

6.0 European Championships

6.1 Scheduling

The EPBF board is responsible for the fixing of dates for the EC events. Such dates should be fixed for two years ahead.

6.2 Place / Awarding of event

Applications can be submitted by:

- National Federations (NF)
- Regional federations with NF approval
- Third parties
- The EPBF, represented by its partner IBPF will undertake all negotiations with such requests.

6.4 Participation Eligibility

An athlete is only eligible to participate as a representative of the nation for which he has a valid citizenship/passport. Athletes representing nations in which there is no national federation may apply to the EPBF **for a one-time ruling**.

If a player possesses several nationalities and if he/she has already participated at an EC, a period of three years must pass since participating before he/she can represent another country at the EC

For the participation in Youth EC, the following exceptions are valid:

Youth athletes, (Old: Adolescents,) who have the citizenship of a European country, but who have had their main residence in another European country for a minimum of two years, may either start for that country of which their citizenship is or for the country in which they have their main residence; this decision is binding on all future Youth EC's.

Youth athletes, who do not have the citizenship of an European country and who have had their main residence in **the** European country for a minimum of two years, are only allowed to participate in the Youth EC for that country, if the official evidence, that the citizenship for this country has been applied for, will be brought forward.

Youth athletes are in one and the same year allowed to participate both at the Youth EC and the EC for Men and Women. In the year to follow they are again allowed to participate in the Youth EC.

6.5 Age limits for adults

For the European Championships the following age limits are valid:

Women / Men: Must turn 14 in the year in which the event takes place

6.5 Age limits for adults (continuation)

Seniors: An athlete must have their 40th birthday in the EC year

6.6 Age limits for youth

Juniors: An athlete must have their 17th or 18th birthday in the EC year

Pupils: An athlete must have no more than their 16th birthday in the EC year

Girls: An athlete must have no more than their 18th birthday in the EC year

6.7 Fields

Men 8-ball max. 128

Men 9-ball max. 128

Men 14/1 max. 128

Men Team max. 48

Senior's 8-ball max. 96

Senior's 9-ball max. 96

Senior's 14/1 max. 64

Seniors Team max. 48

Pupil's 8-ball max.48

Pupil's 9-ball max.48

Pupils 14/1 max.32

Pupils Team max.32

Girl's 8-ball max.32

Girl's 9-ball max.32

Girls 14.1 max.32

Women 8-ball max. 96

Women 9-ball max. 96

Women 14/1 max. 48

Women Team max. 48

Ladies 8-ball max. 48

Ladies 9-ball max. 48

Junior's 8-ball max.48

Junior's 9-ball max.48

Juniors 14/1 max.32

Juniors Team max.32

6.8. Quotas, Claims for spots;

Each nation has the fixed quotas:

Men 8-Ball, 9-Ball, 14.1: 3

Men Team: 1

Senior's 8-Ball, 9-Ball: 3

Seniors 14.1: 2

Seniors Team: 1

Pupils 8-Ball, 9-Ball, 14.1: 1

Pupils Team: 1

Girl's 8-Ball, 9-Ball, 14.1: 1

Women 8-Ball, 9-Ball: 3 Women 14.1: 1

Women Team: 1

Ladies 8-Ball, 9-Ball: 3

Juniors 8-Ball, 9-Ball, 14.1: 1

Juniors Team: 1

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In all single disciplines the defending Champion has the right to a spot (where applicable), this is not transferable.

The remaining spots will be awarded according to the wish list and taking into account the previous years results (rankings) beginning with 1st place. A maximum of 5 spots per division is allowed, not including wild cards or defending champion.

If at the last minute some spots become available, then these can be filled continuing from the above. In this case the nations who wished for spots and were denied, take priority. However many spots are available, it is not to exceed the maximum of 5 per nation.

Exception for the Seniors: because of the fact that in the moment only a few nations announce athletes, the following regulation is valid: Will be all spots awarded according the wish lists of all nations and if then are further free spots, it is permitted that free spots will be awarded to nations which have already four athletes announced.

In the Youth there is same criteria as above but adjusted to the fields as follows, 32 field the maximum of three (3) per nation, 48 field the maximum is (4) per nation.

6.9 Announcement of Participants to the EC / Entry fees

Four months ahead of the EC the EPBF will request the national federations to submit a list of the spots they would like to have (distribution of the wish-lists). Two months ahead of the EC the nations must announce the names of their athletes according to the quota that has been decided by the EPBF (including four reserves each and the directly qualified athletes from last year) in writing.

In all categories (Women, Men, seniors, Ladies, juniors, Pupils Girls and wheelchair) an entry fee of € 110.00 per athlete will have to be paid. All entry fees for the EC's announced athletes must be transferred to the EPBF account no later than two weeks prior to the EC. The payment can also, based upon prior agreement with the EPBF, be paid in cash and in Euro only during the accreditation. If payment has not been made ahead of time, and also is not taken care of during the accreditation, the whole team will not be given permission to enter the event.

The wish for spots as submitted by the nations is with regards to the quantity of the announcements legally binding, i.e. the nations must pay for all athletes they have announced and for which the EPBF reserved a spot no matter if these spots will be used, or not. A reduction of the quantity of allocated spots is not possible following the EPBF allocation.

6.10 Announcement Schedule for EC

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| • Receiving of wish-lists from the EPBF if possible | 4 months ahead |
| • Returning of wish-lists to the EPBF if possible | 3 months ahead |
| • Distribution of quotas/invoices from the EPBF | 2 months ahead |
| • Announcement of athletes by name to the EPBF | 6 weeks ahead |

6.11 Accreditation / Early Departure

The closing of the accreditation will be determined according to the schedule and athletes that are arriving after the closing of the official accreditation will forfeit their right to participate at the EC. The EPBF may allow for late arrival based upon special circumstances. Application in writing must be in the hands of the EPBF before the end of the official accreditation time, or must be announced in

writing or by phone at least 2 days ahead of the official accreditation time to an EPBF representative at the location of the event. The EPBF representative will decide if such application is to be seen as within reason.

The team leaders announced through the nations will be responsible for the accreditation. All athletes are to be accredited by means of their valid passports/identity card.

Eventual free spots in the **Ladies and the Senior's Divisions** can following the end of the official accreditation time be sold to eligible and interested athletes, but only if they can submit an allowance from their national federation to participate at the EC.

Only at the EC's for Senior's and Youth:

The EC participants are required to be present at the closing ceremony/banquet. In case athletes would like to depart ahead of time, the departure time and the names of the respective athletes are to be announced at the time for the announcement of the athletes by their names. Otherwise a penalty fee of € 250.00 is to be paid

7.0 Guidelines for Sports Activities at EC

7.1 Dress Codes at the European Championships

The clothing must meet the level of the competition and be in a clean, proper and in good condition.

On the polo shirt (T-Shirts without collar are not allowed) an emblem in form of the national banner, or the official emblem of the nation or the name of the nation must be displayed; shirts must be inside the trousers. Black Dress pants that are clean and in good condition are to be used, denim/blue jeans are forbidden. The shoes must be clean and a **dark** color and the upper part be made out leather. **For women also a black skirt or divided skirt is allowed and shirts are to be inside the trousers.**

In team events all athletes of one and the same team must wear their shirts which are identical both with color and design. Whenever questioned, an EPBF representative will decide about if participation will be allowed.

With regards to participation at World Championships and similar events by female athletes representing the EPBF, the athletes will be informed about dress code guidelines in proper time before such event.

7.2 Disciplines

The disciplines 8-Ball, 9-Ball and 14.1 (Straight-Pool) will be played on 9-foot tables. In 8-Ball and 9-Ball it will be played with alternate break. **Tables will be tapped.**

7.3 Categories

The categories Women, Men, Ladies, Seniors, Juniors, Pupils and Girls will be played. In all categories except Ladies and Girls also team competitions will be organized, in which one match per discipline will be played.

7.4 Races

Category 8-Ball 9-Ball Straight-Pool (14.1)

Men	8 (All the way through)	9 (All the way through)	125 (All the way through)
Women	6 (-"-)	7 (-"-)	75 (-"-)
Ladies	5 (-"-)	6 (-"-)	----
Senior's	7 (-"-)	9 (-"-)	100 (All the way through)
Junior's	7 (-"-)	8 (-"-)	100 (-"-)
Pupil's	6 (-"-)	7 (-"-)	75 (-"-)
Girl's	5 (-"-)	6 (-"-)	50 (All the way through)
Wheelchair driver	5 (-"-)	7 (-"-)	

7.5 Time limit

In order to better control the schedule of an event each match can be given a certain time limit. **Should after 50% of the announced duration of a match less than 50% of the points has been scored, a shot clock will be implemented.** The time for each shot is 35 seconds (with a warning after 25 seconds). Should an athlete not have performed a shot within the 35 seconds, the referee will **call a foul.**(Old: the referee will call a (time-)foul.) For each new frame of 8-Ball, 9-Ball and 14.1 each one of the players do have the right to once demand extended time, in which case another 25 seconds will be added. The TL decides if a shot clock shall be implemented.

7.6 Time-Out Regulation

If a time-out is permitted in an event, the following rule is in force;
One (1) time-out for each player is allowed per match, the time-out is a maximum five (5) minutes.

The time out can only be taken during the re-racking of the balls, both players have the right to take the time-out), the player not using the time-out must sit at his/her chair (**only 8-Ball and 9-Ball**). If both players leave at the same time, it is deemed that the time-out has been used by both players. In 14.1 also both players can take the time-out. If the sitting player uses his/her time-out, the playing player can continue their game. **Player is allowed to take the time out only after informing the referee.**

During the time out, it is forbidden to smoke. Other unsportsmanlike conduct is also forbidden during a time out. A player is not permitted to leave the table at any other time except for his/her time-out period.

Penalties for such violations are as follows; in 14/1, fifteen (15) points are awarded to the opponent and the three (3) consecutive foul rule comes into force. In 8-ball and 9-ball, a game/frame (current or next) is awarded to the opponent. Should an athlete violate this rule a second time, the athlete will be disqualified **from** (for) the event.

Other reasons for an imposed penalty are; Smoking during the time-out, the mobile phone of an athlete rings or he/she uses it, late return after a time-out.

7.7 Walkover

If an athlete is not present within 15 minutes following the official announcement of his/her match, this match will be deemed forfeited. Should this happen in the winner's bracket of a double elimination system, he/she will be placed in the loser's bracket. Otherwise such athlete is disqualified. Should both athletes in one and the same match in the winner's bracket arrive too late, both of them will

be disqualified since both of them cannot use the one and only existing spot in the loser's bracket.

Following the draw an athlete can only then be replaced, should he/she turn ill. Such replacement is only allowed to take place before the first round of the event, and the right to announce a substitute will first be given to the concerned national federation. Should the concerned national federation not make use of this possibility, the SD will, based on upon the ranking list from **last year before**, give this spot to the nation next on the list for free spots. In the case that all spots from the ranking list from last year before are considered, the SD draws all free spots between the nations which provide a move up. However, only accredited athletes can be announced.

7.8 Team (seniors, juniors, pupils)

In team competition the races that are valid for individual competition will be used. It is allowed to enter a match with only 2 athletes; the team will fill the protocol as usual with the missing player's match forfeited.

As soon as a team has won two from the three individual matches, the match is deemed to be completed and the ongoing third match will be stopped. Whoever is leading when such a match is stopped, will be deemed to have won this match. **Should such match be tied winning team will be appointed with a win of tied match.**

In a senior's team a lady can be entered, in a youth and or pupils team a girl can be entered. A male wheelchair athlete can be nominated in the men's team. A female wheelchair athlete can be nominated in the women's team, and so on. A nation is allowed to announce any amount of athletes for the team competition, however only accredited athletes are allowed to play. Only five medals will be awarded at the winner ceremony. The rules for the team competition men/women see point 8.0

7.9 Final result / Ranking lists / Criteria

The ranking list will be based upon the format. Should two or more athletes lose in the same round, their quota will be used in order to determine their final ranking, and i.e. all won matches will be divided with all lost matches. The athlete with the highest result (quota) will be placed first.

In 14.1 the higher general average (all pocketed balls divided with the amount of innings used, including safety shots) will decide. A walkover will be evaluated as a victory with a secondary evaluation of 0:0.

7.10 Scheduling of Matches

The scheduling of the matches will have to be made according to a model provided by the EPBF, and which will display all of the matches including the final. All EC events are being started in a double elimination format, and will be turned into a single elimination format at a certain stage according to the following:

65-128, participants' Single elimination from last 32

33-64, participants' Single elimination from last 16

17-32 participants' Single elimination from the Quarterfinals.

Up to 16 participants' Single elimination from the Semifinals.

7.11 Seeding / Draw

In all EC events, only the athletes placed 1 to 4 from the previous year will be seeded.

Should one of the seeded athletes not participate, the remaining three athletes to be seeded will then be positioned as 1 thru 4 (No other players are brought forward to replace a non-participating seeded player).

The bronze medalist with the better average is seeded 3rd, (in the team competition, 3rd seed will go to the team who lost against the European Champions). Walkovers will be distributed in the flowchart wherever applicable before the draw of that particular discipline,

Before the single elimination format will start, the qualified athletes from the loser's bracket will be drawn against the athletes that are still in the winner's bracket. When performing this draw, an athlete that lost his/her match in the last round of the winner's bracket cannot be drawn against the same opponent again in the first round of the single elimination format.

The official EPBF representative or the TL will fill in the flow chart with seeded athletes, walkovers and perform the draw. Not later than 15 minutes before the actual draw, all athletes must be made aware of this via microphone. The draw for the very first discipline to be played at the EC will be made during the team leader meeting at the end of the accreditation time.

All the other draws will be performed after the accreditation with due notice given.

7.12 Referees

The host organizer must at all times have at least one (1) Head referee added to at least one (1) referee **to at most six (6)** tables present in the venue. The referees are responsible for **appointed** tables at all times. The athletes will be taking care of the racking themselves, and the winner is responsible for the official match protocol. The official referee will only be asked to perform whenever there is a conflict. When 14.1 is being played the host organizer must have one writer for each table.