not subscribed and thus having not been allotted, the procedure of article 4.3 is applied.
- 2.10. Once the allocation of teams has been effected the format of the Competition shall be considered final and not subject to change.
- 2.11. 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 2.7, 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 4.3 is applied, without prejudice of the possible financial penalties.



### 3. PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

Promotion and relegation of teams occur in the following cases:

- 3.1. As a consequence of the final standing of a team in Competition.
  - 3.1.1. 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.
  - 3.1.2. Such promotions and relegations take effect immediately after the completion of the Competition.
- 3.2. As a consequence of the non-participation of a team to a Competition to which it subscribed:
  - 3.2.1. 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 3.1 cannot be promoted the same year to the higher Division in application of article 3.2.
  - 3.2.2. When several teams from the same Division are relegated in application of article 3.2.1, they are relegated in the lower Division in the order of their *standing* in the higher Division. The same number of teams is promoted from the lower Division, in the order of their *standing* in the lower Division.
  - 3.2.3. In the application of article 3.2, relegations take effect: for 3.2.1, immediately once the non-participation is established, and for 3.2.2, after the completion of the Competition.
  - 3.2.4. In the application of article 3.3.1, promotions take effect after the completion of the Competition.
- 3.3. As a consequence of the non-subscription of a team to a Competition to which it was eligible:
  - 3.3.1. A team that does not subscribe in a given Competition, in which it was eligible to take part, is relegated to the *lowest* Division of said Competition.
  - 3.3.2. When several teams are relegated in application of article 3.3.1, they are relegated in the *lowest* Division in the order of their *standing* in their Divisions of origin.
  - 3.3.3. In the application of article 3.3.1, relegations are effective at the closing date for subscriptions

### 4. TEAM STANDING

- 4.1. 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
<b>X</b>	1st	X1
	2nd	X2
	3rd	X3
	4th	X4
	5th	X5
	6th	X6
	7th	X7
	8th	X8
	9th	X9
	10th	X10
	11th	X11
	12th	X12

- 4.1.1. 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
<b>A</b>	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
<b>A</b>	1st	A0+A1
	2nd	A2
	3rd	A3
	4th	A4
	5th	A5
	6th	A6
	7th	A7
	8th	A8
	9th	A9
	10th	A10
	11th	A11
	DEF	n.a.

NOTE: Positions determined WITHOUT taking the Defending Champion into account

- 4.1.2. 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.

- 4.2. Once the primary standings have been defined for each Competition according to article 4.1, promotions and relegations are effected as follows:
- 4.2.1. The standings of teams promoted and relegated as a consequence of their final standings in:
- 4.2.1.1. 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:
- 4.2.1.2. 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**.
- 4.2.2. The standings of teams promoted and relegated as a consequence of non-participation after subscription in application of article 3.2, are determined as follows:
- 4.2.2.1. The first team or teams positioned in the lower Division after the team or teams relegated from the higher Division in application of article 4.2.1 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.
- 4.2.2.2. 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.
- 4.2.2.3. The procedure of articles 4.2.2.1 and 4.2.2.2 must be affected after the procedure of article 4.2.1 and shall not affect the teams promoted and relegated according to said article 4.2.1.
- 4.2.3. Once all promotions and relegations as stated in articles 4.2.1, 4.2.2 and 4.2.3 have been effected, the standings of Divisions where changes have occurred are determined again according to article 4.1. These standings are then final for the next Competition Year
- 4.2.4. 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
- 4.3. 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.
- 4.4. *When a new team signs up for the competition, the ranking, as set out in article 5, is used for the allocation position of the teams for Final entries. New team or new teams based on ranking are allocated behind the last team of the ranking of a given Competition.*

## 5. SE RANKING SYSTEM

- 5.1. 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.
- 5.2. The SE ranking system includes three separate rankings. for women's fastpitch, men's fastpitch and slowpitch.
- 5.2.1. 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%

5.2.2. 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%

5.3. A total of all the points awarded will determine the placement of each country in each ranking.

## 6. COMPETITION CUP SYSTEM AND FORMATS

Qualification to Medal games will be conducted as follows:

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### 6.2. with 5 teams:

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- Team ranked 5 will be 5th in the Competition.

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**6.6. 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 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th in the Competition.

**6.7. 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 5th and 6th in the Competition.
- The final results of round-robin "d" will determine the places 7 to 10 in the Competition.

**6.8. 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 5th and 6th in the Competition.

**6.9. 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 5th and 6th 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.



6.10. 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

## 7. MEN'S EUROPEAN SUPER CUP

Qualification to the Medal games will be conducted as shown in the formats below.

7.1. 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.

7.2. If **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 5th in the Competition.

7.3. If **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.

7.4. If **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.

7.5. If **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 5th place,
- Teams ranked 7 and 8 play game for 7th place.

7.6. 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 will be concluded by a "double elimination system":

7.7. If **10 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)

7.8. 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)

7.9. If **12 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).

7.10. If **13 teams** subscribe:

- Two groups: one of 7 teams "a" and one of 6 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 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).

7.11. If **14 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).

7.12. If **15 teams** subscribe:

- *Three groups: "a", "b" and "c", all of 5 teams. Each group plays a single round-robin.*
- The numbers 1 to 3 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system. (Super Cup).
- The numbers 4 to 5 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system to determine the places 10 to 15 in the Competition. (SE II).

7.13. If **16 teams** subscribe:

- *Three groups: one of 6 teams "a" and "b" and two of 5 teams, "c". Each group plays a single round-robin.*
- The numbers 1 to 3 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system. (Super Cup).
- The numbers 4 to 6 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 10 to 16 in the Competition. (SE II).

7.14. If **17 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).

7.15. If **18 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).

7.16. If **19 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).

7.17. If **20 teams** subscribe:

- *Four groups "a", "b", "c" and "d", each one 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 13 to 20 in the Competition (SE II).

7.18. If **21 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).

7.19. If **22 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).

7.20. If **23 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).

7.21. If **24 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).

## 8. EUROPEAN SLOW PITCH COMPETITIONS

Refer to the **Specific Competitions Regulations Appendix – SLOW PITCH**

## 9. EUROPEAN MASSIMO ROMEO TROPHY

Refer to the **Specific Competitions Regulations Appendix – EMRYT**

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