
EUROPEAN SQUASH FEDERATION

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TITLE AND RIGHTS

The title and all rights to European Squash Championships rest exclusively with the European Squash Federation (ESF).

In return for certain guarantees and fees, the ESF is empowered to assign to a Member Nation Association (MNA) the organisation and promotion of a European Championship and the following rights:

- income from all sponsorship for the event
- sale and income from the event advertising including the programme
- sale and income from all terrestrial TV rights within the Host Country
- sale and income from all ticket and programme sales
- sale and income from business hospitality packages
- sale and income from official European Championship souvenirs
- use of the official ESF logo.

ORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION

European Championships are regarded by the ESF as affording the squash player the opportunity to aspire to the highest pinnacle of competitive achievement and, as such, the events are a showcase for squash.

The ESF, therefore, seeks an assurance that events will be organised and administered to the highest professional standards in full accordance with the Regulations Governing European Championships which may be referred to on the ESF website www.europeansquash.com. Specific Regulations, numbered consistently across all Championships, are identified in the different sections below.

ESF CO-ORDINATION

The ESF will appoint a Technical Director whose role is to advise the organiser and ensure that the Regulations are fully understood and followed by local officials.

In tendering for the event, the MNA must undertake to cover the costs of the Technical Director for one or more Inspection Visits and the Championships visit (Regs. F3/4/5). The MNA must provide the ESF with detailed reports and financial statements following the event in accordance with Regs. F20/21.

The Host Organisation must appoint a Championships Director as specified in Reg. E6, a Championships Referee as specified in Reg. E7 and a Press Officer as specified in Reg. F18.

LEVIES

The MNA whose Tender has been accepted must pay the Levy to the ESF as specified in Regs. E2 and Y.

PROMOTION AND ADVERTISING

European Championships must attract the attention of the media and squash playing public through good promotion, advertising and Press contact. ESF Flags and Event Banners must be displayed in prominent positions in the main hotel reception and at all venues. A Championships Manual must be produced for the event as specified in Reg. F15 and a website must be established and maintained as specified in Reg. F10. In addition, international media representatives must be invited to attend the ETC as specified in Reg. S4.

SPONSORSHIP

The ESF will wish to know and approve the names and products of all sponsors and official suppliers to the event.

DATES

Events must be scheduled to take place on the following 'mandatory' or 'preferred' dates:

- European Team Championships (**ETC Divisions 1 & 2**) - 4 days between Wednesday and Sunday following the last Monday in April [Mandatory - dates protected by PSA and WSA].
- European Team Championships (**ETC Division 3**) – 4 days between Wednesday and Sunday in the period one month prior to the ETC Divisions 1 & 2 [Mandatory].
- European Individual (Closed) Championships (**EICC**) - 4 days in May or June [Preferred].
- European Club Championships (**ECC**) – 4 days between Wednesday and Sunday in September [Mandatory].
- European Junior Under19 Championships (**EJC U19**) – 4 days Individual + 1 rest day + 4 days Team - ending on Easter Sunday [Mandatory].
- European Junior Under 15/17 Championships (**EJC U15/17**) – 4 days over the 2nd weekend in May [Mandatory].

ESF will prepare a timetable in the draft invitation and send it to the host for approval.

VENUE

The venue proposed must provide the right environment to project the image of a European Championship. It must have adequate changing and catering facilities for players and officials; and provide the following facilities as defined in the Regulations:

- Tournament Office with IT System and Display Board for results and messages (F10)
- Press Office with facilities for the media (F18)
- Conference Room for Meetings (F13)
- Medical and/or Physiotherapy Room with First Aid facilities (F7) and separate room for Dope Testing (in case required)
- Provide space for exhibition stands for main ESF sponsors close to the main spectator court (F17)

COURTS

All courts to be used for the event must meet WSF specifications with correct lighting and flooring in line with Rule D12. ESF and Sponsors' logos must be displayed as specified in Reg. F17. The minimum number of courts required for each event is defined below. Ideally,

additional courts should be available for players to use for warm up and practice.

All events should have at least one court that provides viewing facilities for a minimum of 100 spectators, except that the ETC and EICC must have a glass court with an adjustable tin with viewing for at least 300 (including seating for 150) spectators, sponsors, media and officials.

- **ETC (Divisions 1 & 2)** – at least 8 courts, including a show court, in no more than two closely located venues (ideally in walking distance)
- **ETC (Division 3)** – at least 4 courts in one venue
- **EICC** – at least 4 courts in one venue and a show court located nearby (ideally within walking distance)
- **ECC** – at least 6 courts in one venue
- **EJC U19 Individual and Team** – at least 6 courts in one venue
- **EJC U15/17** – at least 8 courts in one venue

Any variation in the above must be approved in advance by the ESF Technical Director for the specific event.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION, CATERING AND INFORMATION

Accommodation must be provided for referees, officials and players who book “standard packages”, ideally in one hotel but at no more than two closely located hotels for all events.

Breakfast must be provided in the hotel(s), lunch in the venue and dinner either in the hotel(s) or venue. Times of meals must be flexible to handle the players’ match schedules.

Any variation in the above must be approved in advance by the ESF Technical Director for the specific event.

Appropriate facilities must be provided to stage the ESF AGM and ancillary activities at the official hotel or venue during the ETC as specified in Reg. F22.

A display board must be clearly visible in the main hotel foyer with the Championship Draws, Results, Transport Timetable and key Contact Information.

TRANSPORT

The organiser must identify the nearest international airport and specify convenient Arrival/Departure points (airport, railway station, ferry port etc). Transport must be provided to all players and officials that book the “standard package” as specified in Reg. F2: from the Arrival point(s) to the Hotel(s): regularly between Hotel(s) and Venue(s); and between Hotel(s) and Departure point(s). Timetables are to be published in Players Manual (Reg. F15) and displayed in Hotel(s) and at Venue(s).

FORMAT OF THE EVENT

All Championships must be organised in accordance with Reg. J governing each event.

“PACKAGE” FEES AND PAYMENT

The package fees and extras to be paid by teams and individuals should be as low as possible and must not exceed the limits prescribed in Reg. Y as agreed from time to time at General Meetings. The closing date(s) for payment must be specified in the Invitation and Entry Form.

The Host Association should enable payment to be made where possible by internationally recognised credit card for which an extra handling charge of no more than 3% may be applied.

CHAMPIONSHIP BALL

The ESF reserves the right to determine which ball will be used and will retain all income derived from the contract made for its supply. The ESF will provide sufficient squash balls to the organisers.

INSURANCE

The ESF requires the organiser to hold or take out appropriate insurance to cover all relevant areas for all matters relating to the Championships. The period of cover should extend as far as is relevant before, during and after the actual playing times of the Championships. The ESF also requires that the organiser will only use venues, hotels and other service providers that hold or take out similar insurance for their areas of involvement with the Championships. Cover should include, for example, public and employee liability, injury to players and other persons attending the Championships whether as officials, spectators or for other purposes, damage to property and equipment belonging to or provided by the organisers, the service providers or third parties. The ESF does not hold itself responsible in any way for any such risk connected with the Championships.