



International Fistball Association

Regulations
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

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1 Organizing Association

1.1 The following competitions are organized by the International Fistball Association (IFA):

- **Fistball Men's European Championship**
- **Fistball Women's European Championship**
- **Fistball U21 Men's European Championship**
- **Fistball U18 Male and Female European Championships**

The aforementioned competitions are initiated by IFA and shall be held in accordance with these regulations.

1.2 Competition Rules of IFA (IFCR) forms the basis for all items which are not stated in detail and for every doubtful case.

2 Basics

2.1 These European Championships shall be governed by:

- "Specifications for the Organization of IFA Competitions" resp. Organization Plan of the IFA, incl. Schedule and the Technical Regulations
- Competition Rules of the IFA (IFCR)
- Rules of the Game of the IFA

2.2 The general terms player, coach, head of delegation, referee, linesman etc. refer to both male and female persons.

3 Organization

3.1 The IFA Committee is responsible for the overall organization of the European Championship.

3.2 The Technical Commission of the IFA (TC-IFA) is responsible for the overall technical organization of the European Championship in accordance with these regulations.

It shall decide on the interpretation of these regulations as well as alterations and necessary amendments which cannot await a regular decision by the IFA Committee.

3.3 Associations wishing to host a European Championship shall submit their applications twenty-four months prior to the event to the IFA's competitions adviser.

The host association shall be designated by the IFA Committee.



4 Eligibility to Compete

- 4.1 Men's and Women's national teams as well as U21 Men and U18 Male and Female national teams pertaining to European IFA member federations are invited to participate in the European Championships if the membership subscription has been paid by the member federation according to Section 2 of the Standing Orders.
- 4.1.1 Additional member federations originating from a continent without a continental championship may be admitted by the IFA Committee. To this end, an application must be sent.
- 4.2 Each association may enter 10 players in total, with 5 players and 3 substitutes competing in individual matches.
- 4.3 A list of players shall be submitted to the Game Management showing the full last name(s), every first name, birth dates and their shirt numbers before the official deadline according to the operational specifications.

5 Fixture / Schedule

- 5.1 European Championships are held according to the following schedule:
- Men's European Championships every two years
 - Women's and U18 Male and Female European Championships every year except for the years during which the World Championships are held
 - U21 Men's Championships every year
- European Championships are hosted subject to a minimum participation of three member associations.
- 5.1.1 The dates of the European Championships are fixed by the IFA Calendar Committee.
- 5.2 The fixture lists are determined by the number of participating member associations. A match schedule is drawn up by the IFA Technical Committee.

6 Ranking

- 6.1 The match shall be played until the deciding set is won.
- 6.2 Ranking is based on the Competition Rules (see art. 4.3).
- 6.3 The association which won the highest number of points and/or the final competition shall be the European champion.



7 Referees / Linesmen

- 7.1 The Games are arbitrated by internationally approved referees. They are appointed by the IFA Referee Assessor.
- 7.2 Linesmen must be licensed referees appointed by the Referee Assessor of the hosting member association.

8 Delegations

A delegation consists of 10 players, 3 coaches and a head of delegation, 14 persons in total.

The official delegation may be enlarged by further persons (not more than six) at the expense of the delegation concerned.

9 IFA Delegates

The Committee members shall be deemed as official delegates of the IFA. (U21 Men's / U18 European Championships: one IFA delegate.)

10 Financial Provisions

- 10.1 The host association shall bear the following costs:
- Reimbursement of the costs for a main meal per delegation
 - Costs for board and lodging for the IFA delegate(s) from the night preceding the first competition until the final competition. (U21 Men's / U18 European Championships: one IFA delegate.)
 - Costs for board and lodging for the referees and linesmen from the night preceding the first competition until the final competition as well as travel costs (second class railway journey).
No referee fee shall be payable.
 - Costs for transportation from accommodation to the stadiums selected for training and matches for all participants in the competition.
 - Costs for adequate and effective marketing and PR-activities as well as all measures involved in the preparation, organization and hosting of the competition
- 10.2 The participating associations shall bear the following costs:
- the travel costs to and from the accommodation
 - the costs for board and lodging
 - all expenses not provided for under art. 10, par. 1.



- 10.3 Board and lodging that has not been claimed cannot be reimbursed in cash.
- 10.4 The fee for the corresponding European Championship is payable to the IFA by the host association no later than four weeks after the competition in question.
Amount/Account IFA: according to the „Specifications for the Organization of IFA Competitions“ resp Organization Plan
- 10.5 Different arrangements regarding the allocation of costs may be made at any time by the participating associations.

11 Awards / Awards Ceremony / Protocol Guidelines

- 11.1 14 medals will be presented to each of the three top teams in the competition, i.e. gold medals to the winner, silver medals to the team ranked second and bronze medals to the team ranked third.
- 11.2 The awards ceremony will be held by one of the IFA delegates.
- 11.3 Protocol guidelines for the ceremony will be issued by one of the IFA delegates.

12 Protests

- 12.1 Protests against the initiation of a competition shall be submitted in writing to the President of the Technical Committee of the IFA within three weeks of receipt of the invitation with an explanation.
The postmark date is authoritative.
- 12.2 The match schedule and the selection of referees are beyond dispute.
- 12.3 For further details, please refer to the Competition Rules (IFCR), art. 5.

13 Arbitration Proceedings

An arbitration tribunal shall be set up by the President of the Technical Commission of the IFA or a delegate appointed by the latter.

14 Insurance Cover

The participating associations shall provide adequate insurance cover against illness and accidents.

The IFA, the host association and the organizer shall be discharged from liability thereto.



15 Violations

The IFA Committee reserves the right to impose sanctions in the event of violations against the provisions of these regulations.

16 Ratification

These regulations were ratified by the IFA Committee on 19 November 2011 and came into force on **1 December 2011**.