



# SPECIFIC COMPETITIONS REGULATIONS

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### PROGRAM OF COMPETITIONS

**01.01.** The Technical Commission establishes the provisional Competition Schedule and sends it to the Organizers. Thereafter, the Technical Commission shall publish the final official version no later than May 15th.

**01.02.** If within 30 days prior to the start of a Competition a team cancels its participation or does not show up at the Competition this team will however be taken into account in the standings of the Competition as follows :

**01.02.01.** The game schedule will not be changed unless special circumstances occur, all games due to be played by that team shall be forfeited.

**01.02.02.** If the game schedule is changed, such team shall be kept in the standings of said competition for determination of the rankings.

**01.03.** The teams shown first in the list of games of the Competition Schedule will be considered to be "the home team". A "toss" is only carried if mentioned in the Competition System.

### EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

**02.01.** 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 Page System will be conducted as follows:

**02.02.** with 4 teams:

- Double round robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 to 4 play the Page System finals.

**02.03.** with 5 teams:

- Double round robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 to 4 play the Page System finals.
- Team ranked 5 will be 5th in the Competition.

**02.04.** with 6 teams:

- Single round robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 to 4 play the Page System finals.
- Teams ranked 5 and 6 play each other to determine places 5 and 6.

**02.05.** with 7 teams:

- Single round robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 to 4 play the Page System finals.
- Teams ranked 5 to 7 play a single round robin "b" to determine places 5, 6, and 7.

**02.06.** with 8 teams:

- Single round robin a
- Teams ranked 1 to 4 play the "Page System" finals
- Teams ranked 5 and 6 play game for 5th place.
- Teams ranked 7 and 8 play game for 7th place.

**02.07.** with 9 teams:

- Single round robin a
- Teams ranked 1 to 4 play the "Page System" finals.
- 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

**02.08.** 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 to 4 in group "c" play the Page System finals.
- Teams ranked 5 and 6 in group „c“ play game for 5th place.
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 in group „d“ play game for 7th place.
- Teams ranked 3 and 4 in group „d“ play game for 9th place.

**02.09.** 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 to 4 in group "c" play the Page System finals.
- Teams ranked 5 and 6 in group „c“ play game for 5th place.
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 in group „d“ play game for 7th place.
- The final results of round robin "d" determine the places 9 to 11 in the Competition.

**02.10.** with 12 teams:

- Four groups "a", "b", "c" and "d", each having 3 teams.
- Each group plays a single round robin.
- Two quarterfinal groups "e" and "f" will be created after a single round robin. Quarterfinal group "e" will be created from the teams ranked a1, b2, c2 and d1. Quarterfinal group "f" will be created from the teams ranked a2, b1, c1 and d2.
- Teams ranked 1, 2 and 3 of both quarterfinal groups "e" and "f" play single round robin in Semifinal group for qualification to Page System finals (games played in quarterfinal groups are counted) .
- Top 4 teams of Semifinal group are qualified for Page System.
- Final results of round robin of Semifinal group will determine places 5 and 6 in the Competition.
- Fourth teams of both quarterfinal groups "e" and "f" play for place 7.
- Teams ranked 3 of groups "a", "b", "c" and "d" play a single round robin "g".
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 in group „g“ play game for 9th place.
- Teams ranked 3 and 4 in group „g“ play game for 11th place.

**02.10.01.** with 12 teams - alternative:

- 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 to 4 in group "c" play the Page System finals.
- Teams ranked 5 and 6 in group „c“ play game for 5th place.
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 in group „d“ play game for 7th place.
- The final results of round robin "d" determine the places 9 to 12 in the Competition.

**02.11.** with 13 teams and more - same principle as for 12 teams will be used with following differences due to different numbers of the teams:

**02.11.01.** with 13 teams:

- Teams ranked 3 and 4 of groups "a", "b", "c" and "d" play a single round robin "g" in which the games between these teams of round "d" will also be considered as a played game for this round robin "g". The final results of round "g" will determine places 11 to 13 in the Competition.
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 in group „g“ play game for 9th place.

**02.11.02.** with 14 teams:

- Teams ranked 3 and 4 of fourth groups "a", "b", "c" and "d" play a single round robin "g" in which the games between these teams of rounds "c" and "d" will also be considered as a played game for this round "g". The final results of round "g" will determine places 11 to 14 in the Competition.
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 in group „g“ play game for 9th place.

**02.11.03.** with 15 teams:

- Teams ranked 3 and 4 of fourth groups "a", "b", "c" and "d" play a single round robin "g" in which the games between these teams of rounds "b", "c" and "d" will also be considered as a played game for this round "g". The final results of round "g" will determine places 11 to 15 in the Competition.
- Teams ranked 1 and 2 in group „g“ play game for 9th place.

**02.11.04.** with 16 teams:

- Quarterfinal play out of below breakout will be as follow:
- "g" and "h" will be created after a single round robin. Quarterfinal group "g" will be created from the teams ranked a3, b4, c4 and d3. Quarterfinal group "h" will be created from the teams ranked a4, b3, c3 and d4.
- Top 2 teams of both Quarterfinal groups (g1, g2, h1, h2) are qualified for Page System for place 9 to 12.
- Third teams of both quarterfinal groups "g" and "h" play for place 13.
- Fourth teams of both quarterfinal groups "g" and "h" play for place 15.

**02.12.** with 17 teams and more - same principle as for 16 teams will be used with following differences due to different numbers of the teams:

**02.12.01.** with 17 teams:

- "g" and "h" will be created after a single round robin. Quarterfinal group "g" will be created from the teams ranked a3, b4, c4, d3 and a5. Quarterfinal group "h" will be created from the teams ranked a4, b3, c3 and d4

**02.12.02.** with 18 teams:

- "g" and "h" will be created after a single round robin. Quarterfinal group "g" will be created from the teams ranked a3, b4, c4, d3 and a5. Quarterfinal group "h" will be created from the teams ranked a4, b3, c3, d4 and b5
- Fifth teams of both quarterfinal groups "g" and "h" play for place 17.

**02.12.03.** with 19 teams:

- Teams ranked 5 of group "a", "b" and "c" play a single or double round robin "i". The final results of round "i" will determine places 17 to 19 in the Competition.

**02.12.04.** with 20 teams:

- Teams ranked 5 of group "a", "b", "c" and "d" play a single round robin "i". The final results of round "i" will determine places 17 to 20 in the Competition.

**02.12.05.** with 21 teams:

- Teams ranked 5 and 6 of groups "a", "b", "c" and "d" play a single round robin "i" in which the games between these teams of round "d" will also be considered as a played game for this round robin "i". The final results of round "i" will determine places 17 to 21 in the Competition.

**02.12.06.** with 22 teams:

- Teams ranked 5 and 6 of groups "a", "b", "c" and "d" play a single round robin "g" in which the games between these teams of round "d" and "c" will also be considered as a played game for this round robin "g". The final results of round "g" will determine places 17 to 22 in the Competition.

**02.12.07.** with 23 teams:

- Teams ranked 5 and 6 of groups "a", "b", "c" and "d" play a single round robin "i" in which the games between these teams of round "d", "c" and "b" will also be considered as a played game for this round robin "i". The final results of round "i" will determine places 17 to 23 in the Competition.

**02.13.** with 24 teams:

- Eight groups "a", "b", "c", "d", "e", "f", "g" and „h“, each having 3 teams.
- Each group plays a single round robin.
- Teams ranked 2 of each group will play extra game for qualification to quarterfinal groups (2a – 2d, 2b – 2c, 2e – 2h and 2f – 2g).
- Two quarterfinal groups "i" and "j" will be created after a single round robin.

- Quarterfinal group "i" will be created from the team's ranked a1, d1, e1, h1 and winners extra games 2b – 2c and 2f – 2g.
- Quarterfinal group "j" will be created from the team's ranked b1, c1, f1, g1 and winners extra games 2a – 2d and 2e – 2h.
- Teams ranked 1, 2 and 3 of both quarterfinal groups "i" and "j" play single round robin in Semifinal group for qualification to Page System finals (games played in quarterfinal groups are counted) .
- Top 4 teams of Semifinal group are qualified for Page System.
- Final results of round robin of Semifinal group will determine places 5 and 6 in the Competition.
- Fourth teams of both quarterfinal groups "i" and "j" play for place 7.
- Fifth teams of both quarterfinal groups "i" and "j" play for place 9.
- Sixth teams of both quarterfinal groups "i" and "j" for place 11.
- Losers extra games for qualification to quarterfinal groups (2a – 2d, 2b – 2c, 2e – 2h and 2f – 2g) play a single round robin "k". The final results of round robin „k" will determine places 13 to 16 in the Competition.
- Teams ranked 3 of groups "a", "b", "c", "d", "e", "f", "g" and „h", play a single round robin „l". The final results of round robin „l" will determine places 17 to 24 in the Competition.

## WOMEN'S EUROPEAN PREMIERE CUP AND WOMEN'S EUROPEAN CUP

### PARTICIPATION

**03.01.** The maximum number of participating teams per Federation in the same Competition will be two.

**03.02.** Teams subscribing to European Competitions are constituted into Divisions in each Competition. The minimum number of teams in one Competition Division will be four, not including the possible Defending Champion. 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 Women's European Premiere Cup.

**03.02.02.** For Women's European Premiere Cup and Women's European Cup Competitions

Number of Teams Subscribing: (not including Cup "A" Defender )	4 to 11	12	13 to 21	22 to 29	30 to 37	38 to 45	46 to 52
Premiere Cup	4 to 11 plus DEF	8 plus DEF	9 plus DEF	9 plus DEF	9 plus DEF	9 plus DEF	9 plus DEF
Cup	na	4	4 to 12	8	8	8	8
Cup "C"	na	na	na	5 to 12	8	8	8
Cup "D"	na	na	na	na	5 to 12	8	8
Cup "E"	na	na	na	na	na	5 to 12	8
Cup "F"	na	na	na	na	na	na	5 to 11

**03.02.02.01.** 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:

- a European Premiere Cup, with all registered teams, plus the possible defending Champion.

**03.02.02.02.** If twelve teams subscribe, not including the possible defending Champion, these will be allocated between two Divisions:

- a European Premiere Cup, with a maximum of eight teams, plus the possible defending Champion, and
- a European Cup, with the remaining number of teams.

**03.02.02.03.** If thirteen to twenty-one teams subscribe, not including the possible defending Champion, these will be allocated between two Divisions:

- a European Premiere Cup, with a maximum of nine teams, plus the possible defending Champion, and
- a European Cup, with the remaining number of teams.

**03.02.02.04.** If twenty-two to twenty-nine teams subscribe, not including the possible defending Champion, these will be allocated between three Divisions:

- a European Premiere Cup, with a maximum of nine teams, plus the possible defending Champion,
- a European Cup, with a maximum of eight teams and
- a European Cup "C", with the remaining number of teams.

**03.02.02.05.** If thirty to thirty-seven teams subscribe, not including the possible defending Champion, these will be allocated between four Divisions:

- a European Premiere Cup, with a maximum of nine teams, plus the possible defending Champion,
- a European Cup, with a maximum of eight teams,

- a European Cup "C", with a maximum of eight teams and
- a European Cup "D", with the remaining number of teams.

**03.02.02.06.** If twenty-eight to forty-five teams subscribe, not including the possible defending Champion, these will be allocated between five Divisions:

- a European Premiere Cup, with a maximum of nine teams, plus the possible defending Champion,
- a European Cup, with a maximum of eight teams,
- a European Cup "C", with a maximum of eight teams,
- a European Cup "D", with a maximum of eight teams and
- a European Cup "E", with the remaining number of teams.

**03.02.02.07.** If forty-six to fifty-two teams subscribe, not including the possible defending Champion, these will be allocated between six Divisions:

- a European Premiere Cup, with a maximum of nine teams, plus the possible defending Champion,
- a European Cup, with a maximum of eight teams,
- a European Cup "C", with a maximum of eight teams,
- a European Cup "D", with a maximum of eight teams,
- a European Cup "E", with a maximum of eight teams and
- a European Cup "F", with the remaining number of teams.

**03.02.03.** 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.

**03.02.04.** The allocation of teams within the Divisions of a Competition is effected immediately after the closing date for subscriptions as stated in article CR 03 and is notified to all Affiliated Federations.

**03.02.05.** 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.

**03.02.06.** Once the allocation of teams has been effected, for teams having not subscribed, and thus having not been allotted, the procedure of article Specific Competitions Regulations Appendix (SCRA) 05.03.02 is applied.

**03.02.07.** Once the allocation of teams has been effected the format of the Competition shall be considered final and not subject to change.

**03.02.08.** 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 SCRA 03.02.04, and before the 30 days deadline as stated in article SCRA 01.02:

**03.02.08.01.** The withdrawing team is retired from the allocation of teams and considered as having not subscribed, the procedure of article SCRA 05.03 is applied, without prejudice of the possible financial penalties.

## PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

**04.01.** Promotion and relegation of teams occur in the following cases:

**04.02.** As a consequence of the final standing of a team in Competition:

**04.02.01.** 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.

**04.02.02.** Such promotions and relegations take effect immediately after the completion of the Competition.

**04.03.** As a consequence of the non-participation of a team to a Competition to which it subscribed:

**04.03.01.** A team that does not effectively take part to, 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 immediately 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 replacement. However, a team having been already, for a given year, relegated from the higher Division in application of article SCRA 04.02 cannot be promoted the same year to the higher Division in application of article SCRA 04.03.

**04.03.02.** When several teams from the same Division are relegated in application of article SCRA 04.03.01, they are relegated in the lower Division in the order of their rating in the higher Division. The same number of teams is promoted from the lower Division, in the order of their rating in the lower Division.

**04.03.03.** In the application of article SCRA 04.03.01, relegations take effect:

**04.03.03.01.** Immediately once the non-participation is established

**04.03.03.02.** After the completion of the Competition

**04.03.04.** In the application of article SCRA 04.03.01, promotions take effect after the completion of the Competition.

**04.04.** As a consequence of the non-subscription of a team to a Competition to which it was eligible:

**04.04.01.** A team that does not subscribe in a given Competition, in which it was eligible to take part, is relegated to the Reserve Division of said Competition.

**04.04.02.** When several teams are relegated in application of article SCRA 04.04.01, they are relegated in the Reserve Division in the order of their rating in their Divisions of origin.

**04.04.03.** In the application of article SCRA 04.04.01, relegations are effected at the closing date for subscriptions

**04.04.04.** The Reserve Division of a Competition is taken into consideration only for relegation in application of article 2.04. There is no relegation to, or promotion from, the Reserve Division for the application of articles SCRA 04.01, 04.02 and 04.03.

## TEAM RATINGS AND RESERVE DIVISION RANKINGS

**05.01.** The rating of a team in a given Competition is the basis for determination of its qualification for the next Competition. The rating of a team in a given Competition is primary defined, for said Competition, by the Division in which the team has played and its rank inside this Division. For hierarchy purpose, the Division has precedence on the rank. For example: rating A5 is higher than rating B3. The rating of teams for the next Competition is determined after all ranks in all Divisions of a given Competition are known, as follows:

RATINGS - DIVISION "X"		
Div.	rank	rating
X	1st	X1
	2nd	X2
	3rd	X3
	4th	X4
	5th	X5
	6th	X6
	7th	X7
	8th	X8
	9th	X9
	10th	X10
	11th	X11
	12th	X12

**05.01.01.** For the "A" Division of Cup Competitions the rank of a defending Champion is neutralized for the determination of the rating as per article CR 02.07. If the possible defending Champion has also the first Place in the Competition, he receives an A0 rating. The first ranked team, if not the defending Champion, receives an A1 rating as Winner, this rating being transmitted to the team that will represent the Federation in next Competition, and an A0 rating as the new defending Champion.

RATING - Cup Division A			RATING - Cup Division A		
Defender has 1st Place			Defender has NOT 1st Place		
Div.	Rank	rating	Div.	Rank	rating
A	1st	A1	A	1st	A0 + A1
	2nd	A2		2nd	A2
	3rd	A3		3rd	A3
	4th	A4		4th	A4
	5th	A5		5th	A5
	6th	A6		6th	A6
	7th	A7		7th	A7
	8th	A8		8th	A8
	9th	A9		9th	A9
	10th	A10		10th	A10
	11th	A11		11th	A11
DEF.	A0	DEF.	na		

NOTE: Ranks determined WITHOUT taking the Defending Champion into account

**05.01.02.** In Cup Competitions, and except for a Title Holder as Defending Champion, the rating is obtained by a team but is attributed to the Federation of belonging of said team. This rating is then the rating of the team that represents said Federation in next Competition.

**05.02.** Once the primary ratings have been defined for each Competition according to article SCRA 05.01, promotions and relegations are effected as follows:

**05.02.01.** The ratings of teams promoted and relegated as a consequence of their final standings in

**05.02.01.01.** When one team is promoted and one team is relegated: The last ranked team of the higher Division and the first ranked team of the lower Division exchange their ratings:

**05.02.01.02.** For the determination of the last ranked 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 SCRA 01.02.

**05.02.02.** The ratings of teams promoted and relegated as a consequence of non-participation after subscription in application of article SCRA 04.03, are determined as follows:

**05.02.02.01.** The first team or teams ranked in the lower Division after the team or teams relegated from the higher Division in application of article SCRA 05.02.01 are promoted to the higher Division in the limit of the number of places vacant, in the order of their initial rating, after the last ranked team of the higher division, and receive a new rating in the higher Division.

**05.02.02.02.** The teams relegated from the higher Division are transferred in the lower Division in the order of their initial ranking in the higher Division, after the last ranked team of the lower Division, and the teams of the lower Division are re-rated according to this new ranking.

**05.02.02.03.** The procedure of articles 05.02.02.01 and 05.02.02.02 must be affected after the procedure of article 05.02.01, and shall not affect the teams promoted and relegated according to said article 05.02.01.

**05.02.03.** Once all promotions and relegations as stated in articles SCRA 05.02.01, 05.02.02 and 05.02.03 have been effected, the ratings of Divisions where changes have occurred are determined again according to article SCRA 05.01. These ratings are then final for the next Competition Year

**05.03** The right of a team for promotion to a higher Division in next Competition is not absolute, but is contingent to the actual number of teams having registered to say 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.

**05.04.** Reserve Division consists all teams participated in given competition, but didn't play last one. These teams receive a specific R rating, their rank within this rating being defined by ESF ranking system.

**05.05.** The ESF ranking system evaluates countries according to their National Teams results at European Championships. ESF ranking system produces rankings that reflect a combination of competition achievement and softball development.

**05.06.** The ESF ranking system includes three separate rankings. for women's fastpitch, men's fastpitch and slowpitch.

**05.06.01.** The ESF 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 – 100%
- U-19 European Championship – 50%
- All others (U-22 and U-16) – 25%

**05.06.02.** The ESF 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%

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

## COMPETITION SYSTEM AND FORMATS

**06.01.** Qualification to the Page System will be conducted as follows:

**06.02.** with 4 teams:

- Double round robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 to 4 play the Page System finals.

**06.03.** with 5 teams:

- Double round robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 to 4 play the Page System finals.
- Team ranked 5 will be 5th in the Competition.

**06.04.** with 6 teams:

- Single round robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 to 4 play the Page System finals.
- Teams ranked 5 and 6 play each other to determine places 5 and 6.

**06.05.** with 7 teams:

- Single round robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 to 4 play the Page System finals.
- Teams ranked 5 to 7 play a single round robin "b" to determine places 5, 6, and 7.

**06.06.** with 8 teams:

- Single round robin a
- Teams ranked 1 to 4 play the "Page System" finals
- Teams ranked 5 and 6 play game for 5th place.
- Teams ranked 7 and 8 play game for 7th place.

**06.07.** with 9 teams:

- Single round robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 to 4 play the "Page System" finals.
- Teams ranked 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 will respectively be 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th in the Competition.

**06.08.** 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 to 4 of round robin "c" then play the "Page System" finals.
- Teams ranked 5 and 6 of round robin "c" will respectively be 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in the Competition.
- The final results of round robin "d" will determine the places 7 to 10 in the Competition.

**06.09.** 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 to 4 of round robin "c" then play the "Page System" finals.
- Teams ranked 5 and 6 of round robin "c" will respectively be 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in the Competition.

**06.10.** 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 to 4 of round robin "c" then play the "Page System" finals.
- Teams ranked 5 and 6 of round robin "c" will respectively be 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in the Competition.
- Teams ranked 4 of both groups play a single round robin "e" to determine the places 7 and 8 (toss).
- Teams ranked 5 of both groups play a single round robin "f" to determine the places 9 and 10 (toss).
- Teams ranked 6 of both groups play a single round robin "g" to determine the places 11 and 12 (toss).

**06.11.** Number of the games in terms of number of the teams:

NUMBER OF GAMES IN TERMS OF NUMBER OF TEAMS									
Number of Games	Number of Teams								
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Qualification	12	20	15	21	28	36	20	25	30
Classification	-	-	1	3	1	-	13	15	12
Page System	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
<b>Total Games</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>46</b>

**06.12.** 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

## WOMEN'S EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS CUP

**07.01.** Refer to format of European Championship above.

## MEN'S EUROPEAN SUPER CUP AND U-19 WOMEN'S EUROPEAN SUPER CUP

**08.01.** Qualification to the Page System will be conducted as shown in the formats below.

**08.01.01.** If four teams subscribe:

- Double round robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 to 4 play the "Page System" finals.

**08.01.02.** If five teams subscribe:

- Double round robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 to 4 play the "Page System" finals.
- Team ranked 5 will be 5th in the Competition.

**08.01.03.** If six teams subscribe:

- Single round robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 to 4 play the "Page System" finals.
- Teams ranked 5 and 6 play each other to determine places 5 and 6.

**08.01.04.** If seven teams subscribe:

- Single round robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 to 4 play the "Page System" finals.
- Teams ranked 5 to 7 play a single round robin "b" to determine places 5, 6, 7.

**08.01.05.** If eight teams subscribe:

- Single round robin a
- Teams ranked 1 to 4 play the "Page System" finals
- Teams ranked 5 to 8 play the "Page System" to determine places 5, 6, 7 and 8.

**08.01.06.** If nine teams subscribe:

- Single round robin a
- Teams ranked 1 to 4 play the "Page System" finals.
- 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

**08.02.** With 10 teams or more, the MESC and U-19 WESC will be concluded by a "double elimination system"

**08.02.01.** If ten 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. (ESF II)

**08.02.02.** If eleven 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. (ESF II)

**08.02.03.** If twelve 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. (ESF II)

**08.02.04.** If thirteen 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. (ESF II)

**08.02.05.** If fourteen 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. (ESF II)

**08.02.06.** If fifteen teams subscribe:

- Two groups: one of 8 teams "a" and one of 7 teams "b"
- Each group plays a single round robin.
- The numbers 1 to 4 of each group will play a second round robin in a double elimination system. (Super Cup)
- The numbers 5 to 8 of each group will play a second round in a double elimination system to determine the places 9 to 15 in the Competition. (ESF II)

**08.02.07.** If sixteen teams subscribe:

- Two groups "a" and "b", both of 8 teams
- Each group plays a single round robin.
- The numbers 1 to 4 of each group will play a second round robin in a double elimination system. (Super Cup)

- The numbers 5 to 8 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 9 to 16 in the Competition. (ESF II)

**08.02.08.** If seventeen 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 in a double elimination system. (Super Cup)
- The numbers 4, 5 and 6 of each group will play a second round in in a double elimination system to determine places 10 to 17 in the Competition (ESF II)

**08.02.09.** If eighteen 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 in a double elimination system. (Super Cup)
- The numbers 4, 5 and 6 of each group will play a second round in in a double elimination system to determine places 10 to 18 in the Competition (ESF II)

**08.02.10.** If nineteen 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 in a double elimination system. (Super Cup)
- The numbers 4, 5 and 6 of each group will play a second round in in a double elimination system to determine places 10 to 19 in the Competition (ESF II)

**08.02.11.** If twenty 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 (ESF II)

**08.02.12.** If twenty-one 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 (ESF II)

**08.02.13.** If twenty-two 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 (ESF II)

**08.02.14.** If twenty-three 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 (ESF II)

**08.02.15.** If twenty-four 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 (ESF II)

## EUROPEAN SLOW PITCH COMPETITIONS

**09.01.** Qualification to the Page System will be conducted as follows:

**09.02.** with 4 teams:

- Triple round robin.
- Teams ranked 1 to 4 play the Page System finals.
  - Minimum/Maximum Games per Team: 10/12
  - Round Robin Games: 18
  - Total Games: 22

**09.03.** with 5 teams:

- Triple round robin.
- Teams ranked 1 to 4 play the Page System finals.
- Team ranked 5 will be 5th in the Competition.
  - Minimum/Maximum Games per Team: 12/15
  - Round Robin Games: 30
  - Total Games: 34

**09.04.** with 6 teams:

- Double round robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 to 4 play the Page System finals.
- Teams ranked 5 and 6 play each other to determine places 5 and 6.
  - Minimum/Maximum Games per Team: 11/13
  - Round Robin Games: 30
  - Total Games: 35

**09.05.** with 7 teams:

- Double round robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 to 4 play the Page System finals.
- Teams ranked 5 to 7 play a single round robin "b" to determine places 5, 6, and 7.
  - Minimum/Maximum Games per Team: 13/15
  - Round Robin Games: 42
  - Total Games: 49

**09.06.** with 8 teams:

- Single round robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 to 4 play the Page System finals.
- Teams ranked 5-8 play a Page System to determine places 5, 6, 7 and 8.
  - Minimum/Maximum Games per Team: 8/10
  - Round Robin Games: 28
  - Total Games: 36

**09.07.** with 9 teams:

- Single round robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 to 4 play the "Page System" finals.
- Team ranked 9 will be ninth in the competition.
- Teams ranked 5-8 play a Page System to determine places 5, 6, 7 and 8.
  - Minimum/Maximum Games per Team: 8/11
  - Round Robin Games: 36
  - Total Games: 44

**09.08.** with 10 teams:

- Single round robin "a".
- Teams ranked 1 to 4 play the "Page System" finals.
- Teams ranked 5-6 play each other to determine places 5 and 6.
- Teams ranked 7-8 play each other to determine places 7 and 8.
- Teams ranked 9-10 play each other to determine places 9 and 10.
  - Minimum/Maximum Games per Team: 10/12
  - Round Robin Games: 45
  - Total Games: 52

**09.09.** with 11 teams:

- Two groups: one of six teams, "a", and one of five teams, "b".
- Each group plays a single round robin.
- Teams ranked 1, 2 and 3 in both groups play a single round robin "c" in which the games between these teams in the first round "a" and "b" will also be considered as played games 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 in the first round "a" and "b" will also be considered as played games for this round robin "d".
- Teams ranked 1-4 in round robin "c" then play the Page System Playoff.
- Teams ranked 5 and 6 in round robin "c" play each other to determine places 5 and 6.
- Teams ranked 1-4 in round robin "d" then play a Page System Playoff to determine places 7, 8, 9 and 10.
- The team placed fifth in round robin "d" will be placed 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - Minimum/Maximum Games per Team: 7/11
  - Round Robin Games: 40
  - Total Games: 49

**09.10.** with 12 teams:

- Two groups "a" and "b" both of six teams.
- Each group plays a single round robin.

- Then teams ranked 1 and 2 and 3 of both groups play a single round robin “c” in which the games between these teams in the first round robins “a” and “b” will also be considered as played games for this round robin “c”.
- Teams ranked 4 and 5 and 6 in groups “a” and “b” 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 played games for this round robin “d”.
- Teams ranked 1-4 in round robin “c” then play the Page System Playoff.
- Teams ranked 5 and 6 play off to determine Places 5 and 6
- Teams ranked 1-4 in round robin “d” play a Page System Playoff to determine Places 7, 8, 9 and 10.
- Teams ranked 5 and 6 play off to determine Places 11 and 12.
  - Minimum/Maximum Games per Team: 8/11
  - Round Robin Games: 48
  - Total Games: 58

## **EUROPEAN MASSIMO ROMEO TROPHY**

**10.01.** Refer to format of European Championship above.

**10.02.** Because of special conditions of the tournament the format can be changed up the decision of VP Technical and Competition with respect to sufficiency of the tournament.