



# TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

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## ORGANIZATION of the EUROPEAN COMPETITIONS

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### CANDIDATES FOR ORGANIZING A COMPETITION

**01.01.** Every candidature to host an European Competition shall be on a form prescribed by the Executive Council and shall be signed by the Affiliated Federation (and candidate Club for a Cup). The form shall contain all relevant information required by the Executive Council, acting in its sole discretion, to enable an informed decision to be made. The candidature shall be submitted to the ESF Secretary General together with a payment of a bona fide deposit of 20 percent of the guarantee sum specified for organizing this competition or Letter of Guarantee for the full amount and a dully filled Candidature Form at least 90 days before the date of the Annual General Congress, which shall consider and act upon any nomination duly presented for consideration.

**01.02.** Every Candidature to host a European Competition shall comprise a written financial guarantee in the form specified by the EC (see Financial Appendix) and a completed Proposal Form as specified by the ESF. This must include the exact location(s) where this competition will take place and must demonstrate that the Competition venue(s) fulfil(s) the requirements set out in TR 08.01.

**01.03.** Every candidature to host a European Competition shall be presented together with:

**01.03.01.** a payment of a bona fide deposit of 20 percent of the guarantee sum specified for organizing this competition or Letter of Guarantee for the full amount

**01.03.02.** a completed Candidature Form as specified by the ESF. This must include the exact location(s) where this competition will take place and must demonstrate that the Competition venue(s) fulfil(s) the requirements set out in TR 08.01.

*Note: If the Letter of Guarantee, as required by TR 01.01, TR 01.02.or TR 01.03 is send by email, the original Letter of Guarantee must be presented to the ESF Secretary General no later than the beginning of the congress.*

**01.04.** The performance of the competition host, guaranteed by the Affiliated Federation involved, must include appropriate insurance to cover any contingencies specified by the Executive Council or the Technical Commission.

**01.05.** Every Candidature for a European Championship must clearly propose a date within the month of July.

**01.06.** Forms which fully comply with the requirement of the EC shall be submitted to the Technical and Competitions Committee meeting prior to the General Congress in the appropriate year as defined in CR 01.02. If more than one Candidate bids for any Competition, the Committee meeting will elect the host. Those eligible to vote shall be, those Federations who have already registered for that competition or, if not yet known, those whose teams last contested that Competition

**01.07.** In the event of no nomination for a European Competition being made, the following shall apply:

**01.07.01.** If no nomination to host a European Competition is received by the date(s) specified in TR 01.01, nominations remain open until the start of the Technical and Competitions Committee meeting prior to the General Congress, until which time nominations will be received and considered at this meeting. Should there be no candidate elected to host a European Competition by the end of this meeting, the limit date to receive candidatures shall be extended until the last day of February of the given year.

**01.07.02.** Should there be more than one candidate to host a European Competition submitted by the last day of February of the given year, the final choice shall be made by the Executive Council. Should there be no candidate to host a European Competition after the last day of February of the given year; the Competition shall be cancelled for the current year.

**01.08.** All correspondence with the ESF shall be in English.

**01.09.** After the assignment of the European Competition, the Organizers shall conform to all requirements, duties and obligations as described in the ESF Statutes and Regulations,

**01.10.** If the host Federation or Club opted to pay the 20 percent deposit and has been officially appointed, they shall pay an additional 30 per cent of the guarantee sum specified for organizing this Competition within 10 days after the official announcement in the year. The balance of 50 percent of this guarantee sum shall be paid at the latest forty (40) days pre-Competition.

**01.11.** The guarantee sum paid by the candidate Organizers not appointed will be refunded.

## **INSPECTION OF COMPETITION ORGANIZATION**

**02.01.** Once it has been officially appointed, the host Federation or Club shall send within one month to the Technical Committee a completed Pre-Inspection Form as provided by the ESF. The ESF VP Technical and Competition shall distribute the completed Pre-Inspection Form to the Tournament Technical Commissioner.

**02.02.** The Technical Commission shall appoint an Inspector to visit the venues and, confirming the information in the Pre-Inspection Report, examine the total organization of each Competition as soon as possible after appointment.

**02.03.** The travel costs of the Inspector to the Organizers' country are the responsibility of the ESF. The expenses for local transportation, board, accommodation and related costs of the Inspector are the responsibility of the Organizers, and shall comply with the requirements for accommodation of Officials.

**02.04.** The Inspector shall send a Report to the VP Technical and Competitions.

**02.05.** If the Inspection reveals that the requirements, duties and obligations expected of the Organizers have not been met or may not be carried out, the Organizers must correct these omissions before the opening of the Competition.

**02.06.** In case of serious and legitimate doubt, the Executive Council may decide to conduct a second Inspection to verify if the revealed or potential omissions have been corrected. All the costs of this second inspection shall be the responsibility of the Organizers.

**02.07.** In case of continuing doubts, VP Technical and Competitions may additionally decide that the CTC should attend the venue one day in advance of normal arrival.

## **ORGANIZERS LIAISON WITH PARTICIPATING TEAMS**

**03.01.** The Organizers shall provide the means and assistance to ensure the efficient flow of correct information about the Competition to participating Teams.

**03.02.** Once it has been officially appointed, the host federation or Club shall send within one month to the participating teams, copying to the ESF VP Technical and Competition, a list of at least three appropriate hotels in different price ranges / levels available for the accommodation of teams, to be referred to as "approved hotels".

**03.03.** Teams wishing to use accommodation not in this list must receive prior approval of the organizer. In the absence of such approval, transportation of those teams between hotels and fields shall be under their sole responsibility.

**03.04.** If within one month after it has been officially appointed the Organizer has not sent the list of approved hotels, participating teams are free to arrange their own accommodation and the Organizer becomes responsible for their transportation between hotels and fields within a 25 km travel radius.

*Note: Articles 03.03. and 03.04 apply only to European Championships, not Cups*

## **APPOINTMENT AND ATTENDANCE OF OFFICIALS**

**04.01.** The Officials assigned to European Competitions represent the ESF and shall act as such in all circumstances. They shall perform their duties in full neutrality, objectivity, and impartiality and with the appropriate attitude and behaviour. In particular, No Officials shall wear any indication of nationality or of belonging to a national Federation or a Team.

**04.02.** Officials for ESF competition are defined as follows:

**EC – Executive Commissioner:** a Member of the Executive present to represent the ESF. EC acts as final arbiter for any appeals from findings of the Technical Commission.

**CTC – Chief Technical Commissioner:** chairs the Technical Commission, which includes other ESF appointed Technical Commissioners, local TCs as appointed by the VP Technical and Competition, UIC and SIC. The number of nominated TCs should be equal to number of the playing fields used, to a maximum of 3.

**UIC – Umpire in Chief:** and Assistant UICs are appointed by the VP Technical and Competition on proposal of the Director of Umpires.

**SIC – Scorer in Chief:** is appointed by the VP Technical and Competition on proposal of the Chair of Scoring Commission.

The Executive Council shall make the final approvals of all appointments above upon the respective recommendations.

**04.02.01.** In European Championships, "A Division" Cup Competitions and Super Cups, the attendance of the appointed Executive Delegate is for the entire duration of the competition.

**04.02.02.** In "B Divisions" Cup Competitions or below, the attendance of the appointed Executive Delegate for the entire duration of the competition, only the last days of the competition or not attending at all, will be subject to the decision of the host Club.

**04.02.03.** In the event that no EC is assigned or is absent at any time during the competition, the CTC will assume the EC responsibilities.

**04.03.** The Chief Technical Commissioner is responsible for the coordination and the supervision of the Technical Committee of the Competition. The CTC shall be present for the entire duration of a European Competition. In particular, the CTC is in charge of the scheduling of the Competition, and of the respect by the Organizers of the organization requirements.

**04.03.01.** Technical Commissioners act under the authority of the Chief Technical Commissioner.

**04.03.02.** Local Technical Commissioners are nominated by the Organizers and must be approved by the VP Technical and Competition. They must be able to communicate in English.

**04.03.03.** A Technical Commissioner shall be present at every game of a Competition.

**04.04.** The Technical Committee shall be responsible for and enforce the technical aspects of the Competitions, and ensure that the Rules of Softball, the ESF Competitions and Technical Regulations are scrupulously respected. In particular, the Technical Committee shall:

**04.04.01.** Check the identity and eligibility and qualification of the participating players;

**04.04.02.** Check when necessary the respect of the legal requirements for participating players and teams;

**04.04.03.** Check the conformity of the Competition's installations and facilities with the Rules of Softball, and the Competitions and Technical regulations;

**04.04.04.** Rule on any sanctions to be imposed when a player or team member has been ejected from a game;

**04.04.05.** Take any appropriate decision in case of protest.

*Note: Decision of the TC according 04.04.01 to 04.04.05 can only be appealed to the EC assigned and present at the Competition.*

**04.04.06.** Control and verify the conformity and the availability of the statistics;

**04.04.07.** Propose to the Executive Council any penalty as stated in the ESF Regulations in case of violation or disrespect by the Organizer or by a team or by a team member of its obligations.

**04.05.** The Umpire-in-Chief (UIC) is responsible, of the management, the assignment, the follow-up and evaluation of the Umpires during the Competition.

In case assignments are in conflict with the "neutrality rule" the UIC has to report that to the Chief Technical Commissioner with explanation of the reason(s).

The Umpire-in-Chief is responsible of the technical training of the Umpires during the Competition in order to maintain and guarantee the required technical level of umpiring.

**04.05.01.** The Umpires assigned to a Competition must be present at the venue in time for a pre-tournament meeting as specified by the Technical Committee.

**04.06.** Sufficient local scorers should be nominated by the Organizers for approval by the SC to allow enough qualified scorers. The List of assigned scorers shall be sent to the CTC at least one month before the beginning of the Competition.

**04.06.01.** The host Federation or Club shall make available at least two approved scorekeepers for each game. Scorekeepers shall be experienced in softball and qualified for their function. During the game, the official Scorekeepers shall be accommodated in a Scoring House adjacent to the field as stipulated in these Technical Regulations.

**04.07.** If requested by the Organizers, and at their cost, one or more Officials may visit the venue of the Competition for the purposes of Public Relations with Local Authorities and / or Sponsors.

## **OFFICIALS: TRANSPORTATION AND ACCOMMODATION**

**05.01.** The Organizers are responsible for the reservation and payment of hotel rooms for the Officials from 24 hours prior to the first pitch of the tournament until the day after the Competition finishes.

**05.01.01.** Hotels shall be at a reasonable distance, max. 25 km, from the playing fields, and shall be of at least three stars, or equivalent standard.

**05.01.02.** All Officials shall be lodged in the same hotel, preferably where no teams are accommodated. Organizers, who want to deviate from this should so specify on the Pre-Inspection Form and obtain permission from by the VP Technical and Competition following the Inspector's Report.

**05.01.03.** One room for a maximum of two (2) persons, with individual beds, will be required for the Umpires, including Umpires who may live locally.

**05.02.** Meals for the Officials, of acceptable quality and quantity, shall be served at the locations and times requested. They shall be available according to the games' schedule and not be restricted to public opening times.

**05.02.01.** If Officials have their meals in the same location as the Teams, there must be a clear separation between spaces allocated to the Officials and to the Teams.

**05.02.02.** A beverage and/or cafeteria service shall be available for the Officials on the field including soda / sports drinks for umpires when conditions require.

**05.03.** A pickup service shall be available for all Officials from the airport/railway station to their hotel(s) on their arrival and from the hotel(s)/field(s) to the airport/railway station at their departure.

**05.03.01.** The transportation of Officials shall be separate from the transportation of the Teams.

**05.03.02.** Transportation of Umpires and Scorers from their hotel(s) to the playing fields and vice versa shall be available at all times appropriate to their duties. When not on duty, Umpires and Scorers shall not be obliged to stay on the playing fields as a consequence of transportation schedules.

**05.03.04.** Members of the Executive Council and Technical Committee shall have transportation upon request at all times during the Competition.

**05.04.** The Organizers shall make sure that there is no reference in the Competition's documents, programs or accreditation system, to the nationality or country of affiliation of any Officials.

## **TECHNICAL MEETING**

**06.01.** The Technical Meeting shall take place before the commencement of each Competition at a suitable venue provided by the Organizers and with the requisite equipment and facilities:

**06.01.01.** A meeting room sufficient for all Officials and at least two representatives of each participating team to be seated.

**06.01.02.** Sufficient space to provide for at least two stations where I.D. Passport Controls may be accommodated. Teams shall here provide their completed Rosters including the shirt number(s), and the Passport or I.D. document recognised by the ESF, of every player.

**06.01.02.01.** Federations wishing to use national identity cards instead of Passports to identify their players shall provide a pro-forma copy of such document in advance to the Secretary General as required by the ESF.

**06.02.** Facilities to accommodate a Bat Testing area, where the UIC is responsible for organising the checking and recording all bats brought by the participating teams. Only bats approved by this inspection may be used in the competition, and will be accordingly applied with an ESF label.

**06.02.01.** A bat not approved may be retained by the teams but must not be brought into the Dugouts at any time throughout the Competition.

**06.03.** Copying facilities for the provision of any documentation for distribution to the teams as required by the TC.

## **FINANCIAL AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF ORGANIZERS**

**07.01.** The Organizers shall be responsible for:

**07.01.01.** Airport pickup / return, accommodation, board and local transportation for all Officials, Member(s) of the Executive Council of the ESF, the Members of the Technical Committee, the Scorers and the Umpires. Provisions shall be made for this from the day before the start of the Competition up to and including the day after the end of the Competition, and for an additional day in advance for the Chief Technical Commissioner if required under TR 02.07.

**07.01.02.** General expenses for administering the Competitions.

**07.01.03.** Local transportation for the teams between hotel(s) and the fields pursuant to TR 03.03 and 03.04.

**07.01.04.** Transportation of two members of each participating team from and return to approved hotels for the TC meeting;

**07.01.05.** Transportation of teams from and return to approved hotels for the Opening Ceremony.

**07.01.06.** Transportation of remaining teams from and returns to approved hotels for the Final Game / Closing Ceremony.

*Note: Articles 07.01.03 through 07.01.06 following apply only to European Championships, not Cups*

**07.01.07.** Presence of qualified First Aiders immediately adjacent to each field throughout every game.

**07.01.07.01.** No game will be allowed to start or continue without the presence of qualified First Aid assistance, which shall be able to take charge and provide for evacuation in case of emergency.

**07.01.08.** Game balls for the Competition, to the standards specified by ISF Rules, unless provided by a sponsor via the ESF. If required, the Organizers must provide a place on the fields for sponsor's publicity and / or sales stand. Organizers are responsible for appointing people to retrieve foul balls.

**07.01.09.** Flags of all participating nations shall be provided by organizers and displayed at the main venue throughout the Competition.

**07.01.10.** National Anthems of the teams at European Championships shall be provided by organizers and played prior to the start of each game. (Such anthems are available for download from the ESF website.)

**07.01.11.** Awards as stipulated in TR 10.05 – 10.07.

**07.01.12.** Provision of an effective Broadband service sufficient to support the web hosting of play-by-play recording of all games. Broadband access may also be provided to spectators and others, but not at the prejudice of the official ESF needs.

**07.01.13.** Insurance to cover their responsibilities and liabilities within the framework of the organization of the Competition, and fully meet any local legislative requirements regarding the safety of participants, officials and spectators.

**07.02.** An area designated for Press and Media use shall be available at each field of competition and for the entire duration of the competition, located so as to provide a good and unobstructed view of the field of play. Only accredited photographers and media / newspapers shall be allowed to use those designated areas. They may not also appear on Team Roster Forms accredited for dugout access.

**07.02.01.** Copies of line-up sheets for each game in the competition shall be made available to press and media representatives in the Press and Media area or at a location designated by the Technical Commissioner not later than 15 minutes before the designated start time of each game.

**07.02.02.** Press and Media area (Press Room) should be a separated area or room equipped with tables, chairs, and internet connection. A storage area for photo equipment should be provided, if possible, within the host location. Photographers themselves are solely responsible for their equipment, wherever located.

**07.02.03.** Area(s) for photographers should be available if possible around the fields, with a preference for:

**07.02.03.01.** Behind home plate, close to 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base and / or a location with a good overview of the field of play. In the case of restricted availability of such locations, priority will be given to photographers recognized as operating on behalf of the ESF: others may be accommodated according to a rotation schedule.

**07.03.** The Local Organizing Committee should set up pre-competition practice sessions for all teams, if practical considering the time of their arrival and availability of fields etc. Practice sessions should preferably be a two-hour period, arranged when convenient for teams. If more than one stadium is to be used, Organizer will assign the field(s) to be used.

**07.04.** When any requirements, duties and obligations required of the Organizers have not been completely provided, the Executive Council of the ESF may, upon a proposal of the Technical Commission, determine a penalty to which the Organizers are subject including, but not limited to, the recall of some or all of the written financial guarantee.

## **FIELDS AND PLAYING FACILITIES**

**08.01.** All Playing fields must conform to ISF and ESF Rules. Playing Fields shall be provided for each ESF Competitions to the standards defined below and will be divided into three (3) Categories as follows:

### **08.01.01. A: Elite ESF Competitions:**

WECh, WEPC, MECh, MESC

Necessary conditions for potential organizers:

- two regular size diamonds
- both fields have clay sand infield and grass outfield
- both fields have complete fences
- both fields have roofed dugouts
- main field has electronic scoreboard: elsewhere manual scoreboard acceptable
- main field has adequate lights
- main field has stand for minimum 400 spectators
- venue has special space for warm-up and batting
- venue has infrastructure for spectators
- tarpaulins as required by 08.02.01

### **08.01.02. B: High ESF Competitions:**

U-22 WECh, U-19 WECh U-16 WECh, WECWC, WEC, U-19 WESC, CSPECh, MSPECh, CSPESC

Necessary conditions for potential organizers:

- two regular size diamonds
- main field has clay sand infield and grass outfield
- main field has complete fences: elsewhere must have at least radial fence
- both fields have roofed dugouts
- main field has electronic scoreboard: elsewhere manual scoreboard acceptable
- main field has stand for minimum 200 spectators
- venue has infrastructure for spectators
- tarpaulins as required by 08.02.01

### **08.01.03. C: Development ESF Competitions:**

U-19 MECh U-16 MECh, EMRYT

Necessary conditions for potential organizers:

- one regular size diamond
- space for second field at disposal
- field has complete fences
- field has roofed dugouts
- stand for spectators

Where the LATERAL fence does not exist, it shall be designated by a white line.

The BACKSTOP shall be at least 4.00 meters high.

The DUGOUTS shall be designed to seat twenty-five (25) team members and protected from the weather. They shall be separated from general public areas and provided with fresh drinking water and a dustbin.

**08.02.** Field maintenance crew(s) shall be present and available on call for each field for the entire duration of the Competition. The playing surface and playing lines shall be the subject of special attention.

**08.02.01.** There should be tarpaulins readily available in case of rain sufficient to fully cover at least the batter's box, pitcher's circle and sliding paths for 3m into each base, for all fields at an A tournament, and at least at main field at a B tournament.

**08.03.** An ESF Officials Office shall be available for the sole use of the Executive Council and the Technical Committee at the venue and for the duration of the Competition. It shall be equipped with phone, computer with internet connection and printer, and a photocopy machine.

**08.04.** A suitable room shall be available for the I.D. Control, Bat Control and other meetings.

**08.05.** An ESF Officials Area, reserved for the sole use of the Executive Council and the Technical Committee of the ESF and their possible Honorary Guests, shall be available at each field of the Competition for the entire duration of the Competition.

**08.05.01.** The ESF Officials Area shall be located as close as possible to the playing field, between first base and third base dugouts, shall be cordoned off from areas open to the general public, equipped with sufficient seats, and protected from the weather.

**08.05.02.** Access control to the ESF Officials Area shall be the responsibility of the Organizer.

**08.06.** Suitable facilities for the Scorer in Chief and his team to produce and publish statistics shall be available at the main venue.

**08.06.01.** A Scoring House Area shall be available at each field for the entire duration of the Competition. Access to the Area shall be restricted to appropriate Officials only.

**08.06.02.** The Scoring House shall be located at the most appropriate place for scoring purposes, between first base and third base dugouts, and separate from areas open to the general public. Ease of communication between the Scorers and the Umpires shall be an essential criterion.

**08.06.03.** The Scoring House shall be equipped with tables and chairs for at least two persons and shall be protected from the weather.

**08.07.** An ESF Umpires Area shall be cordoned off for the sole use of the ESF Umpires at each field for the duration of the Competition, and appropriately signed as 'Reserved', and shall be protected from weather conditions.

**08.07.01.** The facilities for the Umpires shall consist of a changing room with lockers, rest room, and sanitary equipment (WC & showers), separate for each gender.

## **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

**09.01.** After each game, the Chief Technical Commissioner shall collect the Game Report made by the Technical Commissioner of the game. At the end of each day, the Chief Technical Commissioner and Scorer in Chief shall ensure that all required game data is accurately recorded either on the electronic scoring system or within TC records.

**09.02.** The required electronic scoring system is 'The Automated Scorebook', 'TAS' ([www.statcrew.com](http://www.statcrew.com)). Paper scoring systems (on specific softball scoring sheets) shall remain as backup support for the electronic scoring system, and play-by-play capability must also be supported by assured internet service.

**09.03.** Each morning the results and statistics of the previous day's games shall be communicated to the Officials and the Teams. This can include Website publication, electronic transmission directly to recipients, and / or distribution by paper at the venues.

**09.04.** Within fourteen (14) days after the end of the Competition the Scorer in Chief shall send a comprehensive report with all results and statistics to the ESF Secretary General, the VP Technical and Competition, the Technical Director and the Teams.

**09.04.01.** All results and statistics shall conform to the ISF and ESF Rules.

**09.05.** The TC will retain the Game Reports referring to Ejections, Injuries or Protests. After the Competition these Reports will be included with the TC Competition Report to the ESF Technical Director. The Technical Director will copy all reports to the Director of Umpires, Chair Competitions Commission and Scorer in Chief, and a summary of all Reports for submission to the VP Technical and Competition.

## **CEREMONY PROTOCOLS AND AWARDS**

**10.01.** The programs for Opening and Closing Ceremonies shall comply with the provisions of the ESF Protocol Regulations.

**10.01.01.** The programs for Opening and Closing Ceremonies shall be submitted to and agreed in advance by the Organizers to the Official Executive Delegate and the Technical Commission.



**10.02.** The medals for the first, second and third places (gold, silver and bronze) of all European Competitions are provided and settled by the ESF.

**10.03.** The European Challenge Trophies for European Competitions shall be presented by the President of the ESF, if present, or the Official Executive Delegate to the winning team after each Competition. The winner holds the Trophy until the next Competition. They shall engrave their name and the year of victory on the Trophy.

**10.04.** Each Title Bearer holding a European Challenge Trophy shall be responsible to bring it to the next Competition.

**10.05.** The host Federation or Club is responsible for the following awards:

**10.05.01.** Trophy for top three teams, apart from the European Challenge Trophy for the winning team.

**10.06.** The host Federation or Club must make sure that the engravings of all awards provided by them are written at least in English and include the ESF name or logo and the official name and date of the Competition.

**10.07.** The Organizers may at their discretion provide trophies / souvenirs for other teams and / or Umpires and Officials.

## **ACCREDITATION OF MEDIA**

**11.01.** No person may record a game at an ESF Competitions, whether or not for profit, by any means than in conformity with the provisions of this Regulation.

**11.02.** The Federation of a participating club or national team may receive permission from the Organizers to record one or more games at an ESF Competition.

**11.03.** The following conditions apply to every license granted under this provision:

**11.03.01.** Recording equipment may be operated only by accredited personnel called a Team Camera Operator (TCO).

**11.03.02.** Organizer shall provide the procedure of accreditation according to the guidelines of ESF. CTC at such competitions must be informed about the procedure. The Organizer has to provide a list of all accredited media to EC ESF or CTC ESF, if EC is not present.

**11.03.03.** Recording may be used solely for training and scouting purposes and not broadcast, published, transmitted or used for any other purpose (for example You Tube, TV, Internet, etc.) without written permission of the ESF.

**11.03.04.** Electronic broadcasting is permitted from wherever the Organizer allows, except from behind the backstop / home plate: broadcasting must not cause any disturbance to spectators. Only CTC ESF can make an exception for electronic broadcasting behind the backstop for National TV, special recording provided by ESF or for any other special reason.

**11.03.05.** EC or CTC at an ESF Competition may impose other requirements to ensure compliance with this provision and the Competition Regulation in general.

**11.04.** Each violation of the provision shall result in a fine of not less than €2.000 payable by the Affiliated Federation of the team involved or, if the situation warrants, further disciplinary action as appropriate.

## **ADVERTISING, MERCHANDISING AND BROADCASTING**

**12.01.** All advertising for the tournament and all written communications must display the ESF logo prominently and must be reviewed and approved by the ESF prior to printing and publication. The placement of advertising at the fields must be approved by the ESF. ESF partners and sponsors will be entitled to have their advertising placed at the field in a manner not less prominently than those of the tournament sponsors.

**12.02.** The ESF will make all decisions concerning broadcasting (TV, internet/web site, radio, etc.) and broadcast rights. This includes arrangements, agreements and live, delayed and relayed broadcasts in any format. Only with the prior written consent of the ESF may the organizer engage in any arrangements for broadcasts. All rights in the tournament and the broadcasting of any aspect of the tournament are vested fully in the ESF and the organizer may not take any act or permit anyone to take any act to impair these rights.

**12.03.** Subject to the prior written approval of the ESF, the tournament organizer will market and sell the official merchandise. All official tournament merchandise must have on it the ESF logo, either printed or embroidered. Size, display area on the merchandise and all other relevant factors as to the ESF logo must receive the approval of the ESF VP for Marketing.

**12.03.01.** A place / stand / area designated for exhibition and sale of ESF merchandise shall be available at least at the main venue of competition and throughout the competition. Such a place / stand / area may be combined with the organizer or third party souvenir stand or shop. The ESF merchandise should be displayed easily visible to the public.

**12.03.02.** The delivery to and return from the competition of ESF merchandise will be organized by ESF VP for Marketing. The receipt of merchandise should be confirmed from the organizer to ESF VP Marketing, and the accounting for all sales receipts should be made to the EC present at the competition, failing this the Technical Commissioner.

**12.03.03.** The Organizer shall be entitled to 10% of the receipts from sale of ESF merchandise unless otherwise agreed.

**12.04.** Tournament organizers shall pay to the ESF a fee for merchandise rights as determined in the Financial Appendix.

**12.05.** A penalty (defined in the Financial Appendix) may be charged to the organizer if any product related to the tournament should be sold without the ESF logo and / or without the permission of the ESF VP Marketing.

**12.06.** Local suppliers and dealers may sell equipment and goods at the tournament. An official supplier of the ESF has the right to be able to sell its equipment and goods equally alongside a local supplier engaged in the same activity.

**12.07.** All other decisions involving advertising, merchandising, broadcasting, marketing and media relations will be made by the ESF in consultation with the organizer. In the event of a disagreement, the views of the ESF shall prevail.