



**RULES for the
IKF EUROPA CUP 2019
(IKF ECup final + 1st round)**

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1 General

- 1.1 These rules are drawn up under the requirements of Article 1 of the IKF Competition Regulations. Except for Articles 4 and 5 of those regulations, which are not applicable, and any other articles specifically mentioned in article 5 below, all Articles of the IKF Competition Regulations shall be deemed to be part of these tournament rules.
- 1.2 The Europa Cup Tournament shall be held every year.
- 1.3 The dates and venues of the tournament are determined by the European Competitions Working Group (ECWG) of behalf of the Executive Committee of IKF Europe and will be communicated to the national organisations concerned before 1st June of the year preceding the tournament. The final round's matches will be played over three days, Thursday to Saturday, on the second or third weekend in January that does not include New Years Day. The ECWG reserves the right to play on Friday, Saturday and Sunday should the host country have very strong reasons for changing to those days - e.g. TV coverage, requirements from major sponsors etc.
- 1.4 Any necessary first round matches for IKF Europacup next edition shall preferably be held no later than the first weekend in October of the year preceding the tournament and shall be held over up to two to three days, (Friday), Saturday and Sunday with maximum 8 teams. The dates and venues are determined by the ECWG on behalf of the Executive Committee of IKF Europe and will be communicated to the national organisations concerned at least four months in advance. Two teams shall qualify from the first round tournament as the top-6 ranked in the previous IKF Europacup (2018) will be qualified automatically. From 2018 onwards there will be 8 teams competing at the IKF Europacup final round.
- 1.5 For the purposes of the requirements laid down in the IKF Competition Regulations and these rules, the first and final rounds shall be considered as separate tournaments.
- 1.6 The actual dates and venues for the first and final rounds each year will be stated in the appendix to these rules.
- 1.7 Teams must comply with any timing requirements for arrival, departure, games etc. demanded of them by the ECWG and mentioned in the appendix. With respect to their arrival, teams must arrive in time to declare their team to the Jury at the pre-tournament meeting. This meeting shall normally be held on the evening prior to the first match in the tournament. The IKF will announce in advance the time by which all teams must be present. (It shall not be necessary for the whole team to arrive at this time but it is essential that at least one representative is present. In the final round teams shall be free to leave after the prize-giving and closing ceremony. The earliest possible departure time shall be indicated in the schedule.
- 1.8 The requirements of the IKF with respect to the organisation of the tournament will be laid down in a contract to be signed between the IKF and the host country.
- 1.9 The maximum number of players from each team that may participate shall be 8 male and 8 female.
- 1.10 The closing date for submitting the **Long List Form** referred to in Article 6 of the Competition Regulations shall be 28 days prior to the start of the tournament.
- 1.11 For a player to be eligible to play in this tournament the player must have been a member of the entering club as follows:

Unless the match or tournament rules state otherwise, to take part in an official IKF match or match series a player must have been a bona fide, registered member of that club for a minimum period of 3 months. If a player plays for a club in a preliminary round or rounds of an official IKF match or match series, then that player is not allowed to play for another

club in the final round, nor in any other IKF club competition during the same season.

If required, Members will be required to certify that this condition has been met. Infringements of this rule may lead to sanctions being taken against the IKF Member as well as the club concerned.

- 1.12 The **Final Players' Declaration Form** referred to in Article 6 of the Competition regulations shall be returned to the IKF 10 days before the event, **including the signed document "Country Athletes Officials Consents"**. The last mentioned list will be confirmed to the Jury at the pre-tournament meeting between the Jury and Team managers. Players listed in the form **must** have been included in the **Information Form (Long List)** and any emergency changes in this list **must** also have been listed in the original **Information Form (Long List)**. The final selection shall be signed off by the club at the pre-event Team Managers' meeting with the Jury.

2 Participation

- 2.1 The champions of the national leagues/competitions of the European national organisations during the preceding season may participate in the tournament. Should a champion club decline to enter then the National Association should nominate a replacement, which should be the next highest available team.
- 2.2 No more than 8 teams can participate in the final round of the tournament 2018. For the first-round R1 also no more than 8 teams can enter for that tournament based on criteria laid down by the IKF Competition Committee and followed-up by the IKF European Competition Working Group (ECWG).
- 2.3 From 2017 onwards the IKF Europacup will be played with less teams, which means first round tournaments/matches for qualification are needed for the country-teams below ranking 6 or lower of the previous tournament based on the new format in accordance with the ECWG-guidelines agreed by the IKF Competition Committee.
- 2.4 All arrangements concerning the payment of the travelling and lodging expenses of the participating teams and their accompanying officials, together with the payment of any costs of participation, will be made by the participating clubs in accordance with Article 2.10 of the Competition Regulations of the IKF unless the Executive Committee of the IKF decides differently.

3 Entries

- 3.1 Entries of the participating teams must be submitted to the IKF secretariat by the national organisation to which the club is affiliated no later than the 31st May of the year preceding the final round of the tournament. If a national organisation is unable to name its champion club by this date then it should ascertain if the team/s likely to become champions is/are likely to want to participate and enter the team/s provisionally, confirming which team will participate within one week of its competition's winners having been determined.
- 3.2 Within one week of the closing date for entries, the ECWG will advise the national organisations concerned if their club will be required to play in first round tournaments/matches and the venues for any such first round tournament. Any first round tournaments/matches must be completed by second week of October of the year preceding the final round. The host country of the final round will be informed of the competing clubs for the finals within one week of the completion of the first round tournaments/matches.
- 3.3 Six teams shall pre-qualify for the final round, these being the top 6 ranked countries in the IKF

Europacup ranking last year. The hosts will be in a certain sequence the top 4 ranked countries, starting in 2017 with NED, 2018 nr 3 or 4 (Catalonia, Playa d'Aro), 2019 BEL, 2020 nr 3 or 4 not organizing 2018 (or any other bidder) and repeating again in 2021 with NED.

- 3.4 The ECWG will inform the organising committee of the final round the details of all participants by 16th October preceding the event.
- 3.5 Clubs which cancel their entries may be punished by the Executive Committee of the IKF in accordance with Article 2.5 of the Competition Regulations of the IKF.
- 3.6 The participating clubs must, before the start of any round of the tournament in which they participate, confirm in writing to the IKF secretariat that they have complied with Article 2.12 of the Competition Regulations concerning suitable insurance being taken out to cover the cost of any medical treatment of the members of their delegation during their stay in the places where the tournament is being held.

4 Playing-schedules

- 4.1 The playing schedules for each round of the tournament will be an appendix to these rules and will be published separately.
- 4.2 No deviation from the playing schedules may be made without the approval of the ECWG.
- 4.3 Should a club cancel its entry after the final clubs have been named, the ECWG shall have the power to permit the replacement of this club if this is desirable for the organisation of the tournament. If a replacement is not possible then article 4.2 may not fully apply and a new playing schedule will be organised.

5 Details arising from the Competition Regulations

- 5.1 Matches in the final round shall take place according to scenario A1 as mentioned in Appendix 2 of the IKF Competition Regulations unless the ECWG determines otherwise.
- 5.2 Art.21.4 – Matches shall be played with Mikasa K5 IKF balls.
- 5.3 Art.21.4 – Matches shall be played with approved artificial korfs. For all official IKF Tournaments the korfs shall be those manufactured by Korfbizz BV (identified by serial number 01-79348-NL or 02-79348-NL on the korfs).
- 5.4 Art 3.8.2 – For the first round tournament(s) the period of membership of a club that is required for a player to be eligible to participate shall be mentioned in the last published IKF Competition Regulations.
- 5.5 Matches in the first round tournament(s) shall take place according to scenario C2 in Appendix 2 of the Competition Regulations unless the ECWG determines otherwise.

6 Late starts of matches

- 6.1 Should any team not be ready to start within 5 minutes of the scheduled starting time the Jury will decide whether the match should be abandoned or re-scheduled. In accordance with Article 19 of the Competition Regulations, if a match is abandoned in such circumstances then the matter will be reported to the TDP, along with the reasons for the team's late arrival. The TDP will then decide whether the team concerned forfeits the match (in accordance with Article 19.3)



or if no disciplinary action is taken (in which case Article 19.2 shall apply).

7 Arrival and Departure of Teams

7.1 In the Appendix showing the schedule for each tournament the latest arrival time and earliest departure time shall be listed for each event. These times, which are set with the obligatory pre-tournament meeting, playing schedule and award ceremony in mind, must be adhered to by participating teams.

8 Final Provision

The jury shall have the power to deal with any matter that is not provided for under these rules.

Laid down by the Executive Committee of the IKF to take effect from 1 January 2018 updated for tournaments the years after.

APPENDICIES

Arrival and Departure of teams:

Teams must arrive in time for their supporting eligibility documents to be checked by the Jury at the pre-tournament meeting. This meeting shall be held on the day before the first match in the R1 tournament at 21 September at 5 pm. If any change in time is made then this shall be sent to the competing teams nearer the date of the tournament but cannot be earlier than the time stated here.

Teams shall be free to leave one hour after the scheduled start time for the prize-giving and closing ceremonies.

Dates: Matches R1 shall be played during the period 21 September – 23 September 2018, both dates inclusive.

Venue(s) R1: Koceali (TUR)

Venue(s) Final: Gent (BEL)



Pools + Match-schedule:

APPENDIX 2 (IKF Competition Regulations)

| Scenario | Length of each half (real playing time) | Length of half time | Length of any 'golden goal' period | Provisions for penalty shoot out | Number of time outs allowed | Maximum number of substitutes |
|----------|---|---------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 | 25 minutes | 10 minutes | 10 minutes | 8 players (repeated if necessary) | 2 per team | 8 |
| B1 | 20 minutes | 10 minutes | 10 minutes | 8 players (repeated if necessary) | 2 per team | 8 |
| B2 | 20 minutes | 5 minutes | 10 minutes | 8 players (repeated if necessary) | 2 per team | 8 |
| C1 | 17 minutes | 4 minutes | 5 minutes | Sudden death | 1 per team | 6 |
| C2 | 15 minutes | 4 minutes | 5 minutes | Sudden death | 1 per team | 6 |
| D1 | 20 minutes split in two periods of 10 minutes with 1 minute break between each period | 10 minutes | 10 minutes | 8 players (repeated if necessary) | 1 per team | 8 |
| D2 | 20 minutes split in two periods of 10 minutes with 1 minute break between each period | 5 minutes | 5 minutes | 8 players (repeated if necessary) | 1 per team | 8 |