

## Official Rules for the Main Tournament, European Pinball Championship 2007

The tournament is open to anyone who wants to compete with the best pinball players in the world. We have a maximum number of participants set to **175** (see Registration). All players are first playing a qualification round, to get a place in the playoffs on Sunday. The playoffs boil down to a final round deciding who is to become **the European Champion 2007**. Please note, women and men compete on the same conditions and therefore we do not separate them into different classes. However, to encourage more women to play we give the best woman a prize.

### Qualifying

Each player gets to play 5 random machines from the qualifying bank, two credits on each machine. The best result on each machine is then measured against the other players that played the same machine and qualifying points are awarded based on how well you rank compared to the others. Your total amount of qualifying points on the five machines you play gives you your total qualifying score. This score is ranked in comparison to all the other players' total qualifying score. The players having the 48 highest total qualifying scores make it to the playoffs.

The qualifying points from a single machine are awarded as follows:

Rank	Qualifying Points	Rank	Qualifying Points	Rank	Qualifying Points
1	100	11	37	21	10
2	85	12	33	22	9
3	78	13	29	23	8
4	72	14	26	24	7
5	66	15	23	25	6
6	61	16	20	26	5
7	56	17	18	27	4
8	51	18	16	28	3
9	46	19	14	29	2
10	41	20	12	30	1
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## Playoffs

### Round 1

Qualifiers 1-24 get some extra sleep Sunday morning as they do not have to play the first round of the playoffs. Q25-Q48 are divided into eight groups of three according to the following:

Group	Player 1	Player 2	Player 3
1	Q25	Q40	Q48
2	Q26	Q39	Q47
3	Q27	Q38	Q46
4	Q28	Q37	Q45
5	Q29	Q36	Q44
6	Q30	Q35	Q43
7	Q31	Q34	Q42
8	Q32	Q33	Q41

One player from each group will advance to the next round. Each group plays three games where the player with the highest score gets **3** points, the second gets **1** point, and the last player gets **0** points. The player in the group with the most total points after three games has qualified to the next round (the other two are out). If one player wins the first two games the third game is excluded as the player has already secured the advancement. In the case of an all even result (4p vs. 4p vs. 4p), the player with the highest qualifying rank advances.

### *Round 2*

Q1-Q24 and the eight winners from Round 1 pair up to play head-to-head matches best of three. The games are randomly selected. The winners of each pair, that is 16 players, advance to Round 3. The pairings are:

Pair	Player 1	Player 2
1	Q1	R1-G8
2	Q2	R1-G7
3	Q3	R1-G6
4	Q4	R1-G5
5	Q5	R1-G4
6	Q6	R1-G3
7	Q7	R1-G2
8	Q8	R1-G1
9	Q9	Q24
10	Q10	Q23
11	Q11	Q22
12	Q12	Q21
13	Q13	Q20
14	Q14	Q19
15	Q15	Q18
16	Q16	Q17

### *Round 3*

Again, head-to-head matches, best of three on random machines. The eight winners advance to Round 4.

### *Round 4*

Head-to-head matches, best of three random machines. The four winners advance to the Final Round!

### *Final Round*

The four players play a 5-ball match on a pre-selected machine. The winner of this match is **the European Champion 2007!**