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DEFINITIONS

AGM is a General Meeting of the ESF (normally held annually)

CAP is the Championships Adjudicating Panel

CHAMPIONSHIPS are European Championships for men and women including ETC, EICC, ECC, EMIC & Juniors.

ED is the Event Director (previously known as Technical Delegate or Technical Director)

EDP is the European Disciplinary Panel

EDAP is the European Disciplinary and Appeal Panel

ESID is the European Squash Identity number

ESF is the European Squash Federation

ESF OFFICERS are members of the ESF Management Board

ESF OFFICIALS are ESF Officers, employees and members of ESF Committees

FINAL SUBMISSION DATE shall mean the latest date for submission of changes to squad names and/or changes to squad orders

MATCHES are between individual players

MNF is a Member National Federation of the ESF

SQUADS are Teams plus reserves nominated for the Championships

START DATE shall mean the day of the start of the Championships

TEAMS are players nominated to play in a specific Tie

TIES are between opposing teams

TSO Tournament Software Operator

WSF is the World Squash Federation

PREFACE

Changes to the Regulations that make a significant difference to the financing or organisation of these Championships or the cost of entering these Championships can be made only with the approval of an AGM.

Changes that make a significant difference to the financing or organisation of an event cannot be imposed on a host nation without its consent in writing after its Application has been accepted.

Changes that make a significant difference to the cost of entering or playing in an event cannot be imposed on an MNF without its approval in writing after its Entry has been accepted.

Other changes may be made by the ESF Management Board on the recommendation of a Committee and may come into effect immediately without having to wait for an AGM.

All payments to/from the ESF and to/from MNFs or Host Clubs are expressed net of all bank charges.

The ESF Officers shall have the power to rule on any matter relating to the Championships not covered by the Regulations. MNFs have the right of appeal to the European Disciplinary and Appeal Panel (EDAP) in line with the Code of Conduct – see Appendix D.

Words only importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender.

VERSION CONTROL TABLE

Update	Changes implemented
AGM 2007	Approved annual increases from 2009 in the Levy, Entry Fees and Package Fees (see Section Y) based on Eurozone inflation (rounded to the nearest €1).
AGM 2010	Vote to incorporate the ENCC into the ETC, as a third Division with promotion and relegation between the three divisions.
Board August 2011	Vote to incorporate all financial information into one section (Section Y) Vote to incorporate playing formats into a separate section (Section X)
AGM 2012	All (6) Championships Regulations integrated into one single set
ChampsCom May 2013	F3, dead rubber regulation - final paragraph deleted (to bring into line with J2 in last version of regulations)
ChampsCom July 2013	Section V – new regulation 2.4 added to help define age categories for EMIC
Board July 2013	Regulations split into 3 functional, sections and wording reviewed.
November 2013	Revision to EMIC Rules – Section V, following Masters Committee meeting.
Board November 2013	Rules changed to Regulations; player withdrawal for individual championships regulation updated (A3); updated wording regarding 'experienced' referees to state at least of national level, according to CBTA standards; ECC eligibility and banding regulations updated (U1); number of referees changed for ECC and Junior Championships (F9)
Board November / December 2014	Technical Director changed to Technical Delegate; Provision of referees changed following AGM 2014 motion Section S6 adjustment to ETC3 seeding; Section U1 adjustment to ECC band points for men - bands D and E and women - bands C and D
October 2015	Addition of Coach SPIN requirement.
November 2015	Update to player eligibility guidelines for consistency with WSF
January 2016	Update to seeding of teams and draws
April 2016	Update to seeding of teams and draws ETC 1 & 2
September 2016	Updates to various Sections – A1: 2017 SPIN registration fee increase, A2: 2017 Championships closing dates, E5: TD report requirements, N1: Balls distribution, V : Revision to EMIC Rules X4: Playing Formats,

	Y: 2017 levies General: wording WSA replaced into PSA women General: updated text Event package and optional Hotel/food package
November 2017 January 2018	Text modifications and further clarifications of the rules made in the sections D6, F1, F4, F5, F9, F22, J4, V1.3, V4.6, V5.3 A1 Info on SPIN D6 Changes on players replacement F12 Tin height L1 Playing order on glass court X Playing format after pool stage Y 2018 Levies & Fees

January 2019	Glossary of Terms : MNA (Member Nation Association) replaced with MNF (Member Nation Federation) National Federation replaced with MNF (Member Nation Federation) Technical Director replaced with Event Director Updates to various Sections : A1 Privacy Policy reference A1 ESID A3 EDP E6 TSO F4 Officials package F10 Championships/Tournament Software/Live Scoring J1 Removal of maximum draw sizes J4 Warm up time N5 Live Scoring R Code of Conduct Y 2019 Levies & Fees X4.6 U15U17 Playing Formats General : New logo
February 2019	A1 Addition of Safeguarding statement F9 EMIC referee allocation
February 2023	Provision of Referees
December 2024	AGM motions on safeguarding officer junior teams and on eligibility teams from small nations Section A: Closing date U19 individuals - earlier (30 days before), if Easter is in March. Section B: Squad size: Div3 same as 1 and 2 = 9/4 men, 8/3 women Section F: 17 inch tin also for Div2 (and ECC) Section J: Update ETC ½ to 12&8 teams and U19 mixed team format Section W: U19 individuals, seed top 8 by panel, others based on ranking Draw to be published 3 days before start
April 2025 December 2025 February 2026 March 2026 May 2026	Mixed team playing order of the day and final position of mixed teams Junior team composition Clarification u19 seeding panel process W4 & W4.2 Clarification of text B.2.a: (junior players in the preceding 12 months) Arrangements for ESF-appointed referees F9 Section U1.3: Team composition ECC

SECTION 1 – ENTERING CHAMPIONSHIPS

A - PROCEDURE

1. **ENTRY AND PAYMENT:** MNFs must enter championships online via Tournament Software (which can be accessed via the ESF website) or as otherwise advised. Entries must be received before or on the closing date otherwise the entry will not be accepted (see A2 for closing dates).

   Players must have registered with European Squash Federation to be able to participate in ESF events - players may register themselves, or their MNF can do this for them. The ESID (European Squash ID) registration fee is paid online to ESF.

   MNF will automatically be notified of all player registrations from their country and have the opportunity to veto any at any time in case of issue.

   All team or individual player coaches designated by their nation as part of their event onsite management team (solely, or in attendance with an appointed team manager) at any Championship held under the auspices of ESF must be ESF Registered i.e. have an ESF European Squash ID (ESID), as their license to attend in a formal representative role. This is required at the time of them being registered to attend by their MNF.

   This Rule will ensure that all coaches formally fall under the ESF Code of Conduct while in formal attendance at a Regional (ESF) Championship or circuit-event. ESID's will be required for all events taking place from 1 January 2019 onwards.

   All officials (Managers, coaches, referees, physios) should have an ESID.

   Championships include any team or individual events where the attending national or other team / individual coaches are formally nominated to accompany those participating
   The cost of an ESID can be obtained online at www.europeansquash.com. A once in a lifetime payment is payable.

   Upon receipt of entry ESF will invoice the MNF for the entry fee including the package deposit – this must be paid within 10 days of the closing date or the entry **will not be accepted**. *For the European Masters Individual Championships and European Individual Closed Championships the entry fee and package deposit should be paid directly to the host nation. (See section Y)

   For team events, if the number of players is not specified, the invoice will be based on the minimum number of players for that event. ESF will transfer all deposits received to the host nation within 2 weeks of the closing date.

   See Section Y for the entry fees for all Championships.

   The balance of the package fee must be paid to the host nation no later than specified in the invitation (30 - 60 days before the start date) otherwise the entry **will be cancelled.**

   Entry fees may only be increased with AGM approval or by annual Eurozone inflation (see Preface).

   The tournament will be run under the terms and conditions as set out in EUROPEAN SQUASH FEDERATION PRIVACY POLICY as published on the ESF website www.europeansquash.com

   Adults interacting with juniors in the organisation and running of ESF Junior Circuit events are in a position of trust and influence. They should always ensure that junior players are treated fairly, with respect, and given suitable support. Tournaments should be run in a safe, positive and encouraging environment. The host Organising Committee, including

Tournament Director and Tournament Referee should be trained in safeguarding children according to the host MNF national standards. The health and safety of all persons (players, officials, spectators, tournament staff) involved in or attending a tournament is of paramount importance. The Organising Committee, via the host MNF is responsible for ensuring an appropriate plan is in place for the tournament.

2. CLOSING DATE: The closing date for entering each Championship is shown below.

Championships	**Closing date for entries**	**Additional information**
ETC Divisions 1 & 2 ETC Division 3 Under 15/17 Team Under 19 Team Under 19 Individual (Or 30 days before start, if Easter is in March)	31st January 31st January 31st January 31st January 28th February	Section S Section S Section W Section W Section W
EICC ECC EMIC	30th June 30th June 30th June	Section T Section U Section V

3. ENTRANT PENALTY FEE: ESF will invoice penalty fees in Euro's. In the first instance EDP will deal with any dispute over penalty fees. (see section R and Code of Conduct: Appendix D)

Championships

ESF will impose a penalty fee, additional to the retention of the entry fee, when an MNF withdraws a team/player after the closing date. This fee will be transferred to the host and shall be as follows:

i. 60 days or more before the Start Date — Penalty – 1 times the Entry fee

ii. 30 to 59 days before the Start Date — Penalty – 2 times the entry fee

iii. Less than 30 days before the Start Date — Penalty – 3 times the Entry Fee

ESF reserves the right to retain the package deposit for accommodation (where applicable) if a team, individual or associated official withdraw without being replaced – this will be paid to the host nation.

The host nation will retain the package fee should a player or associated official withdraw without being replaced less than 30 days before the start date.

Definition of Withdrawal

Withdrawal is officially defined as withdrawal after both the entry and invoice payment dates have passed.

4. **NUMBER OF ROOMS:** Unless advised otherwise, the host nation will assume that the MNF requires the event- + hotel package with rooms as shown in the table below:

Championships	# Rooms required	# of days/nights
ETC Div. 1&2	Minimum: Men - 3 twin, Women: 2 twin. See section B3	4/5
ETC Div. 3	Men: 3 twin, Women: 2 twin	4/5
EICC	As required	4/5
ECC	Men: 3 twin, Women: 2 twin	4/5
EMIC	As required	4/5
Under 15/17	3 twin (per team)	4/4
Under 19 Team Under 19 Individual	3 twin (triple when possible) As required	5/5 5/5

5. **MNF RESPONSIBILITIES:** A competing MNF is responsible for:

- Ensuring that all players within that MNF are fully aware of, and understand, the terms and conditions of ESID (European Squash Identification)
- Ensuring that all players selected are registered with an ESID account.
- Transporting their players / officials to the specified arrival point and from the specified departure point, as designated by the host nation
- Ensuring that their players and officials pay for all expenses incurred; their behaviour at all times throughout the Championships, ensuring they uphold the good name of squash
- Paying for transportation within the host nation's country if they do not take the hotel package offered by the host nation (see section F2)
- Supplying a photograph and a short biography of all likely squad members **30 days** before the start date, if requested
- Providing referees and markers as requested by the Championships Referee.

See Section F9 for specific details on referee requirements

6. **ESF RESPONSIBILITIES**

Ensuring a formal Inspection visit is carried out by the ED prior to formal Board approval to host being agreed.

Ensuring that the key officials are all appointed and approved (see section E)

ED – Event Director and TSO – Tournament Software Operator, ESF appointed

Championships Director, ESF approved

Championships Referee, ESF appointed.

B – ELIGIBILITY

1. **MNF ELIGIBILITY:** Full ESF members, who have settled all financial obligations related to ESF Membership fees and Championships, by the closing date of entry - and who have not been prohibited from entering under the provisions of the Code of Conduct (Appendix D) or for any other reason, shall be eligible to enter players into ESF Championships.

Any MNF with outstanding ESF Membership or Championships debt will advised of this and offered the opportunity to pay outstanding amounts within ten days of the closing date, or the entry will not be accepted.

2. **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:** A player shall be eligible to represent a Country in the Championships only:

a. if he has not represented another country, in a recognised international squash team or individual championship (i.e. WSF World Championship, Regional team or Individual Championship, official Match between MNFs) in any age group, in the 36 months preceding the start date (junior players in the preceding 12 months), and

b. if he represents:

i. the Country of his birth, or

ii. the Country in which he is a citizen, or

iii. the Country in which he has been resident for a minimum of three years immediately preceding the start date. (junior players in the preceding 12 months)

A properly qualified player, who has once represented a Country in a recognised international squash team event, shall be eligible to represent that Country thereafter, until such time as he exercises a qualification to represent another Country, thus making him no longer eligible under this rule.

This rule is not applicable for the ECC - see Section U for specific information on eligibility.

When registering for ESID a player must ensure the national eligibility field in their ESID is the country they represent or may do so if selected.

Where a player's eligibility is in doubt, the MNF for which the player wishes to play must prove eligibility to the satisfaction of ESF before the start date.

For the Small States (as defined*) also to other players who have been resident in the border municipalities of the neighbouring country for at least three years without interruption at the start date of the event. These players are assimilated to the national neighbouring squad only with the permission from the original MNF a player is eligible for under the current set of regulations. (original MNF must respond within 30 days) Rationale for the proposed change: to keep open the possibility for small states to participate in European Team championships. (*European nations with less than 1 million citizens; Monaco, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Andorra, Montenegro and San Marino)

See Section W for specific details of eligibility for Under 19 Individuals, Section T for EICC, Section V for EMIC

3. **NUMBER OF PLAYERS FOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS:** The maximum and minimum number of players who may be entered into ESF team Championships is shown in the table below. Any team arriving with less than the minimum number of players shown in the table below will not be allowed to take part.

Championships	Maximum/minimum number of players per squad
ETC All divisions 1 &2 and division 3 / (4)	Up to 9/4 men, up to 8/3 women. Not all players are expected to attend throughout the Championships but only players previously nominated may be used as replacements during the event.
ECC	6/4 men, 5/3 women
Under 15/17 Team	U15 Team: 3/2 boys + 2/1 girls: U17 Team: 3/2 boys + 3/2 girls no-one may be nominated to play in both events.
Under 19 Team	3/2 boys + 3/2 girls

See Section T for the maximum number of entries per MNF for EICC, Section V for EMIC and Section W for Under 19 Individuals

C - TEAM MANAGEMENT & INDIVIDUAL REPORTING

1. **TEAM MANAGER:** The Team Manager shall act for all members of his squad in receiving and giving instructions; and shall be the official and sole representative of his squad in all matters, except when an individual match has started, when the Regulations of the Game shall apply. The Team Manager shall report to the Championships Director at least **three hours** before the scheduled start time of the first Tie in the Championships and in time to attend the managers' meeting – as advised in advance.
   For a junior team it is mandatory to be accompanied throughout a championship by an MNF nominated adult as its designated safeguarding officer and the MNF will be automatically charged for the designated officer's event package.

2. **INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Individuals shall report to the Championships Director at least one hour before the scheduled start time of their match

D - TEAM & SQUAD ORDER

1. **ORDER:** MNFs must supply the names of their players in descending order of strength at least 30 days before the start date, using the form provided. Any squad that has not been lodged correctly by the deadline may be scratched from the Championships at the discretion of the ESF and the MNF will be liable for a fine under the Code of Conduct (Appendix D).

   See the table in B3 for maximum and minimum number of players per squad.

   Senior Team Championships: Squad orders must be based on the latest published PSA Top 100 men and Top 50 women rankings, with other players based on the latest published National Ranking, final placement in the last National Championships or current ESF Junior ranking.

   See Section U for additional information on squad order for ECC.

Junior Team Championships: Squad orders must be based on the latest published ESF ranking, National ranking or on final placement in the last National Championships.

Individual Entries: these must include the latest published PSA / National / Junior rankings, as relevant.

2. **CHANGES:** MNFs may change their squad members or squad order up to **9 days** before the start date, justified by changes in current ranking, using the form provided.

   See Section W for details of final submission date - U19 Championships.

3. **PUBLISHING:** The Championships Director will publish all squad orders at least **7 days** before the start date on the official event website and will send copies by email to all competing MNFs, ESF Office and Event Director.

   See Section W for details re publication of squad order - U19 Championships.

4. **OBJECTIONS:** Objections to player eligibility or playing order must be lodged with the Championships Director in writing or on email **5 days** before the start date – these must be justified with evidence and copied to the Event Director and ESF Office. Any objection to playing order must be based on latest PSA Top 100 men / PSA Top 50 women ranking, ESF junior ranking, current National Ranking or the results of the latest National Championships. In the event of any issue / objection not being covered in full by the Regulations then the CAP have the full authority to make the final decision – there is no right of appeal.

See Section U for ECC objections and Section W for Under 19 Championships objections.

5. **CHAMPIONSHIPS ADJUDICATING PANEL:** The CAP will scrutinise nominations, will consider any objection lodged with the Championships Director and reserves the right to amend any squad order without formal objection. The Team Manager will be advised at least 2 days before the start date if the squad order is subject to objection or amendment; or if he is required to justify player eligibility to the CAP. In this case he must be available between 18:00 and 22:00 hours on the day before the start date to give evidence to the CAP if required. The CAP will hear his justification with the objecting manager(s) invited to be present.

   The decision of the CAP will be final and will be announced by **22:00 hours** on the day before the start date. Written details of the decision will be provided to Team Managers involved in the objection. All Team Managers will be advised if any squad is changed. All squad orders approved by the CAP will be displayed in the Tournament Office.

   See Section W for U19 Championships objections.

6. **CHANGES:** The squad order must be adhered to throughout the Championships. Any player can be omitted from a Tie provided the others play in the order of merit approved by the CAP.

   Managers shall be deemed to have selected their top players in listed order, unless the Championships Director is notified otherwise in writing at least **one hour** before the scheduled start of a Tie or within 10 minutes of completion of the previous Tie (whichever is later). The CAP reserves the right to allow changes to player nominations after the deadline for each Tie in exceptional circumstances.

   A Team Manager may request permission from the CAP to replace a member of his squad at any time after the Final Submission Date and through the Championships. Such permission will only be given if the reason is considered by the CAP to be legitimate (e.g. illness, injury or *force majeure*) and provided that the replacement player is previously nominated in the full squad of 9 men, or 8 women and irrespective of rank order.

The Championships Director will advise all Team Managers in writing if a player is being replaced. Any appeal against the decision to replace or not replace a player during the Championships must be made within **two hours** to the CAP. All player privileges and facilities will be passed on to any replacement player. The replaced player may not re-join his squad during the Championships.

A Team Manager may, at any time during the Championships, appeal to the CAP if he has evidence that a player in an opposing squad is likely to compete, or has competed, when unfit. If the appeal is upheld, the player in question may not be nominated to compete in any Tie until approved by the CAP and appropriate action may be taken against the squad concerned.

7. SUMMARY TIMETABLE:

ETC Divisions 1,2 & 3 only	ESF Office will publish the provisional draws & seeding based on the previous year's results immediately after the preceding event.

30 days before the start date	Squad orders must be submitted
9 days before the start date (Final Submission Date)	Changes to squad members and/or orders may be lodged with the ESF Office and Championships Director
7 days before the start date	Championships Director will publish all squad orders
5 days before the start date	Objections to squad orders or player eligibility must be lodged with the Championships Director
2 days before the start date	CAP will advise any Team Managers whose squads are subject to objection
By 22:00 on the day before the start date	Championships Director will announce the final decision of the CAP. **There is no right of appeal**.
By 22:00 on the day before the start date	Championships Director will publish daily playing orders of matches for both events

SECTION 2 – HOSTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

E - PROCEDURE

1. **TENDERS:** All MNFs wishing to host a Championship in the following 4 years must submit a full tender by October 1. Tenders are legally binding. If the tender is for more than 4 years ahead the event will be considered pending but will not be allocated.

The Board will evaluate tenders and appoint an Event Director to carry out inspection visits between October and February. In March the Board will decide on hosts, based on the tenders and the inspection visits. Once hosts have been notified, this information will be published on the ESF website and announced at the AGM.

When more than one MNF applies to hold the same event, the Board will make a decision based on the tender and the inspection visit. If more than one host equally satisfies all the criteria, the Board may ask the potential hosts to present to the AGM for a vote.

See also Section S: ETC - for specific details on tendering for ETC D1/2 and 3.

All details of the process are published on ESF website:
http://www.europeansquash.com/page/25681/Allocation-of-hosts

2. **HOST LEVY:** The host nation must pay a host levy to the ESF within 90 days of the Championship being awarded to them. If the levy is not paid on time, it will be increased by 1% per month. See Section Y for details of host levies. These may only be increased by AGM approval or annual Eurozone inflation (see Preface).

3. **HOST PENALTY FEE:** If an MNF withdraws from hosting once the event has been allocated, the MNF will have to pay the ESF the following penalty **in addition** to the host levy – see Section Y. EDAP will deal with any dispute over penalty fees.

i.	**360 days** or more before the Start Date	**1 times the Levy: Section Y**
ii.	**180** to **359 days** before the Start Date	**2 times the Levy: Section Y**
iii.	**Less than 180 days** before the Start Date	**3 times the Levy: Section Y**

(See also Section S: ETC - for specific details on hosting ETC 3.)

4. **INVITATION:** ESF will submit a draft Invitation to the ESF Event Director and the host nation for approval, by 1st November of the year prior to the event. ESF will circulate the approved invitation to MFA's by 1st December of the year in which the event is held.

5. **EVENT DIRECTOR:** At least **12 months** before the start date, ESF will appoint an Event Director for each Championship. The Event Director will act as the principal contact with the host nation, will be responsible for the overall organisation of the event and may not officiate in any match during the Championships. The ED will prepare a report including recommendations, to be shared with the ESF Board within 3 weeks of the tournament ending. Per diem payments will be met by ESF, including costs for 2 days prior to the start date. (See also F4)

6. **TOURNAMENT SOFTWARE OPERATOR:** At least 6 months before the start date the ESF will appoint a TSO for each Championship. The TSO will be responsible for working with the host to ensure the Live Scoring system including hardware, software and reporting system on site as well as on the TS website meet all ESF requirements before and during the Championships and may not officiate in any match during the Championships. The TSO will prepare a report including recommendations, to be shared with the Board within 3 weeks of the Championships ending. Transport and per diem payments will be met by ESF, including costs for 2 days prior to the start date. (See also F4)

7. **CHAMPIONSHIPS DIRECTOR:** At least **12 months** before the start date, each host nation will nominate a Championships Director. If there is no acceptable candidate from the host nation, ESF will appoint a suitably experienced Championships Director and the host nation will pay for his hotel accommodation and meals - starting with lunch on the day before the start date and ending with breakfast on the morning after the end of the event.

   The Championships Director shall be responsible to the host nation for the overall conduct of the Championships. He may appoint Venue Controller(s) as and when necessary for all scheduling and administration including the tournament office, computer input, draw printouts and a results service (for participants, public and Press). Neither the Championships Director nor the Venue Controller(s) may officiate or play in any match during the Championships.
   The Championships Director must ensure that team orders are checked for each Tie, that the players in each Tie are displayed publicly before the Tie starts and that referees are provided with score sheets naming both players in each match.

8. **CHAMPIONSHIPS REFEREE:** At least **90 days** before the start date, each host nation will nominate a Championships Referee Coordinator for the national appointed referees. ESF will appoint a suitably experienced Championships Referee and the host nation will pay for all his hotel accommodation and meals - starting with lunch on the day before the start date and ending with breakfast on the morning after the end of the event.
   The ESF appointed Championships Referee shall supervise the referees and markers and be responsible for scheduling them to ensure that neutral referees are appointed to officiate at all matches. He shall not officiate or play in any match during the Championships. His decision shall be final for matters arising in matches on court that relate to the Regulations.
   In the event that the Championships are to be used by ESF for formal referee assessment purposes, the ESF Referees Committee Director (or his appointed deputy), in conjunction with the Championships Referee, will appoint the match referees and assessors. In the event of any difference of opinion over the appointments, the decision of the Referees Committee Director (or his appointed deputy) shall be final.
   See Section S for specific details on the appointment of assessors for ETC Divisions 1-3 , Section T for specific details for EICC

9. The host nation will ensure that at least one of its key organisers attends the preceding championship i.e. a host of EICC 2020 will attend EICC 2019.

10. **CAP:** This will be chaired by the Event Director who will appoint at least 2 other members at least 30 days before the start date - from event organisers or Team Managers with ETC experience who are expected to attend the event. CAP members must have a good command of written and spoken English and must be available throughout the Championships. The CAP shall be responsible for final decisions on all appeals during the Championships.

    If a member of CAP is from, or associated with, an MNF that is involved in or associated with an appeal, the Event Director will co-opt a neutral person for that appeal from the Championships Committee or from one of the Team Managers in attendance.

F - DUTIES OF THE HOST NATION

The host nation shall:

1. **ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS:** Be responsible for arranging suitable twin bedded accommodation and for providing breakfast, lunch and dinner for all those taking the optional hotel package, starting with dinner the evening before the start date and ending with breakfast on the morning following the finals.

   Those taking the event package do not have access to the full hotel package.

   Senior Championships: In exceptional circumstances, when requested by the host nation, 3 people may share a room with the prior approval of the Event Director In such circumstances, the cost of the package will be reduced per person.

   Junior Championships: The accommodation must have no more than 4 players in one room, each with a separate bed, and must of sufficient quality considering the duration of the event. Separate accommodation must be provided for boys and girls. Coaches, managers and officials are not permitted to share accommodation with players.

   The host nation is not obliged to help find or provide accommodation, offer packages or provide local transport for supporters but may do so if approached directly by an MNF, provided priority is given to nominated players and officials.

2. **PACKAGES:** Offer a 'hotel package' to include: local transport (airport transfers and transportation between the venue and official hotel); accommodation in a twin-bedded room; all meals (see Rule F1 above).

   Provide for extra nights (bed and breakfast) and for single rooms (if available).

   Offer an 'event package' for those teams that wish to make their own arrangements for local transport, accommodation and food. This package fee shall cover: an organisational fee; welcome pack; referee services; admission to all court areas; and a final evening dinner / party function.

   On top of the entry fee for each team/player, every player/coach/manager/physio is obliged to purchase the event package. The hotel-, food- and transport package is optional.

   Have the right to request payment of package fees in local currency provided this is indicated on the Invitation and provided that all fees are converted from Euro at the time that the Invitation is distributed to MNFs by the ESF Office.

   The fees payable for packages, single room supplements and extra nights are set out in Section Y of these Regulations.

   The fees set out in Section Y may not be increased thereafter (except by annual Eurozone inflation – see Preface) without the approval of an AGM.

3. **INSPECTION VISIT:** Pay for one Inspection Visit by the ED, including the cost of accommodation, meals and travel. This should take place at least 9 months before the event, preferably during a major tournament at the venue at which the Championships are to be held (see also Rule E1/E5).

   Pay for a 2nd Inspection Visit if required by ESF. This will only be required if the Officers are convinced by the ESF Event Director that previous recommendations and instructions have not been followed, and that preparations for the event are inadequate.

4. **ESF OFFICIALS PACKAGE:** Book and pay for the hotel package for the Event Director and one other ESF Official, starting with dinner on the day before the start date and ending with breakfast on the morning after the end of the event. Accommodation and meals for the Event Director and the Tournament Software Operator shall start two days before the start date if required. The host nation will also pay the travel costs for the Event Director and one ESF official to attend the Championships.

ESF will pay all costs incurred by any additional Officials during the event, except for those incurred by the Event Director.

See Section S for more details on the provision of packages for ETC and Section T for EICC.
All formally appointed ESF referees are to be provided with the full hotel package: see section F9

5. **TRANSPORT:** Arrange and pay for all official transport for competitors, coaches, managers, referees, officials and ESF Officers between the official hotel(s) and the match venue(s); and between the venue(s) and the specified arrival/departure point, as designated in the Invitation.

   If there is more than one venue then the hosts are responsible for transporting those who take only the event package transport between the venues. In this case it is the responsibility of the nation taking the event package to make their own travel arrangements to arrive at their first venue and to return from their final venue to the hotel.

6. **PRACTICE FACILITIES:** Arrange and pay for practice facilities and basic transport commencing the day prior to and during the Championships and make available practice balls, identical to the ones to be used in the Championships, for teams to purchase.

7. **MEDICAL FACILITIES:** Provide reasonable medical facilities for competitors - to include, as a minimum: professionally qualified medical staff, properly certified by the host nation. These staff must be capable of dealing with a serious accident and be capable of supervising the transfer of the player to suitable medical facilities. They must be present at the venue(s) and available for duty during all hours of practice and play, including late finishes and weekends.

   The Event Director shall, on arrival at the venue(s), check to ensure that the above requirements have been met in full.

8. **PHOTOGRAPHS:** Arrange for team photographs to be taken during the Championships. These must be provided at reasonable cost and be ready by the time of the final function.

9. **PROVISION OF REFEREES:** Ensure that referees will be available to officiate at all matches. Provide referees and markers if requested by the Championships Referee. The minimum number of National referees (National referees must be at least of a national standard, according to CBTA standards) and the responsibility for appointing these referees, is shown in the table below.

Championships	**ESF appointed**	**Host nation appointed**
ETC Div. 1&2	14(mix of WSF, RR and National level)	Minimum of 4 National referees
ETC Div. 3	8 (mix of WSF, RR and National level)	Minimum of 4 National referees
EICC	4 (mix of WSF, RR and National level)	Minimum of 4 National referees
ECC	Minimum of 5 (mix of WSF & RR level)	Minimum of 7 National referees
EMIC	4 (mix of WSF & RR level)	Minimum of 6 National referees
Junior Championships (U19 individual, U19 team and U15/17)	Minimum of 5 RR	Minimum of 7for U15/17 and U19 Individual. U19 Team minimum of 3 national referees

The host nation is obliged to provide the hotel package (single rooms) for all ESF appointed referees, including travel costs and allocated per diem, all costs are covered by the event packages. If the host nation is unable to nominate, or wishes to invite further referees, they must advise the ESF Office so that CBTA qualified referees can be allocated. All hotel package and travel costs to be paid for by the host nation.

10. **CHAMPIONSHIPS WEBSITE / TOURNAMENT SOFTWARE / LIVE SCORE :** Create a Championships website by the time that the Invitation is distributed and establish a Tournament Office with suitably experienced staff, supported by tournament management software available from ESF (https://www.tournamentsoftware.com) that will:

- generate and update all draws;
- produce court schedules, orders of play, referee and marker allocations;
- in case the Live Score system is not used, print out referees' scorecards and match display cards with space for game scores;
- print detailed results of all Ties; maintain an up-to-date public display board in the main venue during each day showing detailed game scores; and at the main hotel at the end of each day's play*;*
- in case the Live Score system is not used, ensure that the esf.tournamentsoftware.com website is updated at least on completion of each round of play and on completion of play each day throughout the Championships;
- ensure results remain accessible on the website for at least 4 weeks after the event.

Live scoring shall be carried out during all ESF Championships. ESF will provide the hardware for each event, as well as setting it up and running the Life Scoring by the TSO.

The host nation is obliged to provide a floor plan of the venues, electrical connection points, TSO desk location and the other necessary details required for installation of the Live Score system. The host nation will provide internet connection for the Live Score system by a separated line.

11. **VENUE:** Prepare the match venue(s) for the Championships including all facilities. All court floors must be unsealed or sanded; and all court lights must be working.

12. **REGULATIONS / TINS:** The Championships shall be played under the latest Regulations of the Singles Game of Squash as published by the WSF. All matches shall be played on courts with 19 inch (48 cm) tins, **except** that a 17 inch (43 cm) tin will be used for all matches involving:

ETC divisions 1 & 2: all men's and women's ties.

EICC: all men's and women's ties.

ECC: all men's and women's ties.

13. **MANAGERS' MEETING:** Arrange and pay for a meeting room in which to hold Managers' Meetings as required during the Championships. This should be located in the Championships hotel or at a suitable venue approved by the Event Director.

14. **REGULATIONS:** Display the current Regulations of the Championships and make copies available for Team Managers if requested.

15. **PLAYERS' MANUAL:** Produce a Players Manual, approved by the Event Director, giving relevant information for participants.

16. **WI-FI:** Ensure that the main areas of the tournament hotels and clubs offer free wi-fi.

17. **MARKETING:** Include ESF and main sponsor logos on all entry forms, posters, programmes and official papers - copies of which shall be submitted to the Event Director for approval. If no

disapproval is indicated within 48 hours of receipt by the ESF, the logos may be used on the documents as submitted.

Place ESF tin stickers on all courts to be used in the Championships as directed by the ESF Event Director and provide space for exhibition stands for main ESF sponsors close to the main spectator court.

All sponsors' logos, advertising materials and exhibition stands will be supplied, shipped and installed at no cost to the host nation.

18. **PRESS OFFICER:** Nominate a suitably experienced Press Officer at least **90 days** before the start date; and establish a Press Office with appropriate facilities (for which MNFs may be required to pay). Facilities should include tables, chairs and computer terminals with Internet access.

    See Section S for details on media invitations and provision of packages for ETC and Section T for EICC

19. **ACCREDITED COURTS:** Where events are staged under the auspices of the European Squash Federation, if newly built courts completed after 1st January 2013 are to be used then they must be listed in the WSF Worldwide Registered Court Directory if they are to be considered for hosting matches recognised by the Federation. (This specification is not applicable for courts in existence before 2013, where normal adherence to WSF specifications will apply).

20. **RESULTS:** Provide the ESF Office, Press agencies and MNFs with advance information on the event; provide detailed results on the event website which must be updated at the end of each round of play and on completion of the day's play; provide Team Managers and ESF Officers in attendance with detailed results daily. Produce complete, detailed results and final placing of the Championships in electronic format and distribute to competing MNFs and the ESF Office within **7 days** of the end of the event. The organising MNF shall also provide electronic addresses of their Offices/Press Officers and ensure that all score sheets relating to the Championships are safely retained for a period of at least **3 months** after the Championships.

21. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** Provide the ESF Office with a detailed financial statement of its expenditure (see Appendix C) as soon as possible and no later than **90 days** of completion of the Championships.

22. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM):** If an AGM is held in conjunction with the Championships, it shall be the duty of the host nation to book accommodation for the Delegates and Observers, at the same rates as those arranged for the Teams. The Delegates and Observers shall be responsible for the payment of their own accommodation, meals and expenses. The host nation must also book and pay for the hotel package for all ESF Officers, Treasurer and Secretary.

    The host nation shall be responsible for booking and paying for the AGM venue and any associated seminars; for refreshments for those attending; and for transporting Delegates and Observers between the official accommodation and the AGM venue if required. ESF shall determine the suitability and size of the meeting room.

SECTION 3 – REFERENCE INFORMATION

G – RESPONSIBILITIES

1. **RISK:** Individuals enter and play in the Championships at their own risk. Neither the ESF, the host nation nor the host club(s) will accept any responsibility for injury or other damages arising from participation in the Championships. Players may be required to sign a disclaimer.
2. **DOPING:** ESF and the host nation reserve the right to implement compulsory dope testing for any player participating in the Championships. A notice to this effect shall be included on the Invitation. The doping regulations shall be those published by the WSF. MNFs are responsible for informing all their participants (including managers, coaches and physiotherapists) about the latest WSF policy on doping and must impose the standard WSF suspension from all forms of competitive squash upon a player who has used banned substances or practices.
3. **EYEWEAR:** MNFs are responsible for ensuring that all junior players (under 19 years of age) wear protective eyewear (manufactured to an approved national safety standard) properly over the eyes at all times during practice and match play. The list of WSF Certified Eyewear allowable at the time of participation can be viewed on the WSF website.

   See Section W for specific information on eye protection for Junior Championships.

H - TIMETABLE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. All Championships shall be played over a period not exceeding **4 days.**
2. In Team Championships ties shall be played on a maximum of 2 courts per Tie.
3. The playing schedule shall be organised, where possible, to ensure that all teams/individuals have an equal rest period between Ties. (Note this will not be possible if there are 3 or 5 teams in a Pool playing 2 Ties in 3 sessions in one day.)
4. Teams/ individuals may be required to play two Ties/matches per day. In which case, there shall be a minimum of **four hours** between the scheduled start times of each Tie/match.
5. Both semi-final Ties/matches in each event shall take place on the same day.
6. Each final shall be scheduled to commence at least **18 hours** after the start of the latest relevant semi-final.

See Section W for specific details on the timetable for the Under 19 Championships.

I - SEEDING OF TEAMS AND DRAW

Please note - MNFs / players have no right of appeal against final seeding or draws.

Provisional seeding will be carried out following the 30 day before the start date entry deadline but this may be amended in the event of changes after the 9 day final declaration date.

For details on the specific seeding procedure for the ETC - see Section S; for EICC see T; for ECC see U; for EMIC see V; for Juniors see W.

J - OVERALL FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The format of the Championships and the maximum number of teams/individuals who can compete is detailed below. Playing formats are shown in Section X and the maximum/minimum number of nominations per squad are shown in Section B3.

Championships	Competitions
ETC Division 1 & 2	Separate team events: Division 1 – 12 men's teams (4/team) : 12 women's teams (3/team) Division 2 – 8 men's teams (4/team) : 8 women's teams (3/team)
ETC Division 3	Separate team events: Men (4/team) and women (3/team) Maximum entry 15 teams per event. 16 teams or more the event will be split in a Division 3 of 8 teams and the rest in a new Division 4.
EICC	Separate individual events: men and women Maximum entry 56 per event, main draw 32 with no more than one qualifying round If less than 25 entries, draw reduced to 16 with one qualifying round
ECC	Separate team events: Men (4/team) and women (3/team) Maximum entry 24 teams per event
EMIC	Separate individual events: men and women Different age groups from 35 years upwards in 5 or 10 year intervals
Under 15 Team Under 17 Team	Mixed teams of 2 boys/1 girl, maximum of 24 teams Mixed teams of 2 boys/2 girl, maximum 24 teams (maximum 1 boy & 1 girl reserve) U17 Teams are allowed to play with 3 players when injuries occur.
Under 19 Team	Mixed teams of 2 boys/2 girl, maximum 24 teams (maximum 1 boy & 1 girl reserve) Teams are allowed to play with 3 players when injuries occur.
Under 19 Individual	Separate individual events: boys and girls Maximum 64 entries in each event.

2. **TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS:** At the first stage all teams will normally play in Pools on a "round-robin" (all play all) basis and at the second stage in Groups on a knockout basis. All teams that have been defeated will be required to play-off to produce a final order.

   If teams are also required to play on a round-robin basis during the Second stage, then results between teams at the first stage are carried forward to the Second stage (so that teams do not play each other again).

   All teams will normally be scheduled to play a minimum of four Ties. Each Tie will consist of one match for each member of the team, played between players nominated in order of strength.

   Each match shall be the "best of five games", except when the result of a Tie at the Second stage has been decided before the final match starts. In this case the match shall be played in accordance with Rule L2 (except in a round-robin Tie – which shall be the best of 5 games).

In the event a dead rubber game is played (Rule L2), either team manager may change his player by substituting a reserve from his official squad before the match starts - after first advising the match referee and the opposing team manager. In this case the result shall be reported showing the actual players' names as opposed to the players who were originally nominated.

3. **INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Losers in each round of the Championships will be expected to play throughout the Championships in Plate events using the Monrad system where practical. This should ensure all players have at least 3 matches.
4. **WARM UP/ REST TIME**: For all Championships warm up time shall be in accordance with WSF regulations and set at 4 minutes and rest time between games shall be set at 2 minutes.

K - FINAL ORDER OF TEAMS

1. The following are scored by each team:

Tie Points for each Tie - 2 for a win, 1 for a draw, 0 for a loss

Match Points for each Match won in the Tie

Game Points for each Game won in each Match

Single Points for each Point won in each Game.

2. **FINAL PLACES:** The final places in a Pool shall be decided on all the results of that Pool:

- **a.** first by the greater number of Tie points;
- **b.** if 2 or more teams have the same number of Tie points, then by the greater number of Ties won;
- **c.** if 2 or more teams are still equal, then by the greater positive difference of Match Points won and lost;
- **d.** if 2 or more teams are still equal, then by the greater positive difference of Game Points won and lost;
- **e.** if 2 or more teams are still equal, then by the greater positive difference of Single Points won and lost;
- **f.** if 2 or more teams are still equal, the result of the match(es) between the #1 players (in order of games then points) of the Tie(s) between them; (i*)
- **g.** if 2 or more teams are still equal, the result of the match(es) between the #2 players (in order of games then points) of the Tie(s) between them; (i*)
- **h.** if 2 or more teams are still equal, the result of the match(es) between the #3 players (in order of games then points) of the Tie(s) between them. (i*)
- **i.** * If the competition is played in a mixed team format, then the playing order of the day determines which player is #1, #2 or #3.
  #1 Players are boy#1 or girl#1 depending on who is first in the playing order of the day.
  #2 Players then boy#1 or girl#1.
  #3 Players are either boy#2 or girl#2, the first one in the playing order after #1 player.

3. **KNOCKOUT STAGES:** At any knockout stage, the result of a Tie between two teams shall be decided:

- **a.** by the greatest number of matches won;
- **b.** if equal, by the greatest positive difference of games won and lost;

c. if still equal, by the greater positive difference of points won and lost;

d if still equal, by the result of the match between the #1 players of the Tie.

e If the competition is played in a mixed team format, then the playing order of the day determines which player is #1.
#1 Players are boy#1 or girl#1 depending on who is first in the playing order of the day.

4. **DISQUALIFICATION:** A team that is disqualified for any reason during the Championships will be placed last. If disqualification occurs in the first stage, the results of all Ties in which the team has played up to the point of disqualification will be deleted. If disqualification occurs in the second stage, the results of all Ties in which the team has played up to the point of disqualification will stand.

5. **RESULTS:** The results of the Championship, in the calendar year in which a World Team Championship takes place, shall determine which teams will qualify for that World Team Championship if qualification is required by the WSF.

L - PLAYING ORDER OF MATCHES IN TIES

1. **PLAYING ORDER:** The playing order of matches in all Ties on each day of the Championships will be randomly drawn by the CAP, witnessed by at least 2 independent observers, by 22:00 hours at the latest - on the day before the Start Date. All Ties played each day will use the same playing order.

Once a playing order form has been drawn it will be discarded. The playing order shall be different each day and the daily playing order shall be posted in the Tournament Office and in the official hotel(s).

In Men's Ties, if 4 matches are played on one court, the # 1 must play 2nd on that court. If only two matches are played on a court the #1 player must play 1st on one court. The playing order of all matches will be drawn against 6 possible permutations.

If ties are played on two courts and one is the glass court then the #1 player will play first on the glass court. The highest ranked of the players playing in playing order position 3 and 4 will play second on the glass court

In Women's Ties, the #1 must play 1st or 2nd with the playing order of all other matches being drawn against 4 possible permutations (1-2-3, 1-3-2, 2-1-3, 3-1-2).

In Junior Ties, the boy#1 and the girl#1 must play in the elimination stage 1st and 2nd with the playing order being drawn against 2 possible permutations (b1-g-b2, and g-b1-b2) or in 4 players format (b1-g1-b2-g2, b1-g1-g2-b2, g1-b1-b2-g2, g1-b1-g2-b2). With the playing order of all other matches in the pool stage being drawn against the rest of possible permutations.

2. **TIES:** Players will be required to complete all matches in a Tie unless the result of the Tie has already been decided.

If the result of the Tie has already been decided on count-back before a Match commences, then that Match will not be played and the result will be recorded as 'un-played'. If the result of the Tie becomes decided on count-back whilst a Match is in progress, then play will cease at the end of the current Game and the result will be recorded as 'unfinished'

A Tie is decided on count-back in line with Rule K3 only if the result of the Tie cannot be changed however many more matches, games or points are played in that Tie. Dead rubber matches will not be played unless both Managers request to play, and the TD is in agreement, in which case the match will be played in line with Rule J2.

3. **LATE ARRIVAL:** The Team Manager and all members of his team for that specific tie must be at the designated court(s) ready for the scheduled start of the tie.

   If the whole team fails to arrive within 10 minutes of the scheduled start time or within 10 minutes of the first court becoming available for that Tie (if later), then the referee will report this information to the Championships Referee who shall consult with the Championships Director and ESF Event Director (CAP) and decide if the Tie shall be conceded with the Team earning no Tie, Match, Game or Single Points.

   If a member of the team fails to arrive within 10 minutes of the scheduled start time or within 10 minutes of the first court becoming available for that Tie (if later), the player must be replaced by the nominated member of the team ranked immediately below this player. The "bottom" match in the Tie shall be conceded.

   Any player not on the designated court and ready to play within 10 minutes of the completion of the preceding match in the Tie will be scratched. If after another 10 minutes the next scheduled player is not on court ready to play that player also will be scratched. In this instance, all matches lower in the playing order, will be forfeited.

   The Team Manager/Individual has the right of appeal to the CAP in the event of *force majeure*.

   See Section T for information on late arrival on court – EICC; Section V – EMIC; Section W – Under 19 Individual event

M - TROPHIES & PRIZES

1. **TROPHIES:** The ESF Championship trophies, which cannot be won outright, shall be available by the Start Date. MNFs that "hold" these perpetual trophies shall be responsible for engraving them and returning them clean and undamaged to the host nation by the Start Date of the next Championships. When perpetual trophies are not available ESF will present memento trophies for the winner to keep.

2. **MEDALS:** ESF Medals will be provided free of charge by the ESF and shall be awarded to all members of the squads/individuals that finish 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each Championships (or age category in EMIC). For ETC, medals will be presented to all members of the squads that finish 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each of the 3 divisions.

3. **PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY:** Trophies and medals are to be presented at a prize-giving ceremony at the conclusion of the Championships (see Appendix E for requirements) with any prizes which the host nation may wish to present. Championships Teams/players who have finished 1st, 2nd or 3rd must attend or disciplinary action will be taken (see Appendix D, Code of Conduct).

N - RIGHTS OF THE ESF

1. **BALLS -** The ESF Officers will select the squash balls to be used in the Championships and will provide the host nation with a sufficient number of squash balls. The ESF shall retain any sponsorship received from the squash ball supplier. The host nation will provide space free of charge for such sponsor's advertising (e.g. tin stickers on all courts) as notified by the Event Director.

2. **SPONSORSHIP -** The ESF Officers have the right, subject to AGM approval, to negotiate and execute the main sponsorship contract for the Championships. The host nation shall abide by all the details of any such sponsorship agreement, provided such sponsorship has been approved before the Host has been confirmed.

3. **BROADCASTING -** The ESF shall retain the rights to all national and international TV coverage of its events. The host nation shall retain the income from transmission within its own country; must ensure that any future contracts with local TV companies protect the ESF's rights; and must provide the ESF with master copies of all footage should programmes be marketed worldwide - in which case the ESF shall have the right to at least 50% of any net profit. The ESF shall retain the exclusive right to broadcast, re-broadcast or transmit recordings of the event, by any means and in any media (including video, internet, webcasting and wireless transmission whether now known or in the future).
4. **LIVE STREAMING:** Live streaming must be presented on at least 2 courts (juniors on at least 1 court) The ESF retains the rights to streamed footage of its events and can determine which channels are permitted.
5. **LIVE SCORING:** Live scoring shall be carried out during all ESF Championships. ESF will provide the hardware for each event as well as setting it up and running the Life Scoring by the TSO.

O - DUTIES OF THE ESF

The ESF shall:

a. Appoint an Event Director who will appoint other members of the CAP

b. Appoint a Tournament Sotware Operator

c. Provide ESF and ESF sponsors' logos

d. Supply contact details of MNFs

e. Help the host nation prepare the Invitation and Entry Forms

f. Circulate the Invitation/Entry form to all MNFs

g. Approve appointment of all referees

h. Collect entry fees and control entries

i. Collect withdrawal fees, and pass team withdrawal fees to the host nation (Note – not applicable to EICC and EMIC)

j. Supply the host nation with details of entries

k. Approve the appointment of the host nation's Championships Director and Championships Referee

l. Appoint the Seeding Panel, to carry out the seeding and approve the draws

m. Assist with the scheduling of matches and allocation of referees

n. Provide Referee Assessors as required at no cost to the host nation

o. Provide squash balls

p. Provide medals for the top three Men's and Women's Squads/individuals (See Rule M)

q. Ensure that perpetual trophies (which cannot be won outright) are returned inscribed and in good order and available for presentation to winning teams

r. Approve the host nation's Championships Director and Referee

P - CLOTHING AND ADVERTISING

1. **REGULATIONS:** The WSF clothing and advertising regulations will be adhered to, excepting WSF Regulation L2 - women players are permitted to wear shorts of a design approved by the Championships Referee.

   In all matters of judgment or opinion arising from the interpretation of the regulations, the decision of the Championships Referee shall be final, except that he may not rule illegal or unacceptable an item or a design which has been approved by the WSF.

2. **SPONSORS:** The sponsor(s) of the Championships shall have no automatic right of exposure on players' clothing unless such exposure is stipulated on the Invitation and with the approval of the ESF Officers.

   MNFs are advised to ensure that their contracts with individual players specify that selection will require the use of national team kit in team events and that players' personal sponsors have no right of exposure on such kit (not applicable to EICC and EMIC).

   Where the clothing manufacturer is also the sponsor of the player or team wearing the clothing, he shall additionally be allowed to utilise some or all of the advertising space granted to sponsors (not applicable to EICC and EMIC).

Q - LANGUAGE

1. The official language of the Championships shall be English and this language must be used in all literature relating to the Championships. There shall be at least one results board, displaying team / individual names in the draws in English.

R - CODE OF CONDUCT AND APPEALS

1. The Code of Conduct (CoC) relating to all ESF events is defined in Appendix D to the ESF regulations.

2. In section 1 this code covers CoC relating to ESF Championships and in section 2 it covers ESF Juniors and Masters circuit events.
On and off court offences
Appeals
Offences and sanctions

S - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – ETC

1. **TENDERING –** MNFs can only tender to hold the Championships for the Division(s) for which they are currently eligible (i.e., if eligible for Divisions 1/2, an MNF may only tender to host the Championships element consisting of Divisions 1/2).

   If an MNF has had a tender accepted to host Divisions 1/2 and is relegated to Division 3 before the event is hosted, the MNF has the right to remain in Division 2 and the draws will be expanded to accept 13 Men's teams and/or 9 Women's teams. In this instance, 3 teams will be relegated from Division 2 in the following season.

   If an MNF has had a tender accepted to host Division 3 and the MNF gains promotion before the event is hosted, the MNF has the option to remain in Division 3 and host the event as tendered or to accept promotion and the event will be put back out to tender.

2. **WITHDRAWAL FEES - i**n the event that an MNF has had a tender accepted to host Division 3, gains promotion before the event is hosted and accepts the promotion, the penalties set out in Rule E3 will not apply.

3. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAMPIONSHIP REFEREES/ASSESSORS -** The ESF will ensure a Championships Referee/Assessor is appointed at least **90 days** before the Championships. Other Assessors will be appointed as required.

4. **ADDITIONAL STANDARD PACKAGES AND TRAVEL PAYMENTS**
   Divisions 1&2 - The host nation shall book and pay for packages, travel and a small per diem for 14 nominated Referees and ESF appointed Championships referee/appraisers.

   Division 3 – The host nation **shall b**ook and pay for packages, travel and a small per diem for 8 nominated Referees and ESF appointed Championships referee/appraisers.

   Other Championships - The host nation shall book and pay for packages, travel and a small per diem for referees and ESF appointed Championships referee/appraisers to all other Championships (see section F9)

   Accommodation for Referees and Media Representatives shall be in twin rooms. i.e. two separate beds.

5. **REFEREE NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT**

   Divisions 1&2 - The host nation is responsible for nominating 3 experienced** referees to the ESF Office 90 days before the start date for approval by the Event Director, ensuring they can officiate at all matches. If the host is unable to nominate or wishes to offer further referees, they must advise the ESF Office so that additional qualified referees can be allocated from, or added to, the Reserve List, if available.

   All referees who are nominated must be able to provide a current log book of matches in which they have officiated.

   Divisions 1-3: All MNFs will be invited to nominate experienced** referees to the ESF Office at least **90 days** before the Start Date; and must ensure that these referees will be available to officiate at all matches throughout the Championships.

   The ESF Referee Committee will appoint referees from those nominated and allocate them to Divisions 1/2 (14 referees in total) and Division 3 (8 referees). In the first instance referees shall be appointed on the basis of competence opposite ETC standards and expectations.

   ** Experienced referees: this means referees must be at least of a national standard, according to CBTA standards.

6. SEEDING OF TEAMS AND DRAWS

Divisions 1& 2

The Event Director will seed teams based on the entries received for the current year and the final placement from the previous year, taking into account promotion and relegation.

In the event a squad is significantly weaker, or stronger, than the squad that played the 1 previous year then the Event Director has the authority to re-seed the draw.

If team(s) scheduled to play in Division 1 do not enter the Championships they will be relegated to Division 2 and teams in Division 2 will be promoted, in seeding order, to Division 1 - to top-up the numbers to a achieve a full complement of 8 teams.

If team(s) scheduled to play in Division 2 do not enter the Championships then they will be relegated to Division 3 and teams in Division 3 will be promoted, in seeding order, to Division 2 – to top up numbers to achieve a full complement of 12 teams (men), 8 teams (women)

The Event Director shall make the draws and the ESF Office shall publish them in time for the competing MNFs to receive them no later than 21 days before the Start Date.

Division 3

The two teams relegated from Division 2 will be seeded 1 and 2. Thereafter the teams will be seeded in accordance with the results of the previous year. Any team re-entering or entering for the first time will be seeded at the discretion of CAP but not seeded 1or 2.

T - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – EICC

1. **APPOINTMENT OF REFEREES AND ASSESSORS** - ESF RefCom shall appoint referees as required, see Rule F, and shall ensure a Referee Assessor is appointed at least 90 days before the start date.

2. **ELIGIBILITY -** Eligible MNFs may enter no more than 4 Men, and / or no more than 4 Women. The host nation may, in addition, enter a maximum of 2 “wild card” players in each event, provided that the entry of such players has been approved in advance by the players’ “home” MNFs.

   Every eligible MNF is guaranteed one place in each draw and the Host MNF is guaranteed two places in each draw.

   Once guaranteed places have been allocated to MNFs, remaining places will be filled based firstly on current PSA men and women world rankings, then as decided by the Seeding Panel. The draws may be filled by players of lower strength from the host nation if there are insufficient entries 21 days before the Start Date. If there are more than 56 entries in either event, the extra players will be placed in Reserve Lists for each event in order of strength as determined by the Seeding Panel.

   If any player withdraws before the Start Date, he may be replaced: firstly by a player of lower strength from the same country; secondly, if no such player is available, by the strongest player from the Reserve List; and thirdly, if no reserve is available, by a player of lower strength from the Host MNF.

3. SEEDING AND DRAW - The Event Director will act as the Director of the Seeding Panel and will nominate at least three members for the Panel at least 30 days before the Start Date.

3.1 The Seeding Panel will seed players based on PSA Top 100 men, PSA Top 50 women and National Rankings available 30 days before the Start Date. The Panel reserves the right to insert lower ranked and non-Members of PSA as seeds if justified by National Rankings or results of National Championships.

3.2 The draft seeding will be published on the championship website 21 days before the start date and sent to the participating MNFs by the host. Final seeding will be subject to changes effected by Rule T2 above.

3.3 Players will be placed in each draw using the Random Draw method as follows: Seeds 1 and 2 will be placed, thereafter players will be seeded and drawn from groups of 3/4, 5/8, 9/16 and 17/32 to provide a maximum of 32 players in the main draw of each Event. Best efforts will be made to avoid players from the same country meeting in the qualifying events or in the 1st rounds of the main draws.

3.4 The Event Director will make the draws **3 days** before the Start Date. The Championships Director will ensure that draws are put on the event website.

3.5 If a player is withdrawn less than 30 days before the Start Date and is replaced in line with Rule T2 above up to 3 days before the Start Date, then the draw will be reseeded.

3.6 If a player is withdrawn less than 3 days before the Start Date and is replaced in line with Rule T2 no later than 09:00 hours (am) on the day before the Start Date, the draw will be reseeded provided the player was the 1st or 2nd seed, or provided any 2 of the top 8 seeds have withdrawn. The vacant seeds in the 1/8 group will be replaced by seeds from the 9/16 group etc.

3.7 In the event of any withdrawal later than 09:00 hours (am) on the day before the Start Date, the draw will stand. Replacement players may then be included in the draw in line with Rule T2 at the discretion of the ESF Event Director.

U - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – ECC

1. ELIGIBILITY

1.1 Competing teams shall be those men's and women's teams who are the National Club Champions (or runners-up) as defined by the MNFs own regulations and nominated by them, from the qualifying season.

In the event an MNF has only one formally registered Club and consequently does not hold a National Club Championships, then the MNF may nominate that Club to represent it, subject to the prior approval of the Event Director. In such circumstances, all players nominated in the squad must be eligible to represent that MNF in the European Team Championships.

The qualifying season shall be the twelve months period immediately preceding the 30st June. See Section A2 – closing date deadlines.

The holders of the Championships, together with the Host Club's men's and women's teams, are eligible to enter the Championships through their MNFs. Where more than one team is entered from any one country, they shall be placed in different Pools where possible.

In the event that the National Club Champion (or Runner-up) is the Holder of the ESF Club Championship or the Host Club, then the Club that finished next in the National Championship may enter with the approval of the Event Director.

1.2 Clubs entering the Championships must complete the team order form in full no later than 30 days before the start date. Players who are not members of PSA but have held a PSA ranking in the preceding 3 years prior to the Closing Date shall be "banded" as shown below, except:

- That if any such player nominated in a squad, is Nationally/Qualifying event ranked at the Closing Date above any current listed PSA member, or:
- That if any such player nominated in a squad is a non-national player and is considered by the Seeding Panel/CAP to be of a higher standard at the Closing Date than any current listed PSA member

Then he/she shall be listed above the current listed PSA player and will be given the same notional 'band' and points as that player.

See Section D5 for further information on final decisions.

Men's Team: Maximum 60 Points per Team in any Tie		
Band	**Ranking**	**Points**
A	1-20	30
B	21-50	20
C	51-100	15
D	101-150	10
E	Any ex-PSA member that had a previous PSA ranking <151 shall carry 10 banding points forward until 45 years of age	10
F	Other	5
Women's Team: Maximum 40 Points per Team in any Tie		
Band	**Ranking**	**Points**
A	1-10	20
B	11-30	15
C	31- 75	10
D	Any ex-PSA (WSA) member that had a previous PSA (WSA) ranking <76 shall carry 10 banding points forward until 45 years of age	10
E	Other	5

1.3 A player shall be eligible to represent only one Club in these Championships (excluding national qualifying competitions) **and only** if:

a. he is eligible to represent a Country in the European Team Championships **and**

b. he has played for the Club in the qualifying competition on **two** or more occasions.

Rule 1.3a may be waived for **one** player in the **team**.

Rule 1.3b may be waived for **one** player in the **squad**, provided that the player is of lower strength than all other members of the squad and provided that the player has represented the Club in an inter-Club competition on at least two occasions in the qualifying season. Rule 1.3b does not apply in the case of players from a Club from an MNF with no qualifying competition (see Rule U1).

Each **team** must include in their team order of every tie (match between teams) at least **one** player who is currently eligible to play for the MNF to which the Club is affiliated.

1.4 Where a player's eligibility is in doubt, the MNF the player wishes to represent must prove eligibility to the satisfaction of the ESF Officers before the Start Date.

2. **SEEDING OF TEAMS -** the Event Director will act as the Director of the Seeding Panel. He will nominate and the Officers will approve at least three members for the Panel at least **30 days** before the Start Date.

The Seeding Panel shall provisionally seed the men's and women's Squads. First, based on the order of their players with the 4 highest "bands" that together do not exceed 60 "points" - men; and on the order of their players with the 3 highest "bands" that together do not exceed 40 "points" – women. In the event that teams are equal on total "band" points the seeding panel will differentiate between those teams and seed teams in rank order.

The Event Director will collate the information from the seeding panel and make the provisional draws based on the declared final squad order. The ESF Office/TD shall publish this information in time for the competing Clubs to receive them no later than **7 days** before the Start Date. The Seeding Panel reserves the right to reseed a draw if there is a significant change in the "banding" of a team before the Start Date.

3. **TIMINGS -** All players named in the squad must be present at the time of the Managers Meeting or must provide proof of travel arrangements in this meeting that will ensure they are available for play throughout the whole Championships.

If a player is travelling by car or by some other form of non-scheduled transport, confirmation that the player will arrive before the start of the first scheduled tie must be produced at the Managers Meeting, signed by the Team Manager.

All players must be present before the time of the first scheduled tie. (Subsequent non-arrival will be considered a Code of Conduct offence and appropriate action will be considered against the player and the Team Manager.)

Any player who does not comply with the above conditions will not be permitted to play and the draw will be re-seeded by the Seeding Panel.

In exceptional circumstances a team manager may request permission from the CAP to allow a member of his squad to arrive later – such permission will only be given if the reason is considered by the CAP as being legitimate and providing the request is supported with full factual evidence and to the satisfaction of the CAP.

4. **CONTROL AND COMMUNICATIONS -** All Club entries must be approved and submitted to ESF by the relevant MNF. All communications between ESF and the competing Clubs must be conducted via the relevant MNF.

V - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – EMIC

1. Championships Organisation

1.1 The ESF Board will review and agree the closing date with the Masters Sub-Committee and the host and publish this information on the ESF website.

1.2 Entries will be accepted in line with Rule V2 below.

1.3 ESF will impose a penalty fee (Regulations A3) and the Host Association reserves the right to retain all or part of the Package Fee should a player be withdrawn by his MNF at any time or a player withdraws himself in accordance with Regulation V5.3 below.

2. Eligibility

2.1 A player is eligible to enter these Championships only if he can ensure -
He has a valid ESID number and is approved and validated by his MNF.
The MNF is responsible for ensuring that all players have a valid ESID number and that their entry is fully supported. Objections after the closing date will not be accepted.
The closing date is as stated in Regulation A2. No entries will be accepted after this date.

2.2 A player is eligible to play in the EMIC if he has reached the specified age by no later than the start date of the Championships.

3. Entry Lists

3.1 Entry Lists will be published on the event website following the date entries are open.

4. Seeding & Draw

4.1 The ESF Masters Sub-Committee shall appoint a Seeding Panel Director at least 3 months before the start date of the event. The Director will nominate at least three members for the Panel at least 30 days before the start date. The Masters Sub-Committee shall approve the panel members.

4.2 The EMIC seeding Panel are responsible for seeding all entries. The role and remit of the Panel is to seed and to offer expert advice on the amalgamation of age groups, and any other relevant advice, to the Championships Director and the Event Director.

4.3 Seeding shall take into consideration:-

a) Results of previous World Masters Championships

b) Results of previous European Masters Championships

c) Results of previous European Masters Circuit Tournaments

d) Results of National Championships and National Rankings

4.4 Players will be placed in each draw using the Random Draw method as follows: Seeds 1 and 2 will be placed, thereafter players will be seeded and drawn from groups of 3/4, 5/8, 9/16 and 17/32 (or finer). Best efforts will be made to avoid players from the same Country meeting in the 1st round.

4.5 **7 days** before the Start Date the Tournament Director will publish the seeding on the event website and inform players of the time of the first match of their age group. The draw shall be published on the day prior to the start of the Championships

4.6 Withdrawal and reseeding:

a) If a seeded player is withdrawn 2 or more days before the start date then the draw will be reseeded

b) If a player is withdrawn less than 2 days before the start date the draw will be re-seeded provided the player was the 1st or 2nd seed, or provided any 2 of the top 8 seeds have withdrawn

c) In the event of any withdrawal later than 09:00 (am) on the day before the start date the draw will stand

5. Withdrawals, Penalties & Fee Reimbursements

5.1 A late withdrawal is a withdrawal made 2 days or less before the start date of a tournament.

5.2 Ranking penalties may be applied to the records of players who fail to turn up or who make a late withdrawal not supported by a medical certificate.

5.3 Following a withdrawal, package fees should be reimbursed as follows

- Withdrawal up to 30 days before the start date of a tournament: fees reimbursed in full (less bank charges).
- Withdrawal 7-30 days before the start date of a tournament: 50% of fees reimbursed (less bank charges).
- Withdrawal 6 days or less before the start date of a tournament: reimbursement at the discretion of the tournament organiser.

W - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. EYE PROTECTION – this Rule applies to Under 15/17 Team, Under 19 Team and Under 19 Individual Championships and to juniors who are entered into ESF Senior Championships.

1.1 MNFs are responsible for ensuring the following: All junior players (under 19 years of age) must wear protective eyewear (manufactured to an approved national safety standard) properly over the eyes at all times during practice and match play. The list of WSF Certified Eyewear allowable at the time of participation can be viewed on the WSF website.

1.2 It is the responsibility of the player, the referee and finally the Championships Director to ensure that eye guards are worn over the eyes at all times during play. It is the responsibility of the player to ensure that the quality of the product is satisfactory for the purpose.

1.3 When the referee doubts the suitability of an eye guard, especially in the case of ordinary spectacles or eye protectors without lenses, he should be able to provide the player with an approved eye guard to be worn over spectacles where necessary. The referee must ensure that the cleaning of glasses does not interfere with the continuity of the game.

1.4 U15/17 Championships : In the event that between 20 and 24 teams enter, then the entries will be divided into 4 pools, of either 5 or 6. This will mean that pools of 6 will play 3 ties in one day. The top 2 from each pool will go through to the knock rounds as set out in X4.6

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 All players in Team and Individual events must:

Be under the age of 15 on the final scheduled day of the U15 Team event

Be under the age of 17 on the final scheduled day of the U17 Team event

Be under the age of 19 for both the final scheduled days of the U19 Individual or Team event.

2.2 **Under 19 Individuals only:** All ESF MNFs shall have the right to enter **4 girls** and **4 boys** in the Individual Events provided they meet the eligibility criteria defined in Rule B3 (except in the unlikely event that more than 64 Entries are received in either event, when the Event Director will reduce numbers at his discretion).

Each MNF may seek to enter no more than 2 additional players in each event. These players will be put on Reserve Lists and may be added to the draws at the discretion of the Event Director if there are less than 64 entries. If there are still less than 64 entries in either event 21 days before the Start Date then draws may be filled by players of lower strength from the host nation.

2.3 **Under 19 Individuals only:** If any player withdraws before the start of an Individual event, he may be replaced: firstly by a player of lower strength from the same country; secondly, if no such player is available, by a player from the Reserve List; and thirdly if no reserve is available, by a player from the host country – of lower strength than players previously nominated. The choice of replacement players and the placing of such players in the draw will be carried out by the Event Director at his discretion in line with Rule W5.2.

3. UNDER 19 TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – TIMETABLE - The Individual events will precede the Team event and shall last no longer than 4 days. There shall be one day rest before the Team event which shall last for longer than 4 days.

4. **SEEDING OF TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS -** The Event Director appoints Chair of the seeding panel from the Junior committee who will select 4 experienced individuals for the seeding panel. Men and women shall be represented.

4.1 **Under 19 Team Championships:** The seeding panel will seed the Teams in the presence of the CAP during the afternoon of the semi-finals of the Individual Events, based on the current form and order of the players nominated in each team. If there is no significant difference in the strength of up to 4 teams then the relative seeding of these teams will be done by lot. The Championships Director will announce the seeding and draw for the Team Event by 20:00 hours on the day of the Semi-Finals of the Individual Events.

4.2 **Under 19 Individual Championships -** The Seeding Panel will manually seed the top 12 individuals in each event, whose entries have been registered by the closing date of the championship.

The seeding panel will base their seeding on information on current form and will use different sources of information, such as:
- ESF ranking and results
- Tools such as Squash Levels / Squash Info / PSA Ranking or other sources of information that may be relevant
- Information from the countries including team orders if submitted by the deadline as per timeline in the invitation.

Seeds 1 and 2 will be identified first, thereafter players will be seeded in the following bands up to 12 in each Event: 3/4, 5/6, 7/8, 9/10 and 11/12.
The seeding of players from 13 to a maximum of 64 will be based on the ESF Junior Ranking published in the first week of March and split in bands 13/16, 17/24, 25/32 and 33/64 in each event.

The ESF Event Director and Chair of the seeding panel shall make the draw for the Individual Events using the Random Draw Method; starting per seeding band using country separation and balance the players from the same country across the draws as far as possible – optimal country separation. The seeding will be published 14 days before the start date and the draws in time for competing MNFs to receive them no later than 3 days before the Start Date.

If a player is withdrawn less than 30 days before the Start Date and is replaced in line with Rule W2.3 up to 3 days before the Start Date, then the draw will be reseeded.

In the event that a player is withdrawn less than 3 days before the Start Date and is replaced in line with Rule W2.3 no later than by 09:00 hours (am) on the day before the Start Date, the draw will be re-seeded provided the player was the 1st or 2nd seed, or provided any 2 of the top 8 seeds were withdrawn. The vacant seeds in the 1/8 band will be replaced by seeds from the 9/12 band and they in turn will be replaced by seeds from the 13/16 band etc.

In the event of any withdrawal later than 09:00 hours (am) on the day before the Start Date, the draw will stand. During this period, replacement players may be included in the draw in line with Rule W2.3 on the recommendation of the Championships Director at the discretion of the Event Director.

5. UNDER 15/17 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

5.1 The Juniors Seeding Panel will seed Teams based on the current form and order of the players nominated in each team. If there is no significant difference in the strength of up to 4 Teams, then the relative seeding of these teams will be done by lot.

5.2 The ESF Event Director shall make the draws. The host will publish draft seeding and draws in time for the competing MNFs to receive them no later than **7 days** before the Start Date. Any appeal against draft seeding must be lodged with the Championships Director no later than **5 days** before the Start Date. The Championships Director will publish final seeding and draws on the official event website **3 days** before the Start Date.

6. UNDER 19 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS - TEAM AND SQUAD ORDERS - MNFs may lodge, in writing, changes to their squad names and/or changes to their squad orders by 21.00 hours on the day before the semi-finals of the Individual events – the final submission date – justified by changes in current form. Any objections to playing order or eligibility must be lodged with the Championships Director by 12.00 hours on the day of the semi-finals of the Individual Events. The Team manager will be advised immediately if his squad is subject to objection or amendment; or if he is required to justify player eligibility or playing order to the CAP.

X - TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS - PLAYING FORMATS

The formats below are dependent on the Championships being played over a 4 day period. If there is a need to play a Championships over a 3 day period then there is the potential for playing pools of 3 teams and the format will be adjusted accordingly.

It is the expectation that all ESF Championships will be played over a minimum of 4 days. In the event of low entries and providing this does not compromise ESF regulations regarding the number of matches per day or the time interval between matches, then the ESF may authorise a 3 day event.

Following the pool stages,ties will be played with quarter finals being drawn on the basis pools C and D are drawn randomly as X and Y

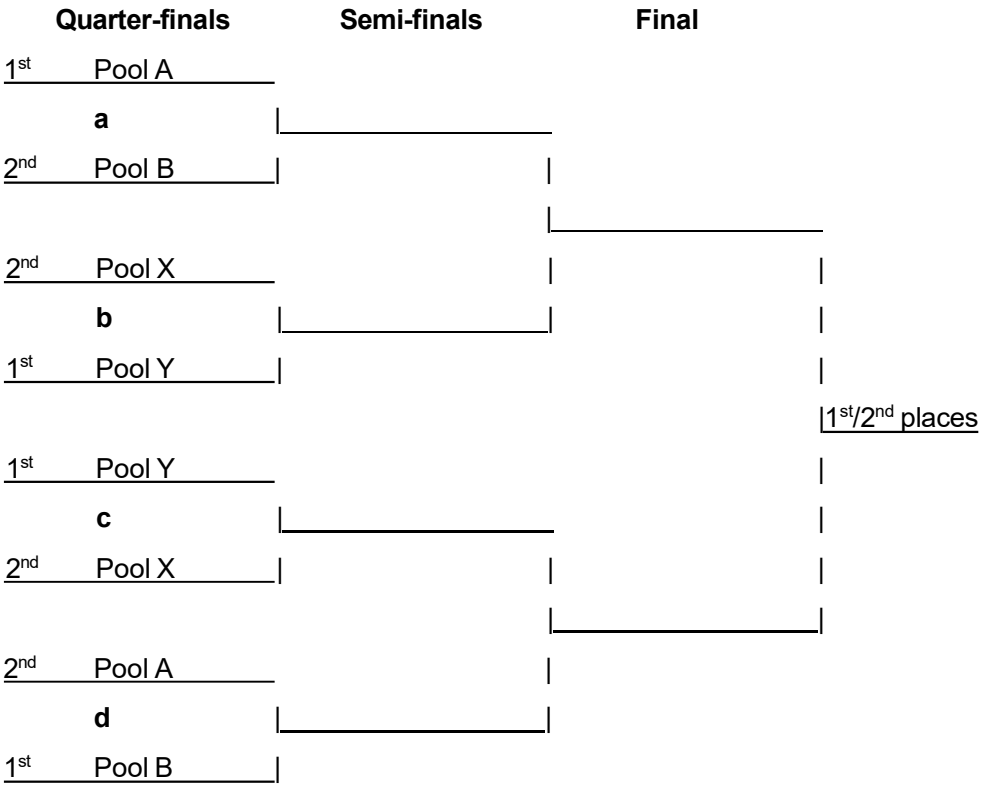
1. FORMAT FOR ETC DIVISION 1 - MEN & WOMEN: 12 TEAMS

Note- in the event of withdrawal from D1 (men and women) teams from D2 will be promoted in rank order to fill the vacant places.

Teams will play in 4 Pools according to their seeding as follows:

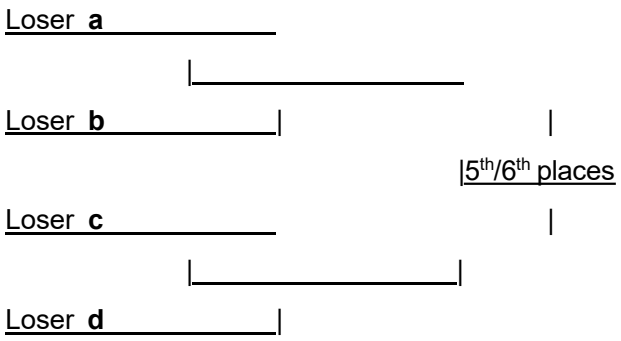
Pool A	teams seeded	1, 8, 9
Pool B	teams seeded	2, 7, 10
Pool C	teams seeded	3, 6, 11
Pool D	teams seeded	4, 5, 12

Teams play off to decide places 1 to 8 as follows:



Losing semi-finalists play off for places 3 and 4.

Losing quarter-finalists play off for places 5 to 8 as follows:



Losers play off for places 7 and 8.
Teams who finished 3rd in each pool play off for places 9-12 in a round robin format..
Teams finishing 11th and 12th will be relegated to Division 2 for the following season

2. FORMAT FOR ETC DIVISION 2 - MEN & WOMEN : 8 TEAMS

Note: If 9 teams play (Rule S1) or less than 8 teams play (Rule S1) then see Section 4 below for the appropriate playing format.

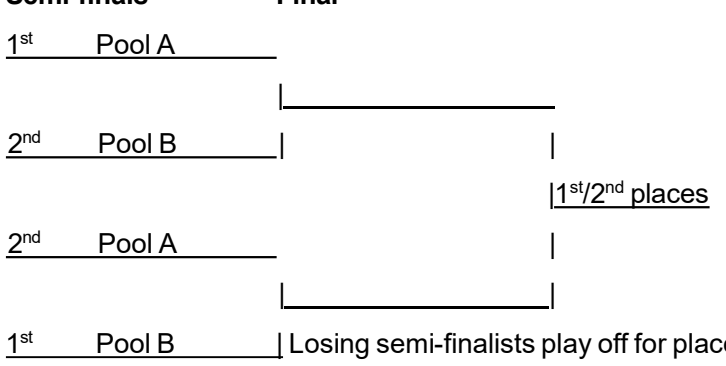
Note: in the event of withdrawal, or promotion - see above, from D2 (less than 8 teams) the top 4 teams from D3 will be invited in rank order to fill the vacant place.

Teams finishing 1st and 2nd will be promoted to Division 1
Teams finishing 7th and 8th will be relegated to Division 3.

Teams will play in 2 Pools according to their seeding as follows:

Pool A	teams seeded	1, 4, 5, 8
Pool B	teams seeded	2, 3, 6, 7

Teams play off for places 1 to 4 as follows:



The remaining teams play off for places 5 to 8 in a round robin format – carrying forward results from the pool stage.

Teams finishing in positions 7 and 8 will be relegated to Division 3 for the following season.

3. FORMAT FOR ETC DIVISION 3 – MEN & WOMEN : MAXIMUM 15 TEAMS

In all cases, teams finishing 1st and 2nd will be promoted to Division 2.
When 16 teams or more will enter, the event will automatically be split in a Division 3 of 8 teams and the rest in a new Division 4.

3.1 WHEN NO MORE THAN SEVEN TEAMS COMPETE:

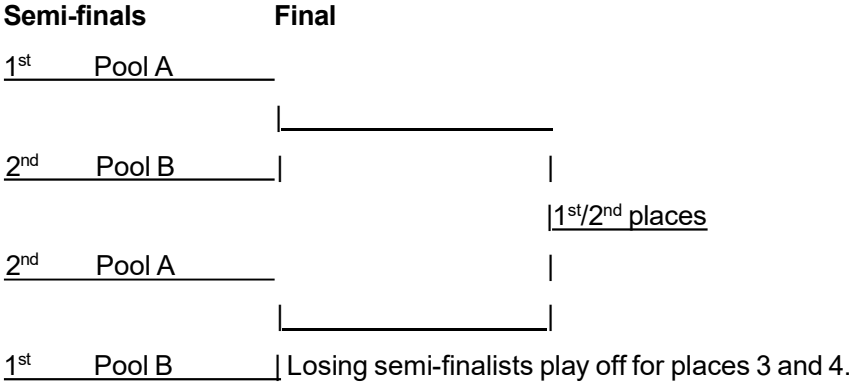
Teams will play in a single Pool on a round-robin basis to decide all places, with the top 2 seeds scheduled to play each other last.

3.2 WHEN EIGHT TO TEN TEAMS COMPETE:

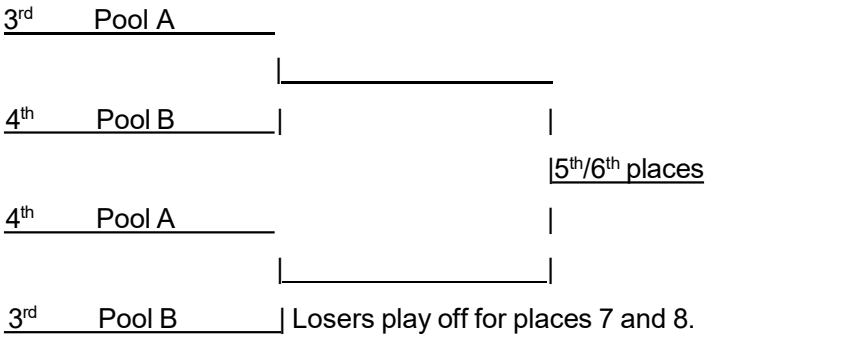
Teams will play in 2 Pools according to their seeding as follows:

Pool A	teams seeded	1, 4, 5, 8, 9
Pool B	teams seeded	2, 3, 6, 7, 10

Teams play off for places 1 to 4 as follows:



The remaining teams play off for places 5 to 8 as follows:



With 9 teams, 3rd in Pool A plays 3rd in Pool B for places 5 and 6, remaining teams play round robin for places 7 to 9.

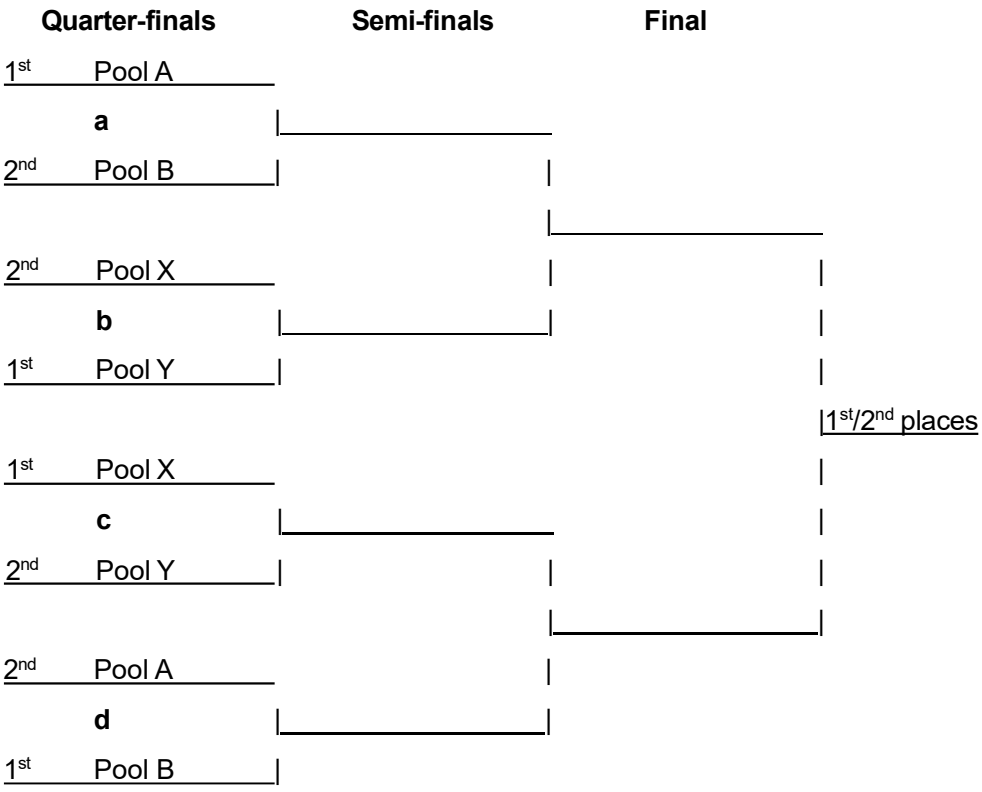
With 10 teams, 3rd and 4th in Pools and B play off for places 5 to 8 (as with 8 Teams above), remaining teams play off for places 9 and 10

3.3 WHEN ELEVEN to FIFTEEN TEAMS COMPETE:

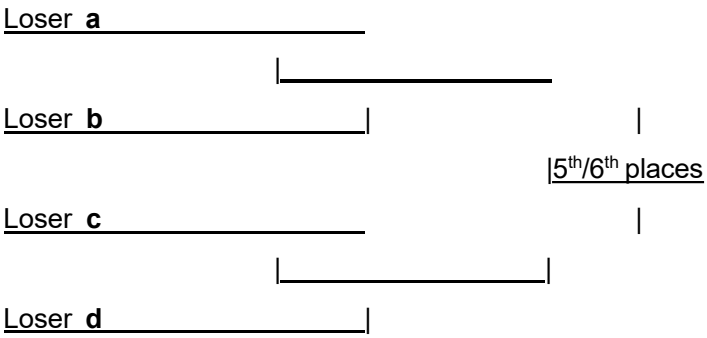
Teams will play in 4 Pools according to their seeding as follows:

Pool A	teams seeded	1, 8, 9
Pool B	teams seeded	2, 7, 10, 15
Pool C	teams seeded	3, 6, 11, 14
Pool D	teams seeded	4, 5, 12, 13

After completion of all Ties in the Pools, C and D are drawn randomly as X and Y. Then Teams play off to decide places 1 to 8 as follows:

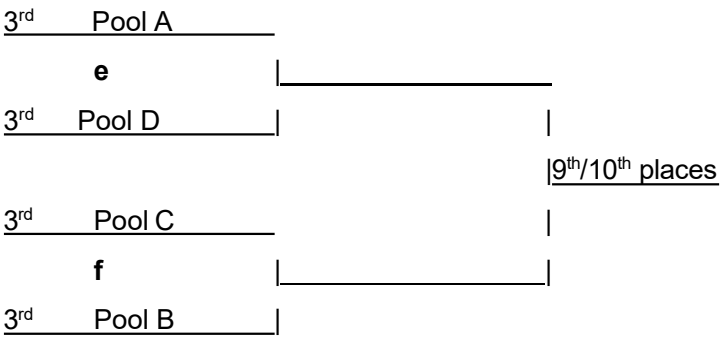


Losing semi-finalists play off for places 3 and 4.
Losing quarter-finalists play off for places 5 to 8 as follows:

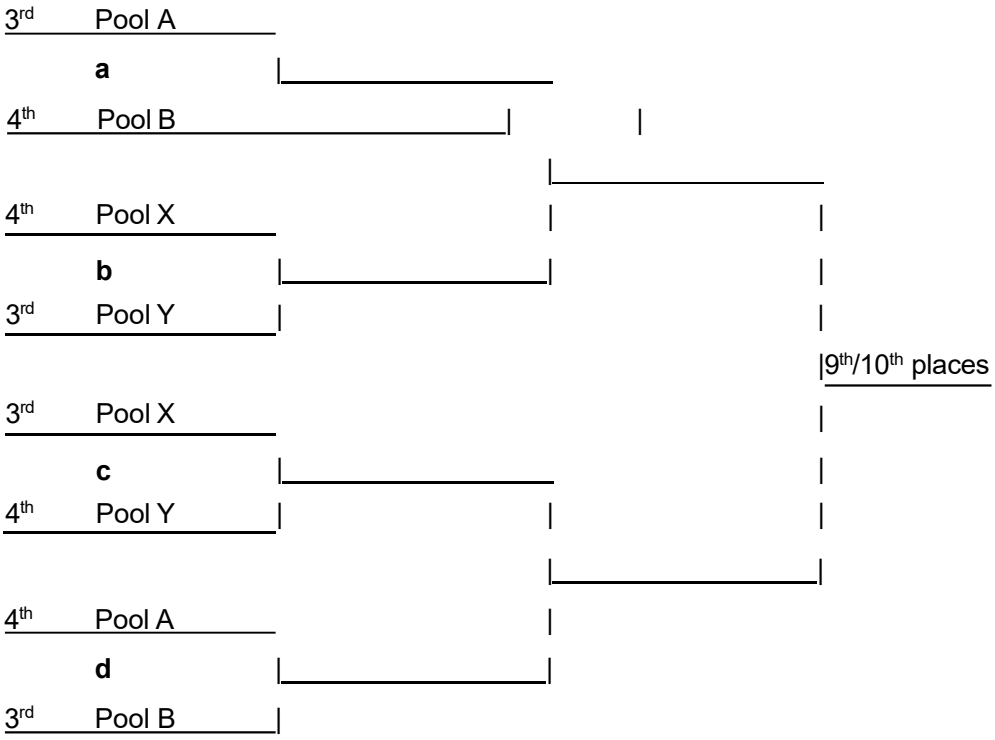


Losers play off for places 7 and 8.

With 11 Teams, remaining teams play round-robin to decide places 9 to11.
With 12 Teams, remaining teams play round-robin to decide places 9 to12.
With 13 Teams, remaining teams play off for places 9 to 13 as follows:

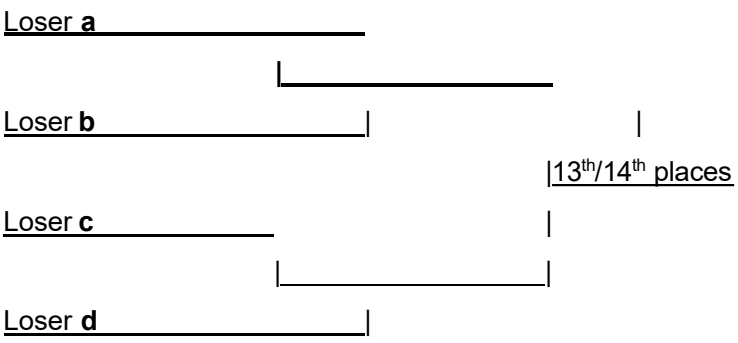


Losers **e, f** and **4th in Pool D** play round-robin for places 11 to 13.
With 14 to 16 Teams, remaining Teams play off for places 9 to 12 as follows:

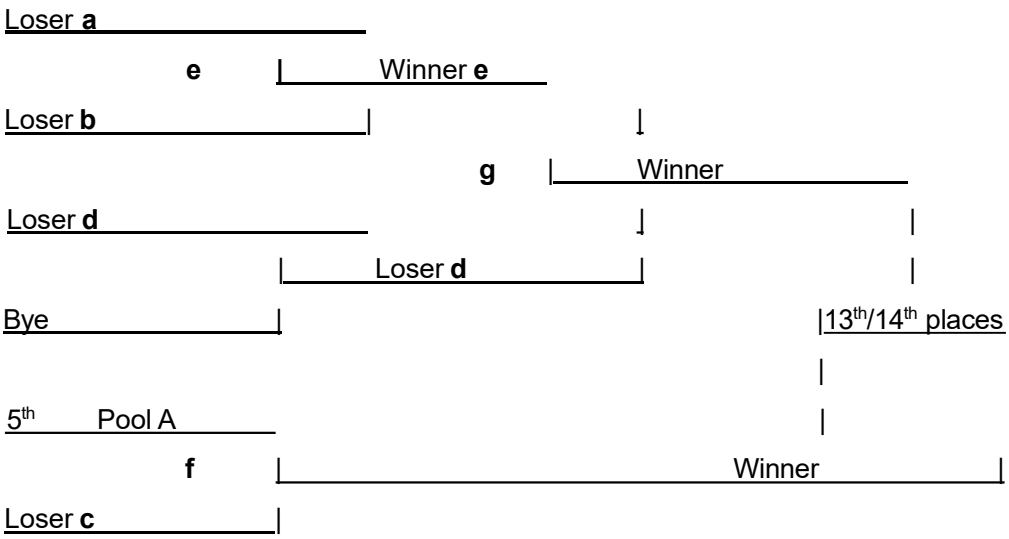


Losers play off for places 11 and 12.
Remaining teams play off for places 13 to 15 in elimination or round robin.

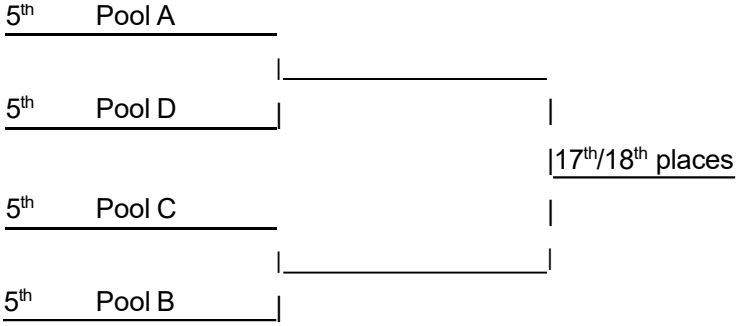
For other Team Championships remaining teams play off for places 13 to 16 as follows:



Losers play off for places 15 and 16.
With 17 Teams, remaining teams play off for places 9 to 12 as for **14 Teams.**
Losers **a**, **b**, **c**, **d** and **5th in Pool A** play off for places 13 to 17 as follows:



Losers of Ties **e** and **f** play off for places 16 and 17. Loser of Tie **g** is placed 15th.
With 18 to 20 Teams, remaining Teams play off for places 9 to 16 as for 14 Teams (above), then:
With 18 Teams, 5th in Pools A and B play off for places 17 and 18.
With 19 Teams, 5th in Pools A, B and C play round-robin for places 17 to 19
With 20 Teams, 5th in Pools A, B, C and D play off for places 17 to 20 as follows:



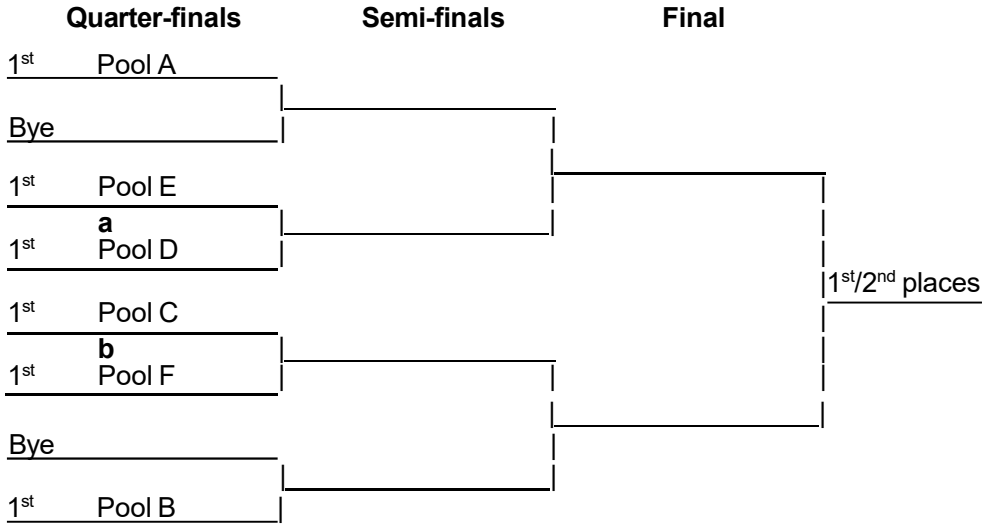
Losers play off for places 19 and 20.

3.4 WHEN TWENTY-ONE to TWENTY-FOUR TEAMS COMPETE:

Teams will play in 6 Pools according to their seeding as follows:

Pool A	teams seeded	1, 12, 13, 24
Pool B	teams seeded	2, 11, 14, 23
Pool C	teams seeded	3, 10, 15, 22
Pool D	teams seeded	4, 9, 16, 21
Pool E	teams seeded	5, 8, 17, 20
Pool F	teams seeded	6, 7, 18, 19

1st Teams in Pools play off for places 1 to 6 as follows:



Losing semi-finalists play off for places 3 and 4.

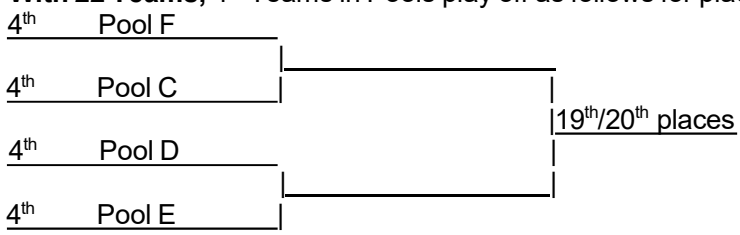
Losers **a** and **b** play off for places 5 and 6

2nd Teams in Pools play off as 1st Teams (except that A, B, C, D, E, F change places in the draw with F, E, D, C, B, A respectively) for places 7 to 12.

3rd Teams in Pools play off as 1st Teams for places 13 to 18, then

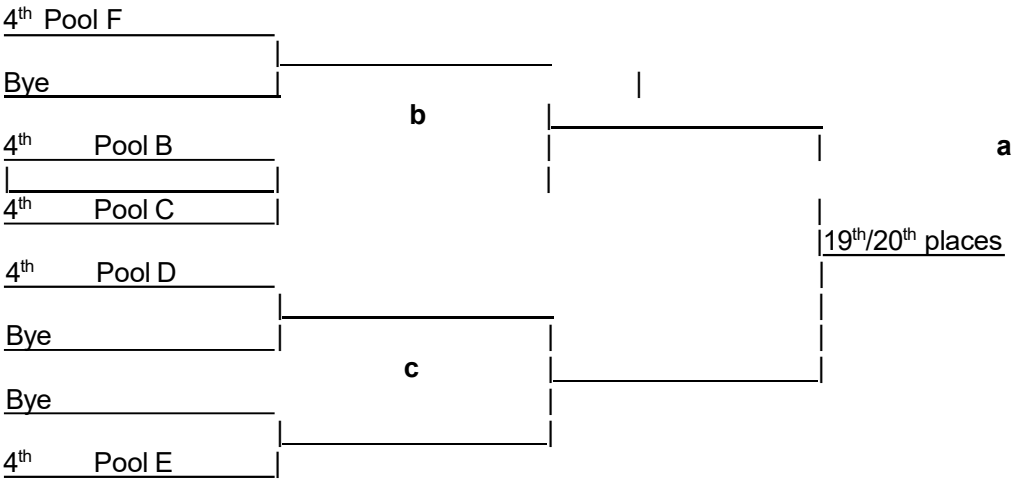
With 21 Teams, 4th Teams in Pools play round-robin for places 19 to 21.

With 22 Teams, 4th Teams in Pools play off as follows for places 19 to 22:



Losers play off for places 21 and 22

3.5 With 23 Teams, 4th Teams in Pools play off as follows for places 19 to 23:



Losers **a**, **b**, **c** play round-robin to decide places 21 to 23.

With 24 Teams, 4th Teams in Pools play off as 2nd Teams for places 19 to 24.

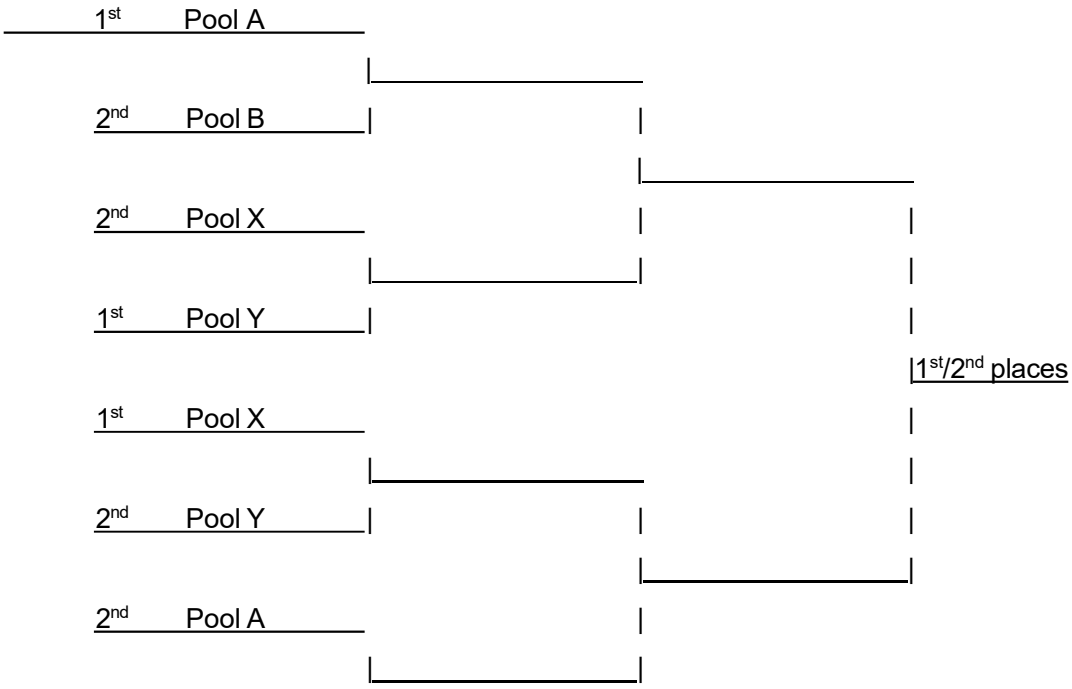
Individual Events shall comprise a maximum **64 draw** for boys and a maximum **64 draw** for girls. Every player will play at least three matches and all positions must be played out.

3.6 With 21 - 24 teams Under 15/17

Teams will play in 4 pools according to their seedings as follows.

Pool A	Teams seeded	1, 8, 9 16, 17, 24
Pool B	Teams seeded	2, 7, 10, 15, 18, 23
Pool C	Teams seeded	3, 6, 11, 14, 19, 22
Pool D	Teams seeded	4, 5, 12,13, 20, 21

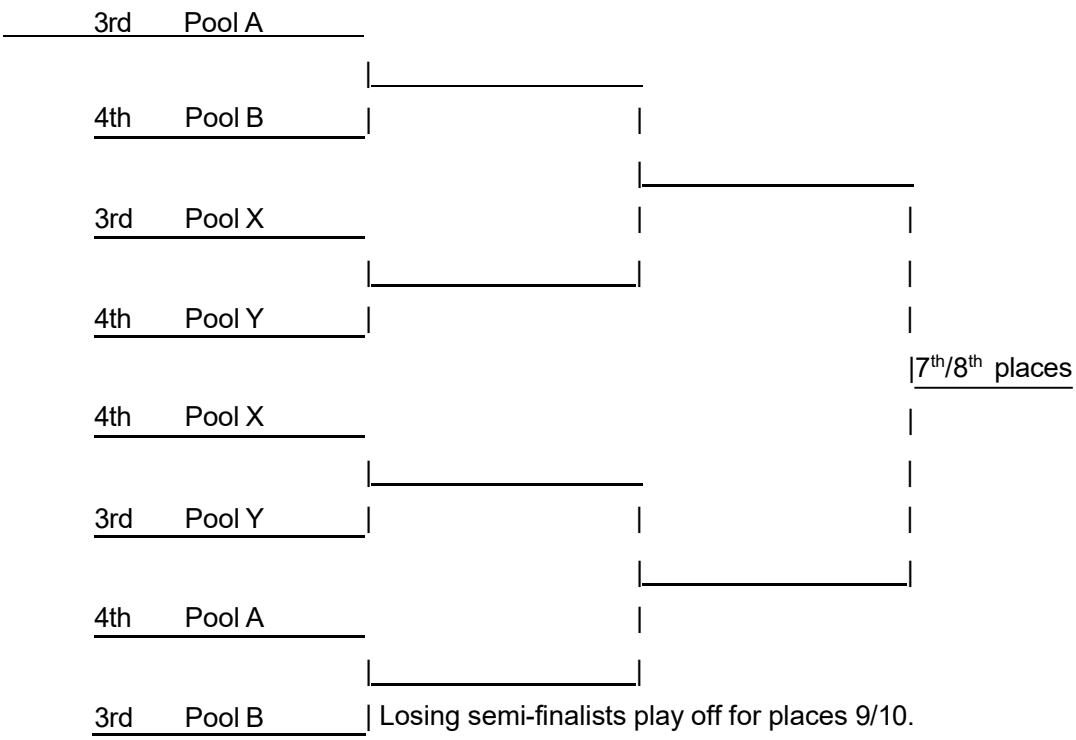
The top 2 teams from each pool will play off for 1-8 positions



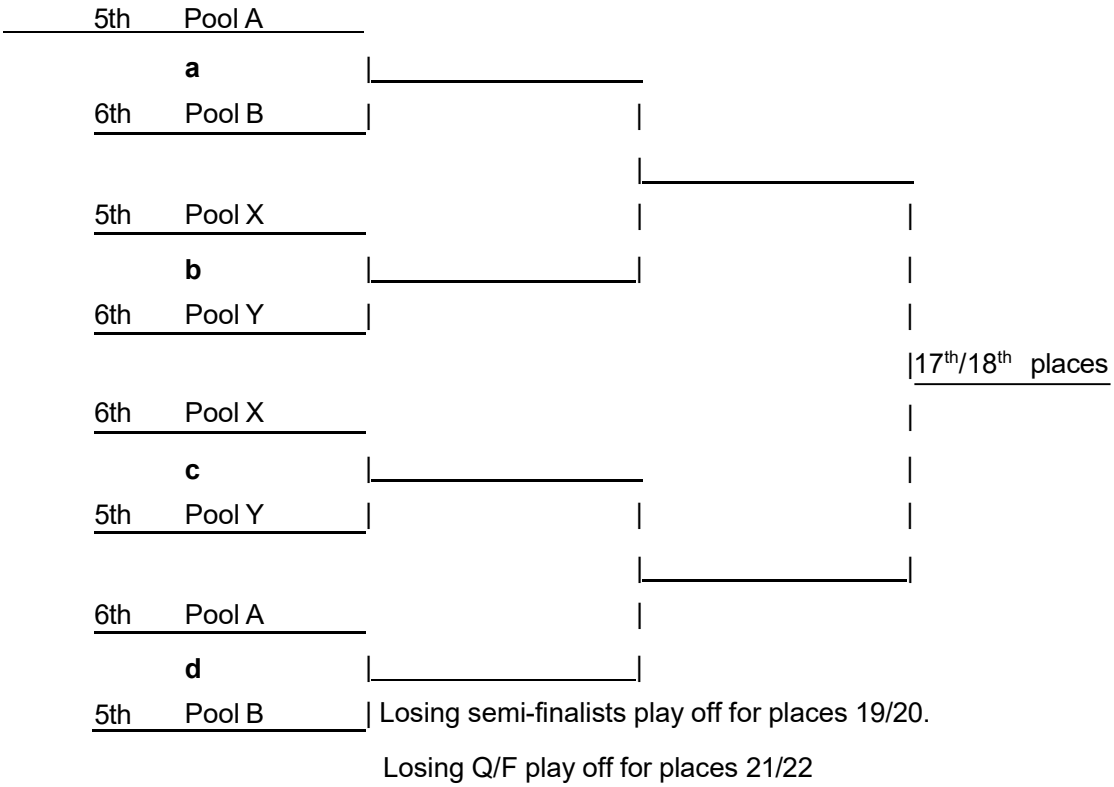
Losing semi-finalists play off for places 3 and 4.

Losing Q/F play off for 5/6

The 3/4 teams from each pool will play off for 9-16 positions



The 5/6 teams from each pool will play off for 17-24 positions



Y - LEVIES & FEES

All levies & fees are yearly updated on the European Squash Federation website.

https://europeansquash.com/fees/

Please note: the entry fee and event package must be paid together within 10 days of the closing date. This must be paid to ESF for all championships excluding EMIC and EICC where this is to be paid to the host. Package balances for all championships should be paid to the host.

PACKAGES: *The event package covers the cost of running the event, for those who wish to make their own arrangements for local transport, accommodation and food. This event package fee includes an organisational fee; welcome pack; referee services; admission to all court areas; and a final evening dinner party / function. The optional hotel package includes local transport (airport transfers and transportation between the venue and official hotel); accommodation in a twin-bedded room and all meals (see Rule F1).*

**** Note: pppn = per person per night, pp = per person***

***** Note: the Under 19 team and the Under 19 Individual are 2 separate events and the package is per event***

APPENDICES

A – Event Conditions

B – Tender Form

C – Summary of Expenditure Form

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