

# EUROPEAN SQUASH FEDERATION

## ESF Masters Circuit Playing Systems

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This document contains a description of recommended playing systems for Masters Circuit tournaments. Other playing systems, which are beneficial to the tournament, may be used.

### Systems for 3 Players

Group, two games against both opponents.  
Every Player has 4 games. Total of 6 games. 6 Time Slots.

### Systems for 4 Players

Group  
Every Player has 3 games. Total of 6 games. 3 Time Slots.

### Systems for 5 Players

Group  
Every Player has 4 games. Total of 10 games. 5 Time Slots.

### Systems for 6 Players

6A Two Groups of 3, then 1:1, 2:2, 3:3  
6B Two Groups of 3, then KO 1-4 and Playoff for 5-6  
6C One Group

System	Preferred	Nr. Players 3 Games	Nr. Players 4 Games	Nr. Players 5 Games	Nr. Players 6 Games	Total Games	Time Slots
6A		6				9	4
6B		2	4			11	5
6C	*			6		15	5

### Systems for 7 Players

7A Two Groups of 3&4, then 1:1, 2:2, 3:3  
7B Two Groups of 3&4, then KO 1-4 and Group for 5-7  
7C Two Groups of 3&4, then Group 1-4 and Group for 5-7

In Systems 7B and 7C Group B#3 and Group B#4 have played each other in the Group-B. Either they can play each other again in the Group 5-7 or the result for their game in the first phase is entered twice.

In System 7C results A#1vA#2, B#1vB#2, A#3vA#4 and B#3vB#4 in the first phase are entered twice.

The difference between Systems 7B and 7C is that 7C guarantees that no two players play against each other twice and that 7B guarantees a final with a winner and a runner up. If A1vB1 is scheduled as the last game in 7C, then this will always decide the winner of the group.

System	Preferred	Nr. Players 3 Games	Nr. Players 4 Games	Nr. Players 5 Games	Nr. Players 6 Games	Total Games	Time Slots
7A		4	3			12	4
7B	*		5	2		15 or 16	5 or 6
7C			5	2		15 or 16	5 or 6

## Systems for 8 Players

8A Monrad

8B Two Groups of 4, then 1:1, 2:2, 3:3, 4:4

8C Two Groups of 4, then KO 1-4 and 5-8

8D Two Groups of 4, then Group 1-4 and 5-8

In System 8D results A#1vA#2, B#1vB#2, A#3vA#4 and B#3vB#4 in the first phase are entered twice.

The difference between Systems 8C and 8D is that 8D guarantees that no two players play against each other twice and that 8C guarantees a final with a winner and a runner up. If A1vB1 is scheduled as the last game in 8D, then this will always decide the winner of the group.

System	Preferred	Nr. Players 3 Games	Nr. Players 4 Games	Nr. Players 5 Games	Nr. Players 6 Games	Total Games	Time Slots
8A		8				12	3
8B			8			16	4
8C	*			8		20	5
8D				8		20	5

## Systems for 9 Players

9A Two Groups of 4&5, then 1:1, 2:2, 3:3, 4:4

The group of 5 in 9A can be scheduled, so that all players have 2 games, Friday, 2 games Saturday. This can be done as follows: Friday (1v5 & 2v4) then (1v3 & 4v5) then (2v3). Saturday (1v4) then (1v2 & 3v5) then (2v5 & 3v4).

9B Three Groups of 3, then three Groups 1-3, 4-6, 7-9

System	Preferred	Nr. Players 3 Games	Nr. Players 4 Games	Nr. Players 5 Games	Nr. Players 6 Games	Total Games	Time Slots
9A	*		5	4		20	7
9B			9			18	6

## Systems for 10 Players

10A Four Groups of 2,2,3,3, then KO 1-4, KO 5-8 plus Playoff for 9-10

10B Four Groups of 2,2,3,3, then KO 1-8 plus Playoff for 9-10

10C Two Groups of 5, then 1:1, 2:2, 3:3, 4:4, 5-5

The groups of 5 in 10C can be scheduled, so that all players have 2 games, Friday, 2 games Saturday. This can be done as follows: Friday (1v5 & 2v4) then (1v3 & 4v5) then (2v3). Saturday (1v4) then (1v2 & 3v5) then (2v5 & 3v4).

System	Preferred	Nr. Players 3 Games	Nr. Players 4 Games	Nr. Players 5 Games	Nr. Players 6 Games	Total Games	Time Slots
10A		6	4			17	5
10B		2	4	4		21	6
10C	*			10		25	7

## Systems for 11 Players

11A Four Groups of 2,3,3,3, then KO 1-4, KO 5-8 plus Group for 9-11

11B Four Groups of 2,3,3,3, then KO 1-8 plus Group for 9-11

11C Three Groups of 3,4,4, then three Groups 1-3, 4-6, 7-9 plus Playoff for 10-11

System	Preferred	Nr. Players 3 Games	Nr. Players 4 Games	Nr. Players 5 Games	Nr. Players 6 Games	Total Games	Time Slots
11A		2	9			21	6
11B	*		5	6		25	6
11C			5	6		25	6

## Systems for 12 Players

12A Qualification with 8 players, then Monrad for 1-8 and Group for 9-12

12B Four Groups of 3,3,3,3 then KO 1-4, 5-8 and 9-12

12C Four Groups of 3,3,3,3 then KO 1-8 and Group for 9-12

12D Three Groups of 4,4,4 then four Groups 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12

System	Preferred	Nr. Players 3 Games	Nr. Players 4 Games	Nr. Players 5 Games	Nr. Players 6 Games	Total Games	Time Slots
12A		4	8			22	4
12B			12			24	5
12C	*			12		30	6
12D				12		30	6

## Systems for 13 Players

13A Qualification with 10 players, then Monrad for 1-8 and Group for 9-13

13B Four Groups of 3,3,3,4 then KO 1-4, 5-8 and 9-12

13C Four Groups of 3,3,3,4 then KO 1-8 and Group for 9-12

13D Four Groups of 3,3,3,4 then KO 1-8 and Group for 9-13

13E Three Groups of 4,4,5 then four Groups 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12

System	Preferred	Nr. Players 3 Games	Nr. Players 4 Games	Nr. Players 5 Games	Nr. Players 6 Games	Total Games	Time Slots
13A		3	5	5		27	6
13B	*	1	9	3		27	5
13C		1		9	3	33	6
13D				6	7	36	8
13E			1	8	4	34	8

## Systems for 14 Players

14A Monrad

14B Four Groups of 3,3,4,4 then KO 1-4, 5-8, 9-12 and Playoff for 13-14

14C Four Groups of 3,3,4,4 then KO 1-8, 9-14

System	Preferred	Nr. Players 3 Games	Nr. Players 4 Games	Nr. Players 5 Games	Nr. Players 6 Games	Total Games	Time Slots
14A		6	8			25	4
14B	*		8	6		31	5
14C			0 – 2	6 - 10	4 - 6	38	6

## Systems for 15 Players

15A Monrad

15B Four Groups of 3,4,4,4 then KO 1-4, 5-8, 9-12 and Group for 13-15

15C Four Groups of 3,4,4,4 then KO 1-8, 9-15

System	Preferred	Nr. Players 3 Games	Nr. Players 4 Games	Nr. Players 5 Games	Nr. Players 6 Games	Total Games	Time Slots
15A		4	11			28	4
15B	*		3	12		36	6
15C			0 - 1	9 - 10	6 - 7	42	6

## Systems for 16 Players

16A Monrad

16B Four Groups of 4,4,4,4 then KO 1-4, 5-8, 9-12 and 13-16

System	Preferred	Nr. Players 3 Games	Nr. Players 4 Games	Nr. Players 5 Games	Nr. Players 6 Games	Total Games	Time Slots
16A	*		16			32	4
16B				16		40	5

## Systems for 17 Players

17A Qualification with 2 players, then Quali with 8 players. Winners play 8 Monrad, Losers play Three Groups of 3, then three Groups 9-11, 12-14, 15-17. 8 Time Slots.

17B Qualification with 10 players, Winners to main round Monrad with 12 players, Losers to a group for 13-17. 6 Time Slots.

## Systems for 18 Players

18A Qualification with 8 players, Winners to main round Monrad with 14 players, Losers to a group for 15-18. 5 Time Slots.

18B Qualification with 18 players. Winners play Three Groups of 3, then three Groups 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, Losers play Three Groups of 3, then three Groups 10-12, 13-15, 16-18. 7 Time Slots.

## Systems for 19 Players

19A Qualification with 8 players, Winners to main round Monrad with 15 players, Losers to a group for 16-19. 5 Time Slots.

19B Qualification with 6 players, Winners to main round Monrad with 16 players, Losers to a group for 17-19. 5 Time Slots.

## Systems for 20 Players

Qualification with 8 players, Winners to main round Monrad with 16 players, Losers to a group for 17-20. 5 Time Slots.

## Systems for 21 Players

Qualification with 10 players, Winners to main round Monrad with 16 players, Losers to a group for 17-21. 6 Time Slots.

## Systems for 22 Players

Qualification with 12 players, Winners to main round Monrad with 16 players, Losers play Two Groups of 3, then 1:1, 2:2, 3:3 for positions 17-22. 5 Time Slots.

## Systems for 23, 24 Players

Monrad. 5 Time Slots.

## Systems for 25 Players

Qualification with 18 players, Winners to main Round Monrad with 16 players, Losers play Three Groups of 3, then three Groups 17-19, 20-22, 23-25. 7 Time Slots.

## Systems for 26-32 Players

Monrad. 5 Time Slots.

## Systems for 33 Players

Qualification with 8 players, Winners to main round Monrad with 29 players, Losers to a group for 30-33. 6 Time Slots.

## Systems for 34 Players

Qualification with 8 players, Winners to main round Monrad with 30 players, Losers to a group for 31-34. 6 Time Slots.

## Systems for 35 Players

Qualification with 8 players, Winners to main round Monrad with 31 players, Losers to a group for 32-35. 6 Time Slots.

## Systems for 36 Players

Qualification with 8 players, Winners to main round Monrad with 32 players, Losers to a group for 33-36. 6 Time Slots.

## Systems for 37 Players

Qualification with 10 players, Winners to main round Monrad with 32 players, Losers to a group for 33-37. 6 Time Slots.

## Systems for 38 Players

Qualification with 12 players, Winners to main round Monrad with 32 players, Losers play Two Groups of 3, then 1:1, 2:2, 3:3 for positions 33-38. 6 Time Slots.

## Systems for 39, 40 Players

Monrad. 6 Time Slots.

## Systems for 41 Players

Qualification with 18 players, Winners to main Round Monrad with 32 players, Losers play Three Groups of 3, then three Groups 33-35, 36-38, 39-41. 7 Time Slots.

## Systems for 42-64 Players

Monrad. 6 Time Slots.