

Technical Regulations

1. Basis

- 1.1 The World Championship is held according to the following regulations of the International Fistball Association
 - Competition Rules (IFCR) of 11 November 2011
 - Regulations „World Championship“ of 1 March 2015
 - Rules of the game „Fistball“ of 1.4.2012
- 1.2 Paragraph 1.1 forms the basis for all items which are not stated in detail and for every doubtful case.
- 1.3 The Competition Management decides finally in unexpected cases.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 Each association may enter 10 players in total.
- 2.4 A list of names including family names, first names, dates of birth and strip numbers must be sent by mail the IFA-organizer (J.Andolfatto@ifa-fistball.com) by **30 October 2015**. The IFA-form "Team Registration" (Attachment) must be used for it.
Additional modifications can be made until **14 November 2015, 12:00**.

3. Implementing Regulations

3.1 Method

The Men's World Championship tournament is carried out as follows:

3.1.1 *Preliminary Round*

In the preliminary round the teams play in 3 groups of 5 teams (A, B, C) in a round robin system.

Group division:

- Groups A and B: According to the results of the last World Championship.
- Group C: Those teams taking part for the first time.

The teams placed first are qualified to the semifinals.

3.1.2 *Qualification round*

The qualification round is used to find the four teams playing the semifinals.

3.1.3 *Semifinals*

In the semifinals there are

- the 2 winners of the left side of the elimination board vs. the 2 winners of the right side of this board.

3.1.4 *Final round*

In the final round

- the losers of the right side of the elimination board for the ranks 5 - 15
- the losers of the semifinals play for the ranks 3/4
- the winners of the semifinals play for the World Champion

3.2 Schedule

The schedule (cf. attachment) is mandatory.

3.3 Score

- 3.31 The matches in the preliminary round, qualification round and the matches for the ranks 5-15 will be played the best of 5 (11 points). The matches for the medals will be played best of 7 (11 points).
- 3.32 In the preliminary round every match-winner gets 2 points, the losing team gets 0 points.
- 3.33 If two or more teams are equal in points at the end of a round on the basis of the above criterion and the matches have been played over sets, their ranking shall be determined as follows:
1. larger set difference (difference) resulting from the group matches between the teams concerned
 2. larger number of sets (quotient) obtained in the group matches between the teams concerned
 3. larger ball difference obtained (difference) in the group matches between the teams concerned
 4. larger set difference (difference) resulting from all the group matches of the round concerned
 5. larger number of sets (quotient) obtained in all the group matches of the round concerned
 6. larger ball difference obtained (difference) obtained in all the group matches of the round concerned
 7. drawing lots
- 3.34 In case the final round cannot be completed due to bad weather conditions, the following procedure will be applied:
- If the the final round can be completed in parts, the latest possible score/ranking is judged as the final result
 - It is the referee's decision if a match can be carried out. The calling off of rounds is decided by the Competition Management

3.4 Floodlights

Matches can be carried out under floodlights.

4. Referees

- 4.1 The organization of the referees' schedules is done by the Competition Management.
- 4.2 The referees' decisions are not contestable.

5. Taking up Position

The teams must take up position at the line up venue 5 minutes prior to start of play.

6. Court Rules

- 6.1 Just 5 players and 2 coaches (as listed in the score board) are allowed inside the court fencing.
- 6.2 Only the substitutes and official team members (according to federation passport) are allowed to stay in the substitutes' area. All of them must stay within the fencing of this area. (Exception: Players preparing for substitution.)

7. Balls

- 7.1 According to a decision of the board of the IFA the following type of balls will be used:
- Sportastic PREMIUM Men (dry)
 - Sportastic MICRO Men (dry)
 - Sportastic MICROWet Men (rain)
- 7.2 The balls will be placed to the teams' disposals.

- 7.3 The referee decides which type of ball will be used. The type of balls can also be changed during a set (decision not contestable).

8. Dress-Code

8.1 Colour

Participating member federations are obliged to bring **2 sets of jerseys** in contrasting colours so to avoid matches of teams wearing the same jersey colours. The dress colours are to enter in the Federation Passport and the Team Registration (cf. attachments).

The TC-IFA decides about the colours of the jerseys one day in advance. The coaches wear different colours than the players on the court.

8.2 Shirt advertising

The rules of the IFA (clause 3.6) are applied.

9. Objections

- 9.1 Disputes shall be settled promptly by negotiation by an arbitration tribunal after a hearing of the parties and witnesses involved.

- 9.2 Each arbitration tribunal shall consist of three persons and be headed by the responsible Committee member, who appoints the other member of the arbitration tribunal and a representative in case he/she is absent.

- 9.3 Protests against pitch and equipment shall be made to the referee by the team captain or the coach prior to the start of the match.

- 9.4 Protests against incidents that occur during the course of a match shall be made to the referee immediately after the disputed incident. The protests shall be confirmed in writing within half an hour of the match.

- 9.5 The match schedule and the selection of referees are beyond dispute.

- 9.6 The appeal fee shall be settled with the appeal.

- 9.7 The decision of the arbitration tribunals and the committee are final.