



IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS

for competitions organised by the IFI (INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION ICESTOCKSPORT) and for national elite sport

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1 GENERAL

These regulations govern the conduct of all IFI competitions. They supplement the current **International Icestock Rules (IER)** and the **International Competition Regulations (ISpO)** with provisions not contained therein and are regularly updated on the basis of Congress resolutions.

1.1 Conditions of Participation

A national federation is entitled to take part in a World or European Championship on one occasion before being admitted to the IFI (International Federation of Icestocksport). This is subject to acceptance of the regulations applicable to member nations and the submission of an application for membership to the IFI.

Only active players holding a player's licence who belong to a club that is a member of one of the national federations affiliated to the IFI are eligible to compete.

1.2 Dates

The European Championships, with the exception of the distance competitions, and the World Championships must be held between **mid-February** and **mid-March**.

The European Championships, World Championships and the European Cup for distance competitions must be held **by 5 March at the latest**.

The date for the European Cup for men's club teams is **the last weekend in November**; for women's teams, it is **the third weekend in November**. In principle, it is also possible to hold both events jointly.

The schedule must ensure that the World Championship and European Championship competitions are completed by 8.00 pm on Saturday. The medal ceremony or flower ceremony should take place immediately after each competition.

Any organisational changes during the IFI competitions must be announced immediately by the competition director and made available to all participating national federations either by notice board or in digital form.

1.3 Venues

Winter

All competitions, with the exception of distance competitions, will be held in ice rinks on **artificial ice**. Distance competitions (excluding the European Cup) may also take place on **natural ice**. World Championships and European Championships may also be held on artificial ice rinks (speed skating tracks).

Grooved ice

The grooved ice must be prepared in accordance with the guidelines 'Efficient Artificial Ice Preparation for Ice Sports, Point 2, 2024 Edition'. For all IFI competitions, a hydraulically adjustable grooving harrow mounted on the ice resurfacing machine must be used for this purpose. Before each competition, ice preparation must be agreed between a responsible IFI technician and the ice master in charge. Where possible, the target areas for final matches (team matches, target competitions) should be coloured in accordance with the template ([see Coloured Target Areas](#)).

Summer

For IFI competitions held in the summer, including but not limited to the European Cup distance competition and the Africa, America and Asia Cups, only indoor icestock halls are permitted as venues.



Sports flooring

All IFI competitions listed under 'Summer Tracks' must be held on summer surfaces such as asphalt, hard screed, concrete paving or synthetic flooring.

1.4 Opening ceremony

The protocol for the opening ceremonies at IFI competitions includes:

- ✓ The march-in of the nations with flag-bearers and the IFI organising committee flag
- ✓ IFI ceremonial fanfare
- ✓ Welcome address to the national federations
- ✓ Speeches and supporting programme (country / local authority / sports federations / IFI)
- ✓ Hoisting of the IFI flag
- ✓ Address by the IFI President or representative
- ✓ Oath by the athletes
- ✓ Official opening by the IFI President or representative
- ✓ IFI anthem or European anthem
- ✓ March-out of the nations

1.5 Medal ceremony

The protocol for medal ceremonies at IFI competitions includes:

- ✓ Medals for all podium places to be awarded immediately after the competition on the relevant playing area (fanfares and national anthems)
- ✓ IFI ceremonial fanfare
- ✓ Welcome address to competitors and officials
- ✓ Ceremonial address and supporting programme (country / local authority / sports authorities)
- ✓ Speech by the IFI President or representative
- ✓ Medal ceremony (individual and team competitions)
- ✓ Following the final medal ceremony, the IFI organisers' flag is brought in
- ✓ Farewell to the nations
- ✓ Medals will be awarded to the top three finishers in all disciplines and divisions

1.6 Venue

The organiser of IFI competitions must provide **the** following **facilities**.

- ✓ Accommodation for competitors, separated by nation
- ✓ IFI President
- ✓ IFI officials, competition directors and referees
- ✓ Press
- ✓ Accreditation
- ✓ Medical services (facilities in accordance with the requirements of DIN 18036 for ice sports facilities)
- ✓ Sports equipment inspection
- ✓ Issuing and storage of winter running soles and stock bodies
- ✓ Data analysis (computing centre)
- ✓ Doping controls



1.7 Facilities

The organiser of IFI competitions must provide **the** following **facilities**.

- ✓ Foldable standing frames (in accordance with IER Fig. 15.1) and plug-in standing plates for cross-country tracks (in accordance with IER Fig. 15.2)
- ✓ Scoreboards at each lane
- ✓ Appropriate lighting (min. 250 lux)
- ✓ Wireless microphone with a suitable public address system
- ✓ Internet and telephone connections for the press and IFI officials

1.8 Draw

The draw for starting numbers and groups will be conducted online and streamed live.

Transparency

The allocation of starting numbers and the division of nations and athletes into groups will take place via a public, transparent online procedure. The procedure will be broadcast via live streaming, enabling all participating nations and other authorised parties to follow the proceedings in real time.

Timing and responsibility

- The draw will take place after the official registration deadline has passed.
- The competition director is responsible for ensuring the draw is conducted properly.
- The start time, login details and platform for the live stream must be communicated to the participating nations in good time.

Draw for starting numbers

- All participants will be allocated their starting numbers by a draw.
- In the individual events, starting numbers are first allocated to the participating nations by draw.
- The draw will take place live and in full view, either using a digital random number generator or using a physical draw that is clearly visible in the live stream.

Starting order of the nations

- The starting order is determined by the starting numbers drawn for the nations.
- In the following group, the nation with starting number 1 will compete after the nation with the highest starting number.
- This rotation principle is applied continuously until all groups are full.

National responsibility for internal order

- Each nation is responsible for determining
 - a) the order of its athletes, and
 - b) their allocation to the individual groups
- This decision is binding and must be finalised before the draw begins.
- No changes may be made after the draw has taken place.

Quota rules

- If a nation does not fully utilise its allocated quota in the individual competition, a binding decision must be made before the draw as to which group the registered athletes will compete in.
- If no such decision is made, the participants concerned will automatically be placed in Group 1.
- This rule will be clearly documented during the live stream.

Documentation

- The results of the draw will subsequently be recorded in writing and published.



1.9 Competition notices

The notices of competition for IFI competitions must be issued **no later than 12 weeks** before the date of the event. They are drafted by the Vice-Presidents for Sport in conjunction with the IFI President and sent to all national federations. The notices of competition and all key timetables can be accessed on the IFI website at <https://www.icestock.sport/en/>.

1.10 Results

Results lists for all IFI competitions must be provided to the individual national federations in electronic form.

This applies to all divisions and disciplines (first round, second round, finals or knockout stages).

1.11 Referees

For IFI competitions, the referees' organisation of the national federation selected by the Vice-President for Sport proposes suitable referees. The Vice-President for Sport makes the final selection from these nominees.

Where possible, the organising national federation should not be considered for the appointment of a referee.

1.12 Advertising

This rule applies to all IFI competitions, with the exception of the European Cup for club teams.

Playing uniform

- Advertising on tops is permitted:
Front: national emblem and name on the left, up to 3 main sponsors on the right.
- Back, upper arms and one trouser leg: a maximum of 2 sponsors on each.
- Headwear: a maximum of 1 sponsor.
- The total advertising area must not exceed 625 cm² (A4 size).
- The national emblem must not exceed **80 cm²** and must be clearly separated from the advertising area.
- The player's name or the name of the nation must also appear on the back (letter height max. 10 cm).
- Advertising is permitted only on shirts, shorts, jumpers, anoraks and headwear.
- Participation in the competition is not permitted in the event of a breach of these regulations.
- Advertising on race numbers must not exceed the permitted area and size limits.

Playing area and final matches

For the final matches, advertising boards provided by the IFI are to be used as boundary markers behind the respective playing areas.

stock body

Advertising is permitted on the stock body, but only on the side opposite the official seal. Advertising for nicotine or alcohol, and offensive or vulgar wording, are prohibited. Painted designs or PVC labels are permitted.

Failure to comply with advertising regulations

In the event of breaches of the above advertising regulations, the player or team concerned will not be permitted to compete. Eligibility to compete may only be reinstated once the advertising in question has been fully brought into line with the rules or removed.



1.13 Substitutes

Addendum to IER Rule 407

The use of a substitute player is permitted at any time during an end in progress in all final matches, provided the referee has been notified. Practice attempts are not permitted after the substitution has taken place. The player is permitted to carry one stock body, one running sole and one handle at a time. A maximum of one substitution is permitted per match (six ends).

Note: This rule applies only to the finals of the World Championships, European Championships, the European Cup and the Champions League.

1.14 Early termination

In all final matches, a team that is behind on points may request that the referee end the match early without incurring any penalties.

1.15 Noise

The organiser must ensure that spectators at all IFI events do not use loud devices, in particular pneumatic fanfares or horns.

1.16 Illness

Team competition

If two players are confirmed to be ill by the IFI doctor, a sixth player may be fielded. A late nomination is permitted up to one hour before the start of the competition.

Target competition

In the target competition (individual and team), a substitute player may be nominated no later than one hour before the start of the competition.

Distance competition

In the distance competition, a substitute player may also be nominated no later than one hour before the start of the competition.

1.17 Number of ends

This rule stipulates the number of ends that must be played in official Icestock competitions. It is important to ensure that the number of ends is always even.

Formats

Standard format: (6 ends)

The standard format is compulsory for all official national competitions.

Short format: (4 ends)

The short format is permitted exclusively for:

youth competitions, recreational events, exhibition competitions, and competitions with a high number of games or limited time resources.

Long format: (8, 10 or 12 ends)

The long format is permitted exclusively for competitions and title matches at the highest sporting level.

The selection must be finalised before the start of the competition. No changes are permitted once the competition has begun. Any deviation from the agreed selection constitutes a breach of the competition guidelines.



1.18 Time limit

Team event

The competition must not be delayed, disrupted or impeded.

The smooth running of the competition is of paramount importance. The competition must not be delayed, disrupted or hindered at any time. Compliance with the specified formats and time limits is therefore mandatory to ensure the orderly conduct of the competitions. Any delays or disruptions may affect the entire tournament schedule and must therefore be strictly avoided.

A target time of **25 to 30 minutes** is set for each team game. Responsibility for adhering to these guidelines lies with all participants and the coaching team.

Breaches of these guidelines will be treated as rule violations and penalised.

Target competitions

In the various formats of the target competition, there are warm-up periods or practice attempts before the competition begins. Depending on the specific competition format, participants are allowed a set warm-up period or a specific number of practice attempts. This phase serves to familiarise participants with the lane conditions and to prepare them optimally for the upcoming competition.

The warm-up periods and practice attempts are clearly defined and may only be used before the official start of the competition. They form an integral part of the competition structure and help to ensure fair conditions for all participants. Training attempts on the competition lanes are expressly prohibited before the start of the competition in order to maintain a level playing field.

Warm-up sessions:

Individual target competition – Classic final: 8 minutes' warm-up time

Individual target competition – Compact: 8 minutes' warm-up time

Practice attempts:

Team Target Competition: 6 practice attempts in ≤ 4 minutes

Mixed Target Competition: 6 practice attempts in ≤ 4 minutes

Head-to-Head: 8 practice attempts each, alternating with the opponent

Time limit for scoring rounds

Individual target competition – Classic: 18 minutes' scoring time

Individual target competition – Compact: 12 minutes' scoring time

Team Target Competition: 9-minute time limit

Mixed target competition: 9-minute time limit

1.19 tie-break

Should a final match or the final matches end in a draw, a 'TIE-BREAK' (final decision) will be played. The four players from each team who were fielded in the previous final match will compete in this tie-break. The starting order of the participants (players 1 to 4) is determined by the teams concerned and recorded by the competition director on the 'TIE-BREAK for Final Matches' scorecard. Each of the four players from a team must take one turn. The team that had the first throw in the first end of the last final match is awarded the right to throw first.



The order of play is as follows:

Team A, Player 1; Team B, Player 1;

Team A, Player 2; Team B, Player 2; and so on.

The two teams take turns to make one attempt each at the central target rings, with the jack always positioned on the centre cross. Any attempt that is skipped or forgotten is deemed invalid and scores 0 points. The referee determines the score for each individual player and removes the playing stock from the target area once the scores have been recorded. The scores of the four team members are added together. The team with the highest total score wins the tie-break.

If the score is tied after the four attempts, play continues in a 1-on-1 duel. In this case, the previously determined order no longer needs to be followed; however, a player from one team may not take two attempts in succession for their team. As soon as one team scores more points in the 1-on-1 duels, that team has won the tie-break. The winner of the tie-break is awarded one stock point in the final standings of the final match.

Only equipment available in the playing area may be used. Changing the handle, stock body or running sole before the start of the tie-break is not permitted.

Scorecard for the TIE-BREAK in final matches

Wertungsblatt für den Eisstocksport							
TIE-BREAK für FINALSPIELE							
Wettbewerb: _____							
Datum: _____				Ort: _____			
Nation		Nation		Nation		Nation	
Spieler-Nr.	Spieler-Name	Spieler-Nr.	Spieler-Name	Spieler-Nr.	Spieler-Name	Spieler-Nr.	Spieler-Name
1		1		1		1	
2		2		2		2	
3		3		3		3	
4		4		4		4	
Wertung							
Versuch	Spieler-Nr.	Ergebnis	Summe	Versuch	Spieler-Nr.	Ergebnis	Summe
1	1			1	1		
2	2			2	2		
3	3			3	3		
4	4			4	4		
5				5			
6				6			
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2 ELITE SPORT

Elite sport in icestock refers to the highest level of performance and competition in this sport, in which athletes compete under the strict regulations of national and international federations.

Elite icestock is a highly regulated, professional competition format focused on technical perfection, compliance with the rules and fairness. Adherence to strict **rules regarding conduct, clothing and equipment** is a prerequisite for participation in all IFI competitions and serves to uphold the equality, integrity and credibility of the sport.

The **national** classification of elite sport is governed by decisions taken within the national federations.

2.1 Conduct requirements

Athletes must treat opponents, referees and officials fairly and respectfully at all times. Unsporting behaviour, verbal aggression and any inappropriate discussions with officials are prohibited and will be penalised.

As role models for young and grassroots athletes, elite athletes have a particular duty to uphold integrity and safeguard the reputation of the sport.

Athletes are required to be punctual, have a thorough knowledge of the rules, and demonstrate a consistent commitment to performance and professionalism.

The WADA anti-doping regulations apply to all athletes. The use of prohibited substances or methods is prohibited.

2.2 Ban on alcohol

In the field of elite sport, there is an absolute zero-tolerance policy towards the consumption of alcoholic beverages.

The consumption of alcoholic drinks on the **competition venue** is prohibited for participating athletes both before and during the competition. Random checks may be carried out at any of these times.

Any breach of this rule or refusal by athletes to undergo a test will result in automatic **disqualification**.

In the event of a breach, support staff and officials are prohibited from continuing to participate in or manage the competition on the day in question.

2.3 Prohibition on intoxicating substances

The use of illegal substances or performance-enhancing drugs is prohibited.

Violations will result in **disqualification** and further suspensions in accordance with the regulations of the respective federations.

2.4 Smoking regulations

Smoking is permitted only in designated areas. These areas must not be situated within sight of the playing area.

It is the organiser's responsibility to ensure that the venue regulations are observed. This rule expressly applies to e-cigarettes as well as to the use of snus and snuff.



2.5 Dress code

In elite sport, uniform, functional and regulation-compliant team kit is mandatory. All team members must compete in identical kit (**jersey, shorts, jacket**). The kit must bear the club or regional crest as well as permitted **sponsor logos** in accordance with association guidelines.

Due to the specific climatic conditions in icestock, such as cold temperatures or draughts in indoor and outdoor venues, players are permitted to choose their own clothing in terms of sleeve length and trouser style. This means that both short- and long-sleeved tops, as well as shorts or long trousers, may be worn. The decision regarding the length of sleeves and trousers may be made not only on the basis of personal preference but, in particular, for health reasons.

This is permitted provided that the clothing is in a single, uniform colour. For example, black or the respective club colour may be used as permissible options. This ensures that, despite individual adjustments to weather conditions, the teams maintain a uniform appearance.

In cases of doubt, the referee shall decide on the admissibility of individual items of clothing, taking into account health, safety and uniformity.

If, in the referee's view, the kits of two teams are not sufficiently distinguishable in terms of colour, the competition director shall decide which team must change its kit. A clear colour contrast between the teams' tops is mandatory.

In international elite sport, names or club logos on the back are compulsory. In all other respects, **IER Rule 321** applies.

The wearing of smooth or unsuitable shoe soles is prohibited. Approved sports shoes with non-slip soles must be worn. Sports shoes must be worn during the closing award ceremonies.

2.6 Equipment requirements

All sports equipment used in competition must be IFI-approved and comply with the relevant testing regulations.

The stock body, handle and running sole must fall within the tolerances specified in IER Section 3. The height of summer running soles must be ≥ 21.0 mm.

In IFI competitions, **four stock bodies from the same manufacturer and of identical design** (the same model and colour) must be used. **Should a team be unable to meet these requirements, it may submit an application to the IFI to borrow the stock bodies supplied by the manufacturers.**

The competition director and the authorised equipment inspectors are responsible for checking that the equipment complies with the regulations.

Breaches may result in the following sanctions:

Disqualification from the SGT (subject to review where applicable)

Point deduction,

Disqualification,

Suspension of the athlete for that day of competition,

Exclusion from the squad.

In the event of serious breaches, disciplinary proceedings may be initiated by the relevant national federation.

2.7 Binding nature

The provisions of this section are binding for all IFI competitions as well as all national competitions classified as elite sport.

Athletes, support staff and officials are obliged to comply fully with all regulations.

Violations will be penalised according to the nature and severity of the misconduct.



3 BAN ON RUNNING SOLES

3.1 Winter running soles

Addendum to **IER Rule 309**

In men's team matches, the WLS IFI No. 22 'yellow green' sole is not permitted.

3.2 Summer running soles

Addendum to **IER Rule 308**

The use of the SLS IFI No. 16 'blue lilac' is not permitted in the women's team competition within the Champions League.

Addendum to **IER Rule 308**

The use of SLS IFI Nos. 9, 10 and 11 in the colours (white + red + green) is not permitted in men's team matches.

Note: This rule applies only to the finals of the World Championships, European Championships, the European Cup and the Champions League.



4 SPORTS EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

The equipment inspection (final check) is the responsibility of the IFI Technical Committee. Members are appointed in good time to the inspection committee, which consists of the Vice-President for Sport, the Head of the Inspection Office and other knowledgeable members.

⚠ Note: The equipment submitted for inspection at all IFI competitions must already have been inspected by an A-grade referee from the respective national federation. An inspection **report** (except for distance competitions) must be submitted at the final inspection or upon registration. The running soles must be presented in a clean and dry condition, arranged in the order of the serial numbers on the inspection report. In international and top-level national competitions, a 10-year age limit generally applies to handles and running soles (see the annual list of sports equipment). Competition directors and referees shall inspect the sports equipment before and during the competition.

Any necessary disciplinary measures shall be taken in accordance with the IER, ISpO and VGO of the IFI.

4.1 Team events

At **World and European Championships**, players are permitted to use their own winter running soles in team events across all classes. In this case, a maximum of 20 winter running soles per team may be submitted for equipment inspection; these must be cleaned and appropriately marked. The IFI will provide winter running soles if required, but any such requests must be made at the time of registration. In addition, all players may present up to two handles each for inspection.

For the winter running soles used, ranging from IFI No. 26.1 (light blue) up to and including IFI No. 25.3 (broom yellow), a phase-out period of 4 years applies; i.e. winter running soles bearing the current and previous JKB are valid.

This rule applies to all divisions at the World Championships and European Championships.

4.2 Target competitions

In the **target competitions at the European and World Championships**, competitors may use their own stock bodies and winter running soles. These must be presented to the inspection committee. For all participants in the target competitions, 2 poles and 8 WLS will be inspected and approved for the competition. If necessary, stock bodies and winter running soles will be provided by the IFI.

For winter running soles of types IFI No. 26.1 (light blue) up to and including IFI No. 25.3 (broom yellow), a phase-out period of four years applies; that is, winter running soles bearing the current and previous JKB are valid.

This rule applies to all divisions at the World Championships and European Championships.

4.3 Distance competitions

In distance competitions, a maximum of 3 handles per player may be submitted for equipment inspection. These are then checked on site on a random basis and subsequently registered in full. A sticker authorising their use in the competitions will be affixed by the inspection referee. If a handle does not meet the inspection criteria, it will be confiscated. A maximum of one additional handle per competitor may be submitted at a later date.

4.4 European Cup

In the **Men's and Women's European Team Championships**, players may use their own equipment. A maximum of 20 winter running soles, 6 stock bodies and 10 handles per team may be registered.



4.5 U16 and U19 European Youth Championships

At the **U16 and U19 European Youth Championships on summer surfaces**, competitors may use their own sports equipment. A maximum of 40 summer running soles, 6 stock bodies and 10 handles per team may be registered (a separate IFI inspection report must be used).

For all participants in the final competitions, 2 handles and 8 summer running soles will be inspected and approved for the competition.

4.6 Champions League

In the **European Icestock Champions League on summer surfaces**, participants may use their own sports equipment. A maximum of 40 summer running soles, 6 stock bodies and 10 handles per team may be registered (a separate IFI inspection report must be used).

4.7 Rejected sports equipment (SGT)

If any pieces of sports equipment are rejected during the final inspection, a maximum of

- 2 running soles per team and 2 running soles per individual player may be submitted at a later date.

In addition, a maximum of

- 2 handles per team and 1 handle per individual player may be replaced.

If a stock body fails to meet the testing requirements, the player must use a stock body provided by the IFI.



5 EQUIPMENT PROVISION

At **World and European** Championships, stock bodies and winter running soles are provided by the IFI.

Training

During the official training sessions published in the competition notice, the IFI will provide stock bodies and winter running soles (WLS) for the nations, provided these were requested accordingly at the time of registration.

5.1 stock bodies

Team competition

In team matches, only the stock bodies provided by the IFI's manufacturers may be used (with the exception of Cup competitions); on each rink, only stock bodies of the same make, model and design may be used. The stock bodies are allocated to the individual rinks by draw and remain on those rinks. In final rounds, a team's stock bodies are retained on one rink for all matches.

For youth and junior categories as well as for women's and men's categories, stock bodies with a weight of approx. **3,700 g (IFI Type L)** are provided.

Target competition

In the target competition, players may use their own stock bodies.

However, if required, the stock bodies provided by the IFI's manufacturers may also be used.

The target poles, including the running soles, are provided by the IFI.

Distance competition and speed competition

For the U16 and women's divisions, the organiser shall provide a Type E school stock, and for all other divisions, a Type P stock body.

The organiser must also keep one spare stock body of each type on standby.

5.2 Winter running soles

Upon request, the IFI will provide up to 12 WLS per team, subject to the sports equipment inspection [sections 4.1](#) and [4.2](#). Players may add their own running soles, so that a maximum of 20 can be used. Requests for winter running soles must be made to the IFI as part of the registration process.

This rule applies to all divisions at the World Championships and European Championships.

Distance competition and speed competition

The season-appropriate running soles (WLS / SLS) are provided by the IFI.

5.3 Collection and return

The collection and return of the sports bag containing the requested WLS must be confirmed in writing on a handover and return log.

The requested winter running soles must be returned clean and in perfect condition. They must not be **permanently labelled** or **marked in any way**. Should any damage have occurred, this must be reported upon return. If winter running soles are not returned, it must be assumed that they have been altered in breach of the rules. In this case, a decision may be taken in accordance with **IER Rule 805(a)**.

⚠ Note: If a piece of sports equipment is used that has not been provided, or that has not been marked and inspected by the relevant inspection committee, 2 match points will be deducted from the team concerned.



6 COMPETITIONS – WINTER

6.1 World Championships

World Championships in team events, target competitions and distance competitions

World Championships are held every four years in the women's, men's and U23 junior categories. The competitions for all classes are held jointly.

The following **disciplines** are contested at the **World Championships**:

Team event

- for women, men and juniors (U23)

Target competition

- in the individual, team and mixed team events for women, men and U23 juniors

Distance competition

- in the individual competition, team classification and mixed team events for women, men and U23 juniors

6.2 European Championships

European Championships in team events, target competitions and distance competitions

The European Championships take place every two years between the World Championships. They are held in the U16, U19 and U23 age groups, provided that at least four nations take part. Women, men, youth and U23 juniors (except for distance competitions) compete together. A single European Championship for all categories is possible, provided that the playing fields and schedule allow it. The European Championships for distance competitions are held jointly for all categories.

The following **disciplines** are contested at the **European Championships**:

Team competition

- for women and men, as well as youth (U16, U19) and juniors (U23)

Target competition

- in individual, team and mixed team events for women and men, as well as for the U16, U19 and U23 youth categories

Distance competition

- in individual and team events, as well as mixed team events for women, men and U23 juniors

6.3 European Cup

The **European Cup for women and men** is held annually as a team competition for club teams.

The following **disciplines** are contested in **the European Cup**:

Team competition

- for women and men



7 ELIGIBILITY – WINTER

In the youth categories U16, U19 and U23, **mixed teams** are **permitted** in team events at World and European Championships.

Each national federation is entitled to enter the following competitions on winter surfaces:

7.1 World Championships

Team event: 1 team in the U23 age group
1 mixed team (men and women)

Target competition: 4 individual competitors in the U23 age groups (men and women)
up to 3 individual competitors in the women's and men's categories

Note: Eligibility to compete in the men's and women's individual events is determined as follows, based on the results of the team classification from the previous World Championships:

Rank 1 - 8	3 competitors
Ranks 9 - 20	2 competitors
All other nations	1 competitor

Team time trial: 1 team each in the U23 age group for men and women
1 mixed team
*U23 female players **are not permitted** to take part in the men's U23 team target competition*
1 mixed team in the U23 age group (2 male juniors and 2 female juniors)
1 mixed team comprising men and women (2 women and 2 men)

distance competition: 4 players per nation in the women's, men's and U23 age groups
1 mixed team per nation at a World Championship (1 woman and 1 man)

Note: If the field is divided into Group A and Group B, the number of starters will be adjusted.



7.2 European Championships

Team event: 1 team each in the U16, U19 and U23 age groups
1 team each for women and men

Target competition: 4 individual competitors from the U16, U19 and U23 age groups, both male and female

Up to 3 individual competitors in the women's and men's categories

Note: Eligibility to compete in the men's and women's individual events is determined as follows, based on the results of the team classification from the previous European Championships:

Rank 1–8	3 competitors
Ranks 9–20	2 competitors
All other nations	1 competitor

Team target competition:

1 team each from the U16, U19 and U23 age groups (male and female)

1 team each for the women's and men's categories

U23 female players are not permitted to take part in the men's U23 team target competition

1 mixed U23 junior team (2 male juniors and 2 female juniors)

1 mixed team comprising women and men (2 women and 2 men)

distance competition: 4 players per nation in the women's, men's, U16, U19 and U23 categories
2 mixed pairs per nation at a European Championship (1 woman and 1 man)

7.3 European Cup

Team event: Up to 4 teams per national federation

Note: For the Men's and Women's European Cups for club teams, the organiser is allocated one additional starting place for each competition, which is awarded to the host club or federation. Should the number of teams exceed 28 in the men's competition or 24 in the women's competition, the number of teams per nation will be reduced to 3.

If there are 29 or 25 teams respectively, the organiser's additional starting place is not allocated. Above these numbers, the organiser retains an additional starting place, but the number of starters per nation is reduced to 3.



8 TOURNAMENT FORMAT

For the **World and European Championships**, the following competition format applies to the disciplines listed below:

8.1 Team event

Women's and Men's – Group allocation

At the World and European Championships, two groups are formed when there are 12 or more teams. If there are an even number of teams, they are divided equally; if there is an odd number, Group A has one more team. Each team plays a single round-robin against all the other teams in its group. The top four teams from Group A progress to the finals ([Page play-offs](#)). The winner of Group B is crowned 'B World Champion' or 'B European Champion' and is promoted to Group A for the next World or European Championships. Group allocation is based on the final standings from the previous World or European Championships.

Single round-robin – Scoring

The competition comprises a single round-robin. Teams must play at least three matches in order to remain in the competition. Early elimination results in all matches being excluded from the standings. Scoring is carried out in accordance with **IER Rule 405**

If ice time is available, a second round will be played in Group B (at the discretion of the WBL).

Page play-off system

The finals of the women's and men's competitions will be contested using the so-called Page play-off system. The four highest-ranked teams qualify for this system, with two matches each comprising 2 x 6 ends. In the first stage, the third- and fourth-placed teams face each other in the elimination match, whilst the first- and second-placed teams contest Qualifying Match 1. The losing team from the elimination match is the first to be eliminated from the play-offs and finishes fourth in the final standings.

The winner of the elimination match then plays the loser of Qualifying Match 1 in the second qualifying match to determine who progresses to the final. The winner of Qualifying Match 1 is already confirmed as the first finalist. The losing team from the second qualifying match is ranked third in the final standings, whilst the winner goes on to compete against the direct finalist in the final for the championship title.

In the event of a tie after the second match (identical number of stock points), a [tie-break](#) will be played (attempts at the central target rings in accordance with IER Figure 20.2). The four players from each team take turns to make one attempt each at the marked target rings. The total number of points scored by all team members determines the winner. Should the tie persist, the tie-break continues, with one freely chosen team member from each side taking turns until a decision is reached.

The right to choose the first throw and the side of the playing area in the final matches and in extra time lies with the team that was better placed in the preliminary round (lower starting number).

Youth and Juniors

In the team competitions for the U16 and U19 youth categories and the U23 juniors, the following applies: If up to five nations (i.e. five teams) take part, a double round-robin or a first and second round will be held. The finals are then contested using the Page play-off system – in all categories as a single match on the cross lanes.

If six or more nations are taking part, the second round is omitted.



Page play-off system

The finals of the youth and junior competitions are contested using the so-called **Page play-off** system. The four highest-placed teams from the double round-robin – or the first and second legs – qualify for this system, with each match consisting of a single game of 1 x 6 ends. In the first round, the third- and fourth-placed teams face each other in the elimination match, whilst the first- and second-placed teams contest Qualifying Match 1. The losing team from the elimination match is the first to be eliminated from the play-offs and finishes fourth in the final standings.

The winner of the elimination match then plays the loser of Qualifying Match 1 in the second qualifying match to determine who progresses to the final. The winner of Qualifying Match 1 is already confirmed as the first finalist. The losing team from the second qualifying match is ranked third in the final standings, whilst the winner goes on to compete against the direct finalist in the final for the championship title.

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The right to choose the first throw and the side of the playing area in the final matches and in extra time lies with the team that was better placed in the preliminary round (lower starting number).

Coaching Zone

In international team competitions played under the Page play-off system, each team has a coaching zone behind the running-in threshold and the kick-off markers, which is at least two metres from the playing field. One coach and one substitute may be present in this zone. The team captain may call one one-minute coaching time-out before an attempt in each of the home and away matches.

8.2 Target competition Individual

Format – Classic Target Competition variant

All categories complete four rounds, each comprising **six attempts** per player, on the same lane. Each participant is allowed **8 minutes** on this lane for practice attempts, which do not count towards the score. In the preliminary round (double round), up to twelve participants compete simultaneously on twelve lanes. The second round (also a preliminary round) starts at the same time. Both rounds have a maximum duration of **18 minutes** each. Any attempts **made after this time has elapsed will not be counted**.

Format – Compact Target Competition variant

All classes complete four rounds, with **four attempts** per player in each round, on the same lane. Each person is allowed **8 minutes** on this lane for practice attempts, which do not count towards the score. In the preliminary round (double round), up to twelve participants compete simultaneously on twelve lanes. The second round (also a preliminary round) starts at the same time. Both rounds have a maximum duration of **12 minutes** each. Any attempts **made after this time has elapsed will not be counted**.

Youth and Juniors

The 12 best participants from the preliminary round proceed to the final, which takes place in two simultaneous heats, each lasting 18 minutes. Once the time has elapsed, no further attempts will be counted. Starting numbers are determined by the preliminary round placings. The final ranking is based on the combined results of the preliminary round and the final.

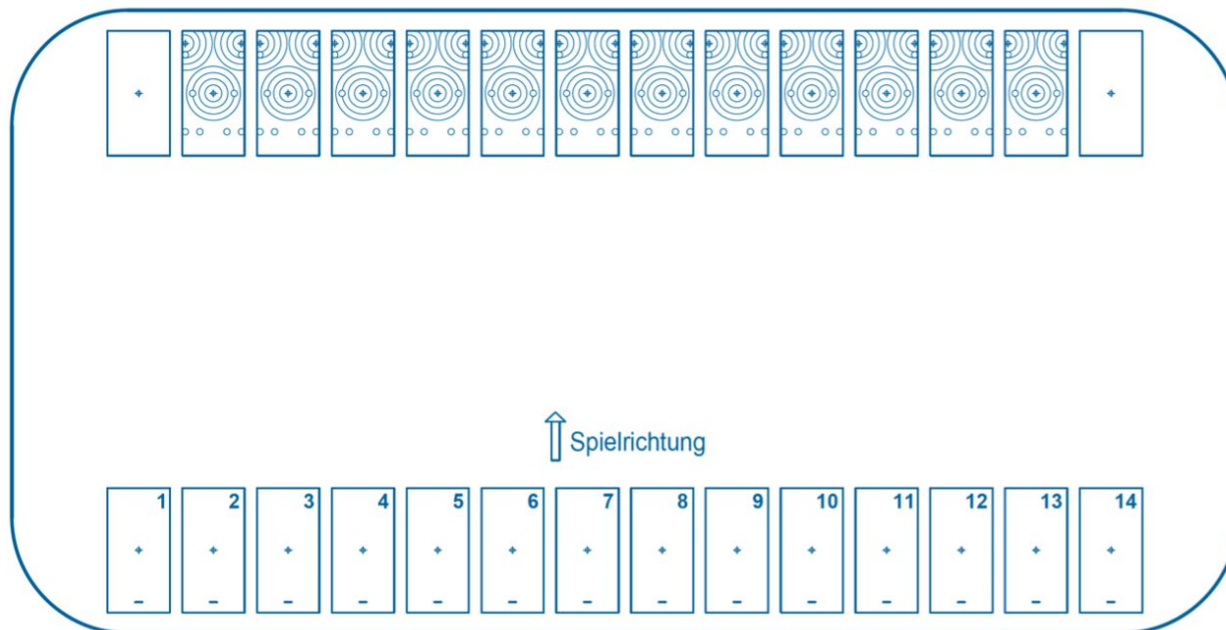


Women and Men

In the final, the 16 highest-placed competitors from the preliminary round compete in a head-to-head format. The starting numbers correspond to the rankings from the preliminary round. The overall result is made up of both rounds. The lane allocation for the final is as shown in the overview below.

In the final rounds, the following competitors, identified by their starting numbers, compete:

5/12	4/13		8/9		1/16	7/10		2/15		6/11	3/14	1/8 -Finale Head to Head
11	9	7	5	3	1	2	4	6	8	10	12	Team Zielwettbewerb



Person returning the stocks

Throughout the competition, each participant may choose one person to return the stock bodies. However, this person must not be the next player in the competition; a breach of this rule will result in disqualification.



8.3 Target competition Team

Format - Team and Mixed Team

In the team competition, four players from each nation take part. In the mixed team competition, two female and two male players from each nation compete. The participants compete one after the other on a lane according to their respective starting numbers.

6 practice attempts are available for each round; these are not counted towards the final score under any circumstances. Each player then completes two runs on the same lane; each run has a maximum duration of **9 minutes**. Attempts **made after this time has elapsed will not be counted**.

A maximum of twelve lanes may be used at any one time. Groups are allocated according to the results of the most recent European or World Championships; the most successful nation is assigned the lowest starting number, whilst new participating nations are allocated by draw.

During the competition, each participant is permitted to designate one person to return the stock bodies. However, the person returning the stocks must not be the next player in the current competition. Any breach of this rule will result in the participant in question being excluded from the competition (**disqualification**).

Determining the Mixed Team

The points scored in the women's and men's Mixed Team Target classifications, as well as in the junior women's and junior men's classifications of both current competitions, are combined to determine the ranking for the Mixed Team Target (places 1–12). In the event of a tie, the fourth round is used first to break the tie, followed by the third, and so on.

Team Mixed Competition Format

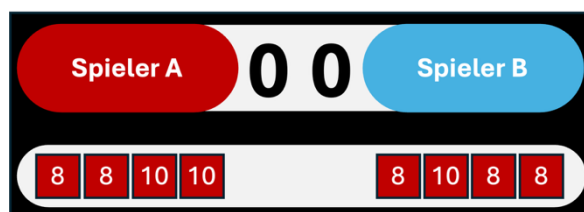
The 12 teams will compete in a double round-robin to decide the title; here too, in the event of a tie, the previous round will be used to determine the result. The starting order must be submitted in writing to the WBL by 18:00 at the latest on the day before the competition. Only registered players from the current squad may be nominated.

8.4 Target Competition Head-to-Head

The head-to-head target competition is held exclusively in the **knockout stages of a World Championship** (round of 16, quarterfinals, semi-finals and final).

On-site requirements:

- On each of the 8 competition lanes, there must be a way to display the players' names.
- On each of the 8 competition lanes, two boards of different colours (e.g. red and blue) are required to record the total points for the events won (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10) and to show the points currently scored in each event (see example).



Qualification for the Final

The 16 highest-ranked players from the preliminary round are eligible to take part in the competition as part of the World Championships.

Warm-up

Before the competition, players may warm up on a marked practice lane. Afterwards, both players take turns to make **8 attempts** each on the competition lane.



Draw

In the round of 16, the player ranked 1st plays the player ranked 16th, the player ranked 2nd plays the player ranked 15th, and so on. This automatically determines the rest of the tournament draw. The player with the better preliminary round ranking (lower starting number) decides the order in which the attempts are taken.

Game mode

In each of the four rounds (central target, stock body, rear target, combined), two round points (RPP) can be scored. For example, if Player A scores 40 points in the central target attempts and Player B scores 38 points, Player A receives two round points. In the event of a tie, both participants receive one point each. The match is won as soon as one player reaches **seven round points**. If, after four rounds, neither player has achieved the required seven round points, play restarts from the first round until seven round points have been reached.

Should there still be a draw after the maximum number of rounds – for example, a score of 7:7 – the total number of points scored across all rounds will determine the winner and loser. In the event of a further tie, a **tie-break** will take place: the players will then take turns attempting to hit the central target rings until a winner is decided.

The players take turns competing on the same lane.

The person with the lower starting number may decide whether they or their opponent will start each round.

Furthermore, as described below, the number of attempts in each round will be reduced from six to four.

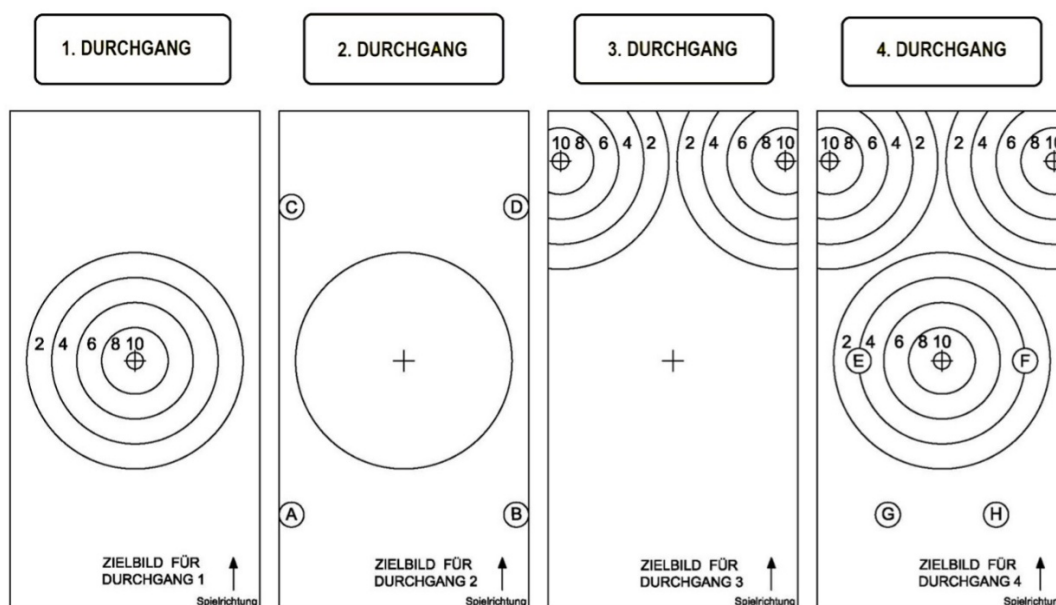
1st round: 4 attempts each at the central target rings

2nd round: 1 attempt each at A / B / C / D

3rd round: 2 attempts each at the respective rear target rings

4th round: 1 attempt each at G / H / E / F

Diagram showing the rounds in head-to-head mode





Example 1: Decision after four rounds

If a player achieves the required 7 round points over the four rounds, the total score is irrelevant. In the example shown, the game is decided in favour of Player A.

Round	Player A	DZP A	Player B	DZP B
Central target rings	40 points	2	38 points	0
stock body	35 points	2	30 points	0
Rear target rings	40 points	2	36 points	0
Combined	20 points	2	18 points	0
Total points for the round		8		0

Example 2: In the first round, A and B share the points. A wins the next three rounds and takes the match 7–1.

Round	Player A	DZP A	Player B	DZP B
Central target rings	38 points	1	38 points	1
stock body	40 points	2	35 points	0
Rear target rings	40 points	2	36 points	0
Combined	20 points	2	18 points	0
Total points for the round		7		1

Example 3: In the event of a tie after a maximum of 7 rounds, the total points scored will decide the outcome. If both players have won the same number of rounds, the overall score counts – for example, if Player B scores 220 total points, they win the match and receive a further 2 round points. If the total points are also tied, a [tie-break](#) follows with alternating attempts at the central target rings until a winner is decided.

Round	Player A	DZP A	Player B	DZP B
Central target rings	40 points	2	38 points	0
stock body	40 points	2	35 points	0
Rear target rings	30 points	0	36 points	2
Combined	20 points	2	18 points	0
Average	38 points	0	40 points	2
stock body	30 points	0	35 points	2
Rear target rings	18 points	1	18 points	1
Total points for the round:		7		7
Total points	216 points	0	220 points	2
Total points for the round after taking the overall points into account		7		9



8.5 Distance Competition

Held as individual and team events at the World and European Championships.

The preliminary rounds for the U16, U19 and U23 categories take place consecutively and each consists of five heats. The six best competitors from these heats qualify for the final round. These results are also used for the team classification at World or European Championships. Once the preliminary rounds are complete, the final rounds are held in the same order.

This is followed by the competitions in the women's and men's categories. If nine or more nations take part, two groups (A and B) are formed, based on the results of the most recent World or European Championships.

Group A:

This group features three seeded nations (ranked 1st–3rd in the last championship), two nations that have qualified directly, and two individual players (who have qualified directly) who are not members of the qualifying nations' teams – a total of 22 players. The players who have qualified directly come from the B World Championship held in the same year.

Group B:

All other nations are guaranteed at least one starting place. The two teams relegated from the previous A World Championships may enter a team of four competitors. In addition, the nations of the two best individual players from the last A World Championships are each entitled to field a full team at the B World Championships. The next two highest-ranked individual players who do not belong to a team secure the right for their nation to enter three competitors.

In Group B, the 'B World Champion' and 'B European Champion' are determined in both the team and individual competitions. The top two nations are promoted directly to the next A World Championship. In addition, the two best individual players whose nations are not promoted qualify for the A World Championship/European Championship. Group B plays three rounds.

Group A, comprising five nations and two individual players (22 players in total), competes for the title and for qualification for the final, in which twelve participants take part. The team standings and qualification for the final are determined over three rounds. In the final, after three rounds, those ranked 9th to 12th are eliminated, whilst those ranked 1st to 8th compete for the title over two further rounds.

If there is no division into Group A and Group B, the team competition takes place over five rounds. From this competition, the top twelve advance to the final, which is held according to the same format as the Group A European Championships/World Championships.

Allocation of starting numbers

Start numbers are allocated such that the highest-placed competitor from the preliminary round receives the final attempt in the first round. The distances achieved in the preliminary round are not carried over to the final round. Should it not be possible to hold the final round, the results from the preliminary round will also be used for the individual classification. This rule applies to all competition categories.

Weather or technical problems

Any cancellation or postponement of the European Championships due to weather conditions or technical problems on the artificial ice rink must be announced no later than 72 hours before the start of the competition. If the participants have already travelled to the venue, alternative sports venues or other surfaces may be used. The next scheduled date for the competition must be adhered to in all cases, both for the European Championships and the World Championships. In both cases, the decision rests solely with the competition director.

Stepping over

Touching or stepping over the front boundary line renders the attempt invalid. If the attempt is valid (white flag), the player may leave the playing area sideways or backwards.



Mixed

Each nation may enter one mixed team (one female and one male player) for the World Championships. The best distances from the preliminary rounds (women's and men's) are added together for each team to give the overall result. The teams are ranked in descending order by total distance. The best team from each nation qualifies for the final. A maximum of eight teams take part in the final.

If fewer than eight nations are represented by teams in the European Championships standings, the remaining places from the above-mentioned list will be filled by the respective second-placed teams, ensuring that a total of eight mixed teams compete. To participate in World or European Championships, each nation that has entered one or two mixed teams (each consisting of one woman and one man) must announce the names of their registered players for the mixed team event before the start of the respective qualifying competitions for Men's Group A, Men's Group B and Women's (and, where applicable, Series A and Series B). The distance results achieved by these players in these qualifiers serve as the basis for drawing up the team rankings. Up to 30 minutes before the start of the mixed distance competition, nations may change the composition of the players in the qualified teams – however, this will no longer affect the previously drawn-up rankings for the pairings.

⚠ Note: For nations with only players from Group B, a compensation coefficient will be determined, calculated using the distances achieved by the Series B medallists who subsequently played in Group A.

Example:

In Group B, Player 1 achieves a distance of 120m and Player 2 achieves a distance of 118m – total: 238m.

In Group A, Player 1 (from Group B) achieves a distance of 100 m and Player 2 (from Group B) achieves a distance of 98 m – total: 198 m.

This results in a compensation coefficient of **0.832** ($198 \text{ m} : 238 \text{ m} = 0.832$).

This gives a compensation coefficient of 0.832 for the distances from Group B. The distances from Group B are multiplied by 0.832.

However, for all players who have competed in both groups, only the distance from Group A counts.

The final is contested in a knockout format. In the first round, the team with the lower ranking from the preliminary round begins. Both team members (one woman and one man) take their attempts. The second team then takes its two attempts. In the second round, the team with the lower total distance from the previous round starts. The winner of the match is the team that achieves the better total distance in either of the two rounds.

The pairings are determined based on the placings in the above-mentioned ranking list.

Match 1: 4th place vs. 5th place

Match 2: 3rd place vs. 6th place

Match 3: 2nd place vs. 7th place

Match 4: 1st vs. 8th

The winners of matches 1–4 will be re-ranked according to their best distances. This will determine the semi-final pairings:

Semi-final 1: 2nd place vs. 3rd place

Semi-final 2: 1st vs. 4th

The semi-final losers will share 3rd place (bronze). The winners will compete for gold and silver. Eliminated teams will be ranked 5th to 8th depending on their final distance.

Throwing position

A throwing stand in accordance with IER Fig. 14 is used as the throwing area.

8.6 European Cup

Rules governing the organisation of men's and women's team events for club championships

If there are at least 13 teams taking part, two groups (A and B) shall be formed. Prior to the group draw,



each participating nation is required to submit the names of its teams in writing. For a nation with five teams, three teams shall be assigned to Group A and the remaining two to Group B. For nations with four teams, two teams shall be assigned to Group A and the other two to Group B. For nations with three teams, the following applies: for the first nation selected by lot, one team is allocated to Group A and the second team to Group B; for the next nation with three teams, two teams are initially allocated to Group A and the third team to Group B. Allocations for nations with two or one team are made in the same way.

The draw for the match numbers then takes place. Teams from the same nation play their first match against each other (or as per the fixture list in the case of three teams).

Match Day – Preliminary Round

In Groups A and B, all teams play matches against each other. The top eight teams from each group qualify for the final round. A single ranking list based on the results from both groups is drawn up for the draw to determine the fixtures in the knockout stage. Starting numbers are allocated according to the final standings: starting number 1 goes to the group winner with the better result, starting number 2 to the other group winner, followed by the respective runners-up according to their results, and so on. To determine the 'better result' in the event of a tie in both groups, **IER Rule 455** applies. Should a team not be ranked in the preliminary round, all remaining teams in the group in question will be awarded an additional match point for the purpose of determining starting numbers in the intermediate round.

Match Day – Final Rounds

The final rounds are played as [a knockout competition](#). The teams ranked 1st to 8th are seeded. There are then two draw pots: Pot 1 contains the teams that finished 9th to 12th in the preliminary round, and Pot 2 contains those ranked 13th to 16th. The draw for the first knockout round is conducted as follows: The teams ranked 1st to 4th will, in turn, draw an opponent from Pot 2; the teams ranked 5th to 8th will draw their opponents from Pot 1. Each round of the final stages is decided over two legs. If the score is level after the round of 16 or quarterfinals (equal match points), the stock points will be counted. If the score is still level, the better group stage position (starting number) will decide the result. In the semi-finals and final, in the event of a tie, stock points will also be compared first; if the score is still level, a [tie-break](#) will be played.

First throw

In all final matches, the team with the lower draw number chooses which end to play first; this is reversed for the second match. Teams eliminated in the round of 16 and quarterfinals are ranked according to their draw number from the group stage.

IFI Trophy

Teams outside the top 16 compete in a separate tournament for the IFI Trophy, starting from 17th place in a single round-robin format.



9 COMPETITIONS - SUMMER

9.1 European Championships

The European Youth Championships in the U16 and U19 categories are held annually. The competition for the U16 and U19 age groups takes place on **summer surfaces**. **Mixed teams are permitted.**

The following **disciplines** are contested:

Team event

- for the U16 and U19 age groups

Target competition

- in individual, team and mixed team events (if at least five nations enter in each age group, a mixed pairs competition will be held).

9.2 European Cup

The Men's and Women's European Cup in the distance competition on **summer surfaces** is held annually.

The following **disciplines** are contested:

Distance competition

- in the individual competition, team competition and mixed team competition for women and men

9.3 America, Africa and Asia Cups

These competitions take place every two years. The format of the competition is determined by the President of the IFI in consultation with the Vice-President for Sport and is based on the number of participating national federations or clubs.

9.4 Champions League

The Men's and Women's Champions League team competitions take place annually on **summer surfaces**.

The following **disciplines** are contested:

Team events

- for women and men



10 ELIGIBILITY – SUMMER

In the U16 and U19 junior categories, **mixed teams** are **permitted** at European Team Championships.

Each national federation is entitled to enter the following competitions on **summer surfaces**:

10.1 European Championships

in the team and individual events for the U16 and U19 age groups

Team events: one team per nation in each of the U16 and U19 age groups

Note: Only 5 players may be fielded in the team event.

Target competition: Six individual competitors per nation in the U16 and U19 age groups

Note: The larger nations (GER / AUT / ITA) must field at least 2 female competitors. For smaller nations, selection teams are also permitted. If at least 4 nations enter in each age group, a mixed pairs competition will be held. The finals in the target competition will feature the top 7 competitors.

Team target competition: 1 team in the U16 and U19 age groups
1 mixed team from the U16 and U19 age groups (2 boys and 2 girls)

10.2 European Cup

in the men's and women's distance competition

distance competition: 6 players per nation in the singles competition
A maximum of 2 teams per nation in the mixed team competition

10.3 Champions League

in the men's and women's team event

Team competition: see the relevant [competition format](#)



11 TOURNAMENT FORMAT

11.1 Distance competition

European Cup for women and men in the individual and team events on summer surfaces

Format

The finalists will be determined in a preliminary round comprising three rounds. Furthermore, the results of this preliminary round will be used to determine the European Cup winner in the team competition. The eight best players from the preliminary round will qualify for the final. The final will be contested using a knockout system, with each participant making two attempts, and the best of the two being counted. The pairings for the final will be determined by the rankings from the preliminary round. In each pairing, the player with the lower ranking from the preliminary round will go first. The second player will then take their turn. In the second round, the player whose attempt was shorter in the first round will go first.

- Match 1: 4th place vs. 5th place
Match 2: 3rd place vs. 6th place
Match 3: 2nd place vs. 7th place
Match 4: 1st place vs. 8th place

After matches 1 to 4, a new ranking of the winners will be drawn up based on the best distances achieved in each match. This ranking will determine the semi-final pairings:

- Semi-final 1: 2nd place plays 3rd place,
Semi-final 2: 1st place plays 4th place.

The losers of both semi-finals will share third place (bronze) in the final standings. The winners will compete in the final for first and second place; the winner will be crowned European Cup champion. The eliminated players will be ranked 5th to 8th according to the distances they achieved in the final.

For the individual classification, the rules on the allocation of starting numbers set out in [section 8.5](#) also apply.

European Cup Mixed

Each nation is entitled to enter up to two teams for the European Cup Mixed. The teams consist of one female player and one male player each and must be registered by name. A ranking list of all registered mixed pairs is drawn up based on the preliminary round results of the women's and men's competitions. The highest-ranked team from each nation qualifies directly for the final. A maximum of eight teams may take part in the final. Should the number of participants be fewer than eight, the remaining places will be filled by the second-best mixed teams according to their ranking.

To register for the European Mixed Cup, each nation that has entered one or two teams (each consisting of one woman and one man) must announce the names of the intended mixed pairs before the start of the women's and men's qualifying rounds. The distance results of these participants from the qualifiers will form the basis for the team rankings. Changes to the composition of qualified teams are permitted up to 30 minutes before the start of the mixed competition and will not affect the previously established rankings.

The final will be contested using a knockout system. In the first round, the team that was lower ranked in the preliminary round will start, with both the female and male players each taking one throw. This will be followed by the two throws from the second team. In the second round, the team with the lower total distance will start. The team that achieves the better total distance in either of the two rounds wins the match.



The pairings are based on the rankings:

Match 1: 4th place vs. 5th place

Match 2: 3rd place vs. 6th place

Match 3: 2nd vs. 7th

Match 4: 1st vs. 8th

The winners of matches 1 to 4 will be re-ranked according to their best distance achieved in each match. The semi-final pairings will be determined on the basis of this order:

Semi-final 1: 2nd place vs. 3rd place

Semi-final 2: 1st place vs. 4th place.

The losing teams from the two semi-finals will jointly take 3rd place (bronze) in the final standings.

The two winning teams will compete for 1st and 2nd place (gold and silver).

The eliminated teams are ranked 5th to 8th according to the distances they achieved in the final.

11.2 Champions League

Format

A **separate competition format** is determined annually for both the Women's and Men's Champions League. All participating teams must strictly adhere to the current International Icestock Rules (IER) and the International Competition Regulations (ISpO) in conjunction with the respective format. For the Champions League, the competition format takes precedence over the respective international competition notices.



12 SPEED COMPETITION

The speed competition is an individual competition in which players aim to achieve the fastest time for a stock body to cover a measured distance of 40 metres.

A team competition takes place if at least four nations are participating, each with at least three players.

A launching device as shown in Fig. 14 of the IER is used as the launch point.

The IFI provides the timing equipment and the staff to operate it.

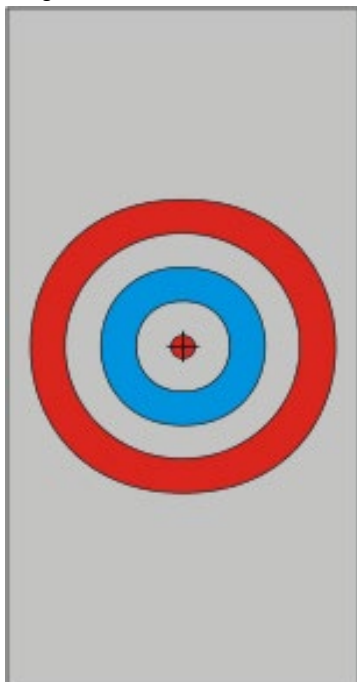
Speed Competition, Individual and Team Classifications – World Championships, European Championships

The competition is conducted in accordance with IER Rules **651–691**.

13 EQUIPMENT

13.1 Coloured target areas

Target area for the final rounds



Coloured target areas at the European Championships in Garmisch

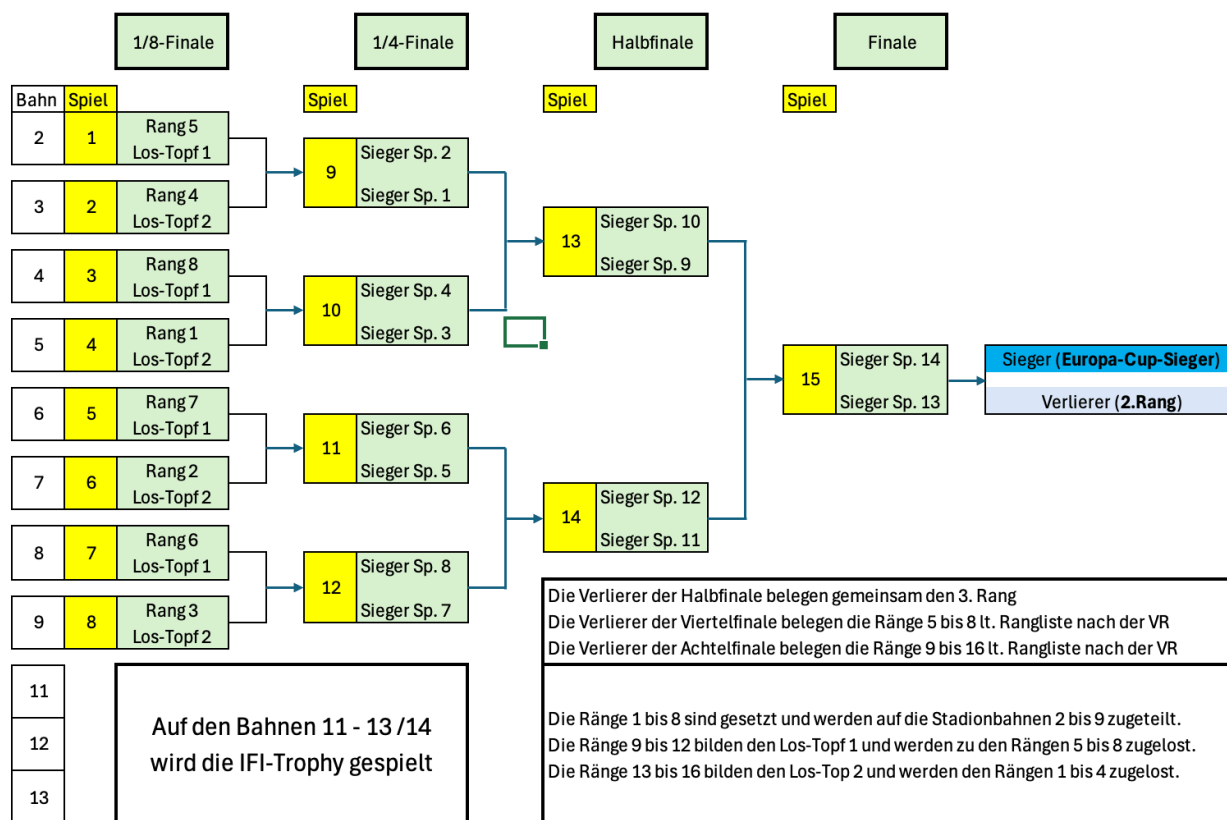


Coloured finish line at the European Championships in Regensburg



13.2 Knockout system for the European Cup

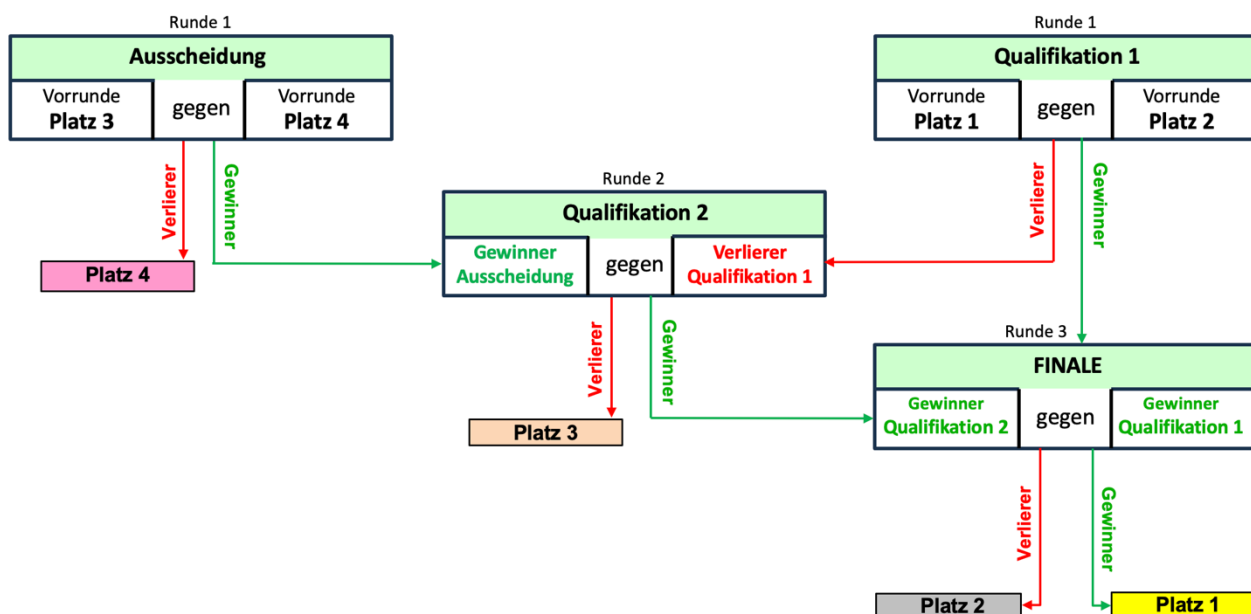
Austragungsmodus für den Europa-Cup Damen und Herren für Vereinsmannschaften - Finalrunden





13.3 Page play-off

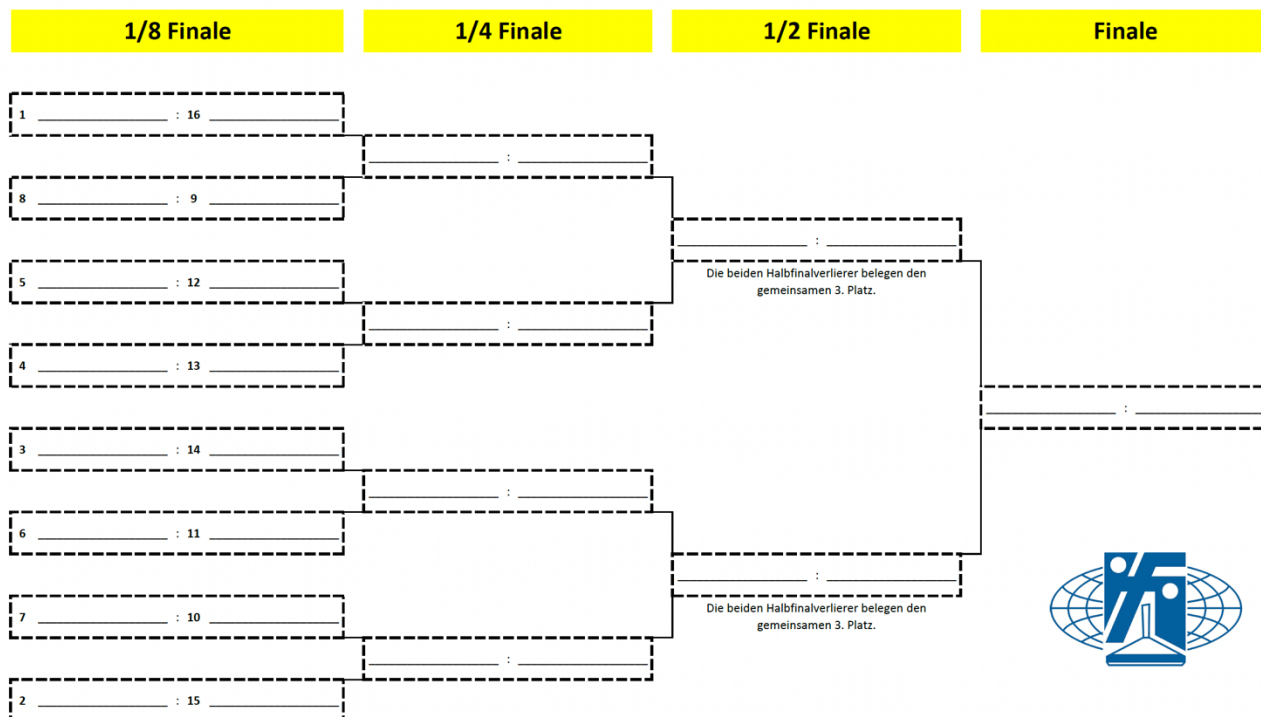
Schematische Darstellung des Page-Play-Off-System





13.4 Head-to-Head

Head to Head Modus "first to seven"



13.5 Abbreviations

IER	International Icestock Sport Rules
ISpO	International Competition Regulations
WLS	Winter running soles
SLS	Summer running soles
JKB	Year identification letter
DZP	Intermediate points
DP	Round points
IFI-TK	IFI Technical Commission
DfB	Implementing Regulations
VGO	Association Rules of Procedure