



EFA

**European Fistball
Association**

**Regulations
EUROPEAN
CHAMPIONSHIP**

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1 Organizing Association

1.1 The following competitions are organized by the European Fistball Association (EFA):

- **EFA (YEAR) Men's European Championship (Venue Nation)**
- **EFA (YEAR) Women's European Championship (Venue Nation)**
- **EFA (YEAR) U21 Men's European Championship (Venue Nation)**
- **EFA (YEAR) U18 Men's European Championship (Venue Nation)**
- **EFA (YEAR) U18 Women's European Championship (Venue Nation)**

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

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

2 Basics

2.1 These European Championships shall be governed by:

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

2.2 The name of a competition, in addition, in German is possible:

- EFA (Jahr) Europameisterschaft Männer (Land)
- EFA (Jahr) Europameisterschaft Frauen (Land)
- EFA (Jahr) Europameisterschaft U21 Männer (Land)
- EFA (Jahr) Europameisterschaften U18 männlich/weiblich (Land)

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

3 Organization

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

3.2 The Sports Commission of the EFA (SC-EFA) is responsible for the overall technical organization of the European Championship in accordance with these regulations.

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

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

The host association shall be designated by the EFA Committee.

If no applications are given, the EFA Committee determines the organizing member federation, on rotation basis.

4 Eligibility to Compete

- 4.1 Men's and Women's national teams as well as U21 Men and U18 Men and Women national teams pertaining to European IFA member federations are invited to participate in the European Championships if the membership subscription has been paid by the member federation to IFA.

Additional member federations originating from a continent without a continental championship may be admitted by the EFA Committee. To this end, an application must be sent. **These teams, however, cannot become European champion.**

- 4.2 In deviation to the Competition Rules of the IFA (IFCR) art. 4.1.3, member federations – except Austria, Germany and Switzerland - may enter in the U18 European Championships 2 players until max. 21 years, in the Men's U21 European Championship 2 players until max. 24 years.

- 4.3 Each association may enter 10 players in total, with 5 players and 3 substitutes competing in individual matches.

- 4.4 A list of players shall be submitted to the Competition Management showing the full last name(s), every first name, birth dates and their shirt numbers before the official deadline according to the operational specifications.

5 Fixture / Schedule

- 5.1 European Championships are held according to the following schedule:

- Men's European Championship, Women's and U18 Men's and Women's European Championships every two years
- U21 Men's Championship every year

- 5.2 European Championships are hosted subject to a minimum participation of three member associations.

- 5.3 The dates of the European Championships are fixed by the EFA Committee after arrangement with the organizing member federations.

- 5.4 The fixture lists are determined by the number of participating member associations. A match schedule is drawn up by the SC-EFA.

6 Ranking

- 6.1 Ranking is based on the Competition Rules (IFCR), art. 4.3.
- 6.2 The association which won the highest number of points and/or the final competition shall be the European champion.

7 Referees / Linesmen

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

8 Delegations

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

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

9 EFA Delegates

The EFA delegates are defined in accordance with the event structure by the EFA Committee and specified in the agreement.

10 Financial Provisions

- 10.1 The host association shall bear the following costs:
- Reimbursement of the costs for a main meal for all participants
 - Costs for board and lodging for the EFA delegate(s) from the day before the event until one day after the event
 - Costs for board and lodging for the referees and linesmen from the day before the event until one day after the event as well as the travel costs (0.25 €/ km)
No referee fee shall be payable
 - an agreed number of VIP tickets for honor guests of the EFA / IFA
 - Costs for transportation from accommodation to the stadiums selected for training and matches for all participants in the competition
 - Costs for adequate and effective marketing and PR-activities as well as all measures involved in the preparation, organization and hosting of the competition

- 10.2 The participating associations shall bear the following costs:
- the travel costs to and from the accommodation
 - the costs for board and lodging
 - all expenses not provided for under art. 10, par. 1.
- 10.3 Board and lodging that has not been claimed cannot be reimbursed in cash.
- 10.4 The host fee for the corresponding European Championship is payable to the EFA by the host association no later than four weeks after the competition in question.
- Account EFA: according to the „Specifications for the Organization of EFA Competitions“ resp Organization Plan
 - Amount: according to the attachment I of the Specifications
- 10.5 Different arrangements regarding the allocation of costs may be made at any time by the host association and the organizer.

11 Awards / Awards Ceremony / Protocol Guidelines

- 11.1 14 medals will be presented to each of the three top teams in the competition, i.e. gold resp. silver resp. bronze.
- 11.2 Each team will be awarded a trophy.
- 11.3 The awards ceremony will be held by the EFA President or one of the EFA delegates.
- 11.4 Protocol guidelines for the ceremony will be issued by one of the EFA delegates.

12 Protests

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

13 Arbitration Proceedings

An arbitration tribunal shall be set up by an EFA delegate appointed by the latter.

14 Insurance Cover

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

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

15 Violations

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

16 Ratification

These regulations were ratified by the EFA Committee on 11th February 2017 and came into force on 1st March 2017.