Official Rules for the Country Tournament, European Pinball Championship 2007

On Saturday June 17st KTH in Stockholm will host the Country Tournament of the European Pinball Championship 2007.

Please note: Since the groupings will depend on how many teams that participate, more complete rules for the playoffs will follow after the registration period has expired.

A team consists of four players that all reside in one country.

Qualifying

The teams will be divided into groups. In each group, all the teams will face each other once. A match between two teams consists of the following games:

- 1. First there will be a single game on a single machine in which all four players of each team participate. The machine will be set up for 4 balls per game and a "two-player game" will be started; each player of each team will play one single ball in this game. Players of the same team are allowed to coach each other during the game. The team with the highest score will receive 5 points, the losing team 0 points
- 2. Second there will be two four-player games on two different machines (3 balls/game), played at the same time. In each game two players from each team will participate. The teams are allowed to change the lineup in each round of the competition; two players will play as players 1 and 3 on one machine, the other two play as players 2 and 4 on the other machine. Players will receive points as follows: the player with the highest score gets 9 points, second gets 5 points, third gets 2 points and fourth will get 0 points.

Players of the same team (pair) are allowed to coach each other during the game. Players of the other pair and the opponent team may not interfere with gameplay.

The total score of a match between two teams will be determined by adding up all the points gathered by the team members during the three games. The team with the most game points will receive **2** tournament/match points, the other team will receive **0** points.

After all group matches have been played, the best teams in each group will proceed to the semi-finals; ranking order will be determined by the total number of tournament points received. If two or more teams teams end up with the same number of points, the total amount of gamepoints will decide their positions. If this is also equal the result in the match between the teams will decide.

Playoffs

Each semi-final is played between two teams. The teams, starting with the group winners, will choose two machines each which will then be played on in the semi-final. On each of the four machines a four-player game will be played (two matches at a time). Each team may decide which two players play on which machine. Players will receive points as follows: the player with the highest score gets **9** points, second gets **5** points, third gets **2** points and fourth will get **0** points. The total score will be determined by adding up all the points gathered by the team members during the two games. If the two teams end up with the same number of points a playoff game will be played; a single two-player game on a 4-ball machine in which each team member plays one ball.

The winners of the semi-finals will proceed to the final. The final will be played according to the same rules as the semi-finals.

Machines will be set up on factory defaults with the following exceptions:

- 4 balls per game (during the first step in the qualifying matches)
- Tournament mode
- No extra balls