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Club Cup Competitions

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CHAPTER I GENERAL REGULATIONS – EUROPEAN CLUB CUP COMPETITIONS

1. Governing Body

The **European Wheelchair Basketball Club Cup Competitions**, hereafter called the **EuroCup Competitions** is the Official European Wheelchair Basketball Competition for club teams.

The Competitions Commission is responsible for supervising the discipline of players, teams and any other person involved in Official European Wheelchair Basketball Competitions, including EuroCup.

2. EuroCup Competitions

The normal structure and arrangement of EuroCup Competitions is:

1 Champions Cup, 3 EuroCup Competitions and EuroCup Qualification Tournament

- (1) Champions Cup:
 - (a) Champions Cup - Group A, B and C;
 - (b) Quarter Finals Champions Cup: Group A and B;
 - (c) Champions Cup Final Four

- (2) EuroCups
 - (a)
 - (i) EuroCup 1: Group A and B;
 - (ii) EuroCup 2: Group A and B;
 - (iii) EuroCup 3: Group A, B and C
 - (b) Finals:
 - (i) EuroCup 1 Final;
 - (ii) EuroCup 2 Final;
 - (iii) EuroCup 3 Final;

- (3) Qualification Tournament
 - (a) Where the number of teams is greater than the number of allocations available in the Champions Cup and EuroCup, a Qualification Tournament will held in one or two groups:
 - (i) Qualification Tournament Group A
 - (ii) Qualification Tournament Group B

In some years, there will not be a Qualification Tournament because the number of entries does not reach the required number.

3. System of Competition and Participants

EuroCup Competitions

(1) System of Competition

The number of participating teams is set at:

(a) Four (4) teams in the Champions Cup Final Four:

The organiser of Champions Cup Final Four can be any club, any NOWB or any other organisation that wishes to organise this event. The participating teams are the first and second placed teams from the two Champions Cup Quarter Finals.

(b) Eight (8) teams in the Final Rounds of the

(I) EuroCup 1 Final:

The organiser of the EuroCup 1 Final is automatically placed in the final together with the third placed team from each Champions Cup Group, the third placed team from each Champions Cup Quarter Finals and the first placed team from each EuroCup 1 Group.

(II) EuroCup 2 Final:

The organiser of the EuroCup 2 final is automatically placed in the final together with the fourth placed teams from each Champions Cup Group the second placed team from each EuroCup 1 Group and the first placed teams from each EuroCup 2 Group.

(III) EuroCup 3 Final:

The organiser of the EuroCup 3 final is automatically placed in the final together with the third placed teams from each EuroCup 1 Group, the second placed teams from each EuroCup 2 Group and the first placed teams from each EuroCup 3 Group.

(c) Four (4) teams in each Champions Cup Quarter Final:

The organisers of the Quarter Finals are, in principle, the winner and the runner up of the previous Champions Cup Final Four. They are automatically placed in the Quarter Finals together with the first and second placed teams from each Champions Cup Group.

(d) Five (5) teams playing in each Champions League Group:

The eligible participants will be the three organising teams and the twelve highest ranked teams entering in the year of competition.

(e) Five (5) teams playing in each Group of EuroCup

(I) EuroCup 1: Two Groups

The eligible participants will be the two organising teams and the eight highest ranked teams behind those allocated to Champions Cup Groups;

(II) EuroCup 2: Two Groups

The eligible participants will be the two organising teams and the eight highest ranked teams behind those allocated to EuroCup 1;

(III) EuroCup 3: Maximum 3 Groups

The eligible participants will be three organising teams

(a) Then up to twelve teams behind those allocated to EuroCup 2

(b) Where not enough teams already ranked, new clubs entering for the first time will be included according to the discretion of the Competitions Commission

- (f) Five (5) teams playing in each Qualification Tournament Group Round: The eligible participants will be the organising teams and 4 lowest ranked or newly entered teams as necessary depending on the number of Groups. Teams allocated at the Competitions Commissions discretion, additional teams may also be included with the agreement of the LOC.

(2) Ranking

A ranking list will be made taking into account the results of the last three EuroCup seasons and this ranking will be used for allocation of the available spots in the EuroCup Competition of the next year.

Ranking points are awarded in accordance with this system:

- (a) Each team can earn qualification and / or ranking points in every round in which the team participates:
- (I) Each team that qualifies for the Champions Cup Final Four receives 20 qualification points together with:
 - 40 ranking points for 1st place;
 - 38 ranking points for 2nd place;
 - 37 ranking points for 3rd place;
 - 36 ranking points for 4th place.
 - (II) The teams from the Champions Cup Quarter Finals that do not qualify for the Champions Cup Final Four or a EuroCup Final receives:
 - 34 ranking points for 4th place in Champions Cup Quarter Finals.
 - (III) Each team that qualifies for the Champions Cup Quarter Finals, including the organiser, receives 20 qualification points.
 - (IV) The teams from the Champions Cup Group Stage that do not qualify for the Champions Cup Quarter Finals or EuroCup Final receives: 34 ranking points for 5th place.
 - (V) Each team that qualifies for the EuroCup 1 Final, including the organiser, receives 30 qualification points together with:
 - 30 ranking points for 1st place;
 - 28 ranking points for 2nd place;
 - 27 ranking points for 3rd place;
 - 26 ranking points for 4th place;
 - 25 ranking points for 5th place;
 - 24 ranking points for 6th place;
 - 23 ranking points for 7th place;

- 22 ranking points for 8th place.
- (VI) The teams from the Group Stages of EuroCup 1 that do not qualify for a EuroCup Final receives:
11 ranking points for 4th place;
10 ranking points for 5th place.
- (VII) Each team that qualifies for the EuroCup 2 Final, including the organiser, receives 20 qualification points together with:
20 ranking points for 1st place;
18 ranking points for 2nd place;
17 ranking points for 3rd place;
16 ranking points for 4th place;
15 ranking points for 5th place;
14 ranking points for 6th place;
13 ranking points for 7th place;
12 ranking points for 8th place.
- (VIII) The teams from the Group Stage of the EuroCup 2 that do not qualify for a EuroCup Final receives:
11 ranking points for 3rd place;
10 ranking points for 4th place;
9 ranking points for 5th place.
- (IX) Each team that qualifies for the EuroCup 3 Final, including the organiser, receives 10 qualification points together with:
10 points for 1st place;
8 points for 2nd place;
7 points for 3rd place;
6 points for 4th place;
5 points for 5th place;
4 points for 6th place;
3 points for 7th place;
2 points for 8th place.
- (X) The teams from the Group Stage of the EuroCup 3 that do not qualify for a EuroCup Final receives:
8 ranking points for 2nd place;
7 ranking points for 3rd place;
6 ranking points for 4th place;
5 ranking points for 5th place.
- (b) All these points will be added up and multiplied by a (consecutive) year-coefficient
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| Year of competition - 1 | x3 |
| Year of competition - 2 | x2 |
| Year of competition - 3 | x1 |

- (3) Exceptions
- (a) A team that is organising a EuroCup Group Stage, can take a spot higher or lower than its ranking. In this case all other teams shall accordingly be ranked higher or lower.
 - (b) IWBF Europe reserves the right to award teams a change in allocated Group Round with a Wild Card
 - (c) A team may request, before September 1st, a Wild Card for a team if circumstances justify it. The Wild Card must be supported by the NOWB of the national league in which the Club plays. The Competitions Commission shall decide whether the request will be granted or not, and will only grant Wild Card if it does not adversely impact the integrity of the Competitions.
 - (d) If there are not enough participating or organising teams to fill a full EuroCup Competition, IWBF Europe reserves the right to cancel one or more EuroCup events, starting by reducing groups in EuroCup 3.
 - (e) If there are too many participants IWBF Europe reserves the right to organise Qualification Tournament. The winner of a Qualification Tournament Group will receive a place in the EuroCup 3 Group Stage of the next year. The format, fees and arrangement of a Qualification Tournament will be the same as used in EuroCup 3.
- (4) Invitation and calendar
- (a) Normally an invitation to enter the next season EuroCup will be published in May or early June of the year before competition, at which time an invitation to bid to host a round of EuroCup will also be published. Entry forms and Bids to Host must be returned to the Competitions Commission by **31st July** of the year the invitation is issued. IWBF Europe cannot guarantee participation for Clubs who return the entry form after this date.
 - (b) By October 1st, IWBF Europe will normally announce which teams are organising a Group Stage and the Final Rounds of all EuroCup Competitions as far as is known by that time. Invitations and date of the event will be announced to all concerned.
 - (c) The Champions Cup Group Stage and EuroCup 1 Group Stage takes place during the first complete weekend (i.e. Saturday and Sunday) of February. The Champions Cup Quarter Finals and the Group Stage of EuroCup 2 and 3 takes place during the second complete weekend (i.e. Saturday and Sunday) of March.
 - (d) The EuroCup 1 Final, the EuroCup 2 Final and the EuroCup 3 Final take place during the last complete weekend (i.e. Saturday and Sunday) of April (also the Qualification Tournament if arranged) and the Champions Cup Final Four during the first complete weekend (i.e. Saturday and Sunday) of May.
 - (e) If an organising team prefers a change in date and or programme for whatever reason it must make such a request well in advance and together with the Bid Document. Once the EuroCup competition is announced, changes are no longer possible.

5. Local Organising Committee (LOC) – EuroCup Competitions


- (1) Bid procedure
 - (a) The LOC is a team, an organisation or a foundation, which has the permission to organise a round and has signed an agreement with IWBF Europe.
 - (b) Prospective host clubs must submit their bid to IWBF Europe within the limits prescribed in these regulations.
 - (c) To evaluate the bids and to be able to make a fair selection, in the best interest of European wheelchair basketball, a site visit may be made by a delegation of IWBF Europe consisting of up to two persons. A site visit will normally be carried when a Club bids to host for the first time, or if a previous host proposed a new hotel or venue from events they hosted before. The bid club / LOC is responsible for 50% of the travel costs and all expenses for the delegates while they are in the bid city.
 - (d) After submitting the bid, it is not permitted to change the accommodation or sport venue without prior approval of IWBF Europe.
- (2) Organising club
 - (a) Any Club which accepts an invitation to organise an EuroCup Competition event, Group Stage, Quarter Final or Final, and then subsequently withdraws will be fined. See § I.19.i.
 - (b) In addition, a club as defined in (a), shall be responsible for any costs, which are directly related to the event that have already been incurred by any club that has qualified for the tournament. The qualifying club shall provide proof of these costs to IWBF Europe.

6. Tournament Technical Committee (TTC)

IWBF Europe shall appoint all “IWBF Europe Tournament Officials”, hereafter called ITOs, such as Representatives, Technical Delegates, Classifiers, Officials, Supervisors, etc.

a. General provisions

- (1) For all Official European Wheelchair Basketball Competitions, IWBF Europe will appoint a Tournament Technical Committee (TTC).
- (2) The functions and authority of the TTC during an Official European Wheelchair Basketball Competitions starts upon arrival of the Technical Delegate and are as follows:
 - (a) To supervise and approve the playing installations and the technical equipment as stated in the IWBF Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules;
 - (b) To provide final approval of the schedule at the beginning of the competitions;
 - (c) To schedule ITOs and approve the personnel at the scorers table (timer, scorer, shot clock operator and assistant scorer); the TTC may co-opt an ITO to assist in carrying out this function;
 - (d) To verify the score-sheet of each game and to establish the final group ranking;

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- (e) To examine and decide on protests. The decision of TTC is also considered as a field of play rule decision and is not subject to further review or appeal. Exceptionally, decisions on eligibility may be appealed as provided for in the applicable regulations. All reviews relating to the classification of a player will be referred to the Tournament Classification Panel;
- (f) To supervise the arrangements made by the LOC;
- (g) To be the intermediary in case the LOC and or participating teams have a disagreement;
- (h) To decide the appropriate penalty for players, coaches, assistant coaches and team followers who have violated the spirit and the letter of the regulations of IWBF Europe as well as the spirit of "fair play" that must exist in wheelchair basketball. Penalties that are imposed shall be based upon the reports submitted by the ITOs, as well as on observations by members of the TTC.

b. Composition

- (1) The TTC shall consist of two persons. The chairman of this Committee is the Technical Delegate appointed by IWBF Europe. The other member is the representative of the IWBF Europe Technical Commission. In case of a tied vote within the TTC, the Chair of the Competitions Commission shall be consulted. The TD has the casting vote.
- (2) During all Group Stages, Quarter Finals and Champions Cup Final Four the TTC shall consist of the Technical Delegate only.

7. Jury of Appeal

- a.** A Jury of Appeal must be formed at the beginning of each EuroCup round. It shall have maximum of three members. The President of the Jury of Appeal will be appointed by IWBF Europe. It shall further consist of representatives from participating teams at the Competition, who may elect a president if the appointed person is not available or prevented by § 1.7.c.

If an Official European Wheelchair Basketball Competition is organised with less than five (5) teams the Jury of Appeal will consist of the member or a representative appointed by IWBF Europe only.

- b.** The function of the Jury of Appeal shall be to decide on appeals against decisions taken by the TTC. Its verdict cannot be appealed.
- c.** Members of the Jury of Appeal, who have a connection with teams involved in the dispute, may not sit on the Jury and must be replaced by alternate members. The President of the Jury of Appeal can be replaced, if necessary, by a person appointed by him, subject to the approval of the TTC. The Technical Delegate will be responsible for making the formal announcement.
- d.** No one can be a member of both the TTC and the Jury of Appeal.

8. Obligations to IWBF Europe and to official sponsors of IWBF Europe

- a. IWBF Europe will from time to time enter into contracts with sponsors.
- b. The LOC for EuroCup events must undertake the following obligations:
 - (1) To display banners/flags of IWBF Europe, and where required the IWBF Europe sponsors in the sports venue(s) during the tournament, to be placed in good visible positions for live stream recordings and spectators.
 - (2) To ensure that in any programme book for the event, IWBF Europe and the IWBF Europe sponsors are allowed one full page of advertising space free of charge.
 - (3) To ensure that the correct logo of IWBF Europe is given a prominent place on all publicity material such as posters, brochures, flyers, websites, media, etc. The lack or use of incorrect logo can result in a fine.
 - (4) The LOC should make available a place in the venue for a publicity- and repair-shop. IWBF Europe shall identify, in the contract with the LOC, those sponsors who will have the right to a sponsor's booth and / or a repair shop in the sport venue.
 - (5) After approval by IWBF Europe and in dialogue with the LOC, the sponsors of IWBF Europe may organise promotional activities, as long as these activities do not disrupt the official event.
- c. LOCs should be aware before accepting an IWBF Europe event that there may be conflict between their own sponsor(s) and IWBF Europe sponsors. "Conflict of interest" will not be accepted as a reason for failing to fulfil the obligations set out above.
- d. The LOC is allowed to offer sponsors in the same "area of commercial activity" as IWBF Europe sponsors equal facilities as mentioned in § 1.8.b. All extra facilities offered to sponsors, who are in the same "area of commercial activity" as IWBF Europe sponsors, must have the approval of IWBF Europe and will be attached to the contract between IWBF Europe and the LOC.
- e. The official sponsors of IWBF Europe and the LOC have exclusive marketing rights in and around the facilities of an event. Competing companies are not entitled to exercise any marketing activity. In case of two official but competing sponsors, IWBF Europe and the LOC must find a solution considering the interests of both parties.

Note:

The banners/flags and adverts will be provided by IWBF Europe or the sponsors directly.


9. Duties of IWBF Europe

- a. IWBF Europe must do all in its power to see that all Official Competitions will be staged successfully and that IWBF Europe is represented by competent persons who shall maintain absolute neutrality. IWBF Europe is obliged to assist the organisers by all means at its disposal. IWBF Europe may require reimbursement from the organisers of expenses incurred through providing such assistance.
- b. In the event of default of these provisions by the Local Organising Committee of an Official Competition, IWBF Europe shall withdraw its patronage and the title of the competition involved. It may apply disciplinary and financial sanctions to the organisations at fault, such decisions shall be made by the Competitions Commission and shall have immediate effect.

10. Duties of the Local Organising Committee

The LOC has the duty to:

- a. Take all measures that are deemed necessary for the success of the event. Such measures, however, shall be subject to approval by IWBF Europe. Furthermore, the LOC must work closely and efficiently with all official bodies of IWBF Europe responsible for the organisation of the event.
- b. Ensure that all participating teams are treated in the same manner and that all enjoy equal rights.
- c. Respect the provisions of IWBF Europe's regulations.
- d. Respect the financial provisions contained in the regulations governing fees and dues.
- e. Provide an office for the Technical Delegate and the IWBF Europe representative and one for the other ITOs, in the sports venue(s), with all necessarily facilities for the proper function of the TTC:
 - (1) If requested by the TD not later than 4 weeks before the event, the LOC shall provide 2 mobile phones connected to a local network for the use of IWBF Europe.
 - (2) Free stable internet facilities for the TTC and the IWBF Europe representative, separate to the public WiFi, in the sports venue(s) and hotel;
 - (3) Colour printer(s) with USB connection in the sports venue(s) and hotel;
 - (4) Photocopy facility, preferable in colour, in the sports venue(s) and hotel.
- f. Appoint Technical Officials (TO's) including scorer, assistant scorer, timer and shot clock operator. Train enough staff / volunteers who can work with the "FIBA LiveStats" basketball statistics software for each game at the competition, results linked to the website of IWBF Europe. The use of FIBA LiveStats is an obligation for all EuroCup Competitions.

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- g. At all EuroCup Rounds, the LOC shall provide minimum of 2 experienced persons (in each sports venue) who can take the role of **Game Commissioner (GC)**. IWBF Europe ITOs will no longer perform the GC role at EuroCup.

The selected person from the LOC does not need to be experienced in the duties and responsibilities of the Game Commissioner role but they must be an experienced table official or referee from the host club or NOWB. These persons must attend the Team Manager meeting and will be instructed by the TD on their duties and use of the Team Points Control spreadsheet.

- h. Ensure live stream of all games and provide link to IWBF Europe Competitions Commission to embed onto IWBF Europe website. This is mandatory for all EuroCup events from EuroCup 2 and higher, and for all EuroCup Final events. Livestream is strongly advised for EuroCup 3 and Qualification Tournament.
- i. Ensure adequate medical assistance for all participants (players, coaches, and ITOs) at the venue(s) and for all accidents, which may occur during any local transportation arranged by the LOC.
- j. Communicate to the participating teams and all ITOs all relevant information pertaining to visas, travel arrangements, accommodation, etc., on a timely basis.
- k. Provide security for participating teams, ITOs and Jury of Appeal members as can be reasonably expected in international sports competitions of the same nature.
- l. Provide interpreters for participating teams as needed throughout the tournament.
- m. Respect the regulations concerning sponsorship.

11. Duties and obligations of the participating teams

a. General

Teams accepting an invitation to take part in an IWBF Europe event must:

- (1) Respect the provisions of IWBF Europe's regulations.
- (2) Discharge any financial obligation to the LOC before departure from the event.
- (3) Be aware of the sporting and financial obligations involved in participation in a Group Stage and (where appropriate) Champions Cup Quarter Final and possible obligations connected with advancement to finals of EuroCup Competitions.
- (4) Be aware of their responsibility. IWBF Europe will not accept any responsibility for a team or any individuals accompanying their team in the case of damage, any accidents, or theft before, during or after the event.

- (5) Arrange appropriate Travel Insurance for travel to the Competition.

Note:

Teams, participants and ITOs are strongly advised to take out additional suitable insurance to cover all eventualities such as public liability insurance, medical insurance and cancellation (including flight) insurance.

b. Prior to the tournament

- (1) The participating teams and their NOWBs have an obligation to reply to all correspondence sent by the LOC and Technical Delegate, without delay. This is in order to facilitate the task of the LOC and Technical Delegate and ensure the good operation of the event.
Specifically, participating teams must send:
 - (a) Publicity material concerning the players, including personal data, photographs and data about the team.
 - (b) A complete list of the members of the delegation.
 - (c) Travelling schedule, including date and hour of arrival and departure and their means of transport.
 - (d) Special requests about times of meals, including the menu and dietary requirements (e.g. allergies, special diet).
- (2) All items mentioned must be sent at least 30 days before the event will take place unless a different, shorter, timescale is agreed in writing with the LOC.

c. On arrival

- (1) Teams must check-in and take care of their own luggage. Either the team manager or the coach will allocate the team to their rooms. This distribution must take place in an orderly manner and with a minimum of noise.
- (2) Accommodation fees and any outstanding entry fees must be paid upon or before arrival otherwise the team concerned will not be allowed to compete.
- (3) Send a representative to attend the Verification Meeting on the Thursday evening, bringing one complete set of playing uniform (light and dark) for inspection.

d. During the tournament

The teams must observe the following regulations:

- (1) The whole team must attend the opening and – as appropriate – closing ceremony if organised, dressed in team uniform, and players must be in their wheelchair. If, during EuroCup Final events, there is an official reception, ceremony and/or dinner the whole team must attend.
- (2) In the case of transportation organised by the LOC, teams must keep to the travel schedule from the accommodation to the sports venue and vice versa.

- (3) The players shall take seats or remain in the area reserved for them at the sports venue.
- (4) During practice sessions players from teams who are not practising shall respect the needs of other teams i.e. no smoking, no noise, etc.

e. On departure

Before leaving the accommodation all team managers, together with a member of the LOC, must check all rooms and pay the costs for all extras that are not mentioned in these rules, including costs of any damages for which the team is responsible. The LOC is not allowed to ask for a deposit in advance.

12. Technical provisions

a. Sports venue

- (1) All facilities in the sports venue must be accessible to wide wheelchairs (at least 75 cm), including changing rooms and toilets. Each team must have its own changing room and showers.
- (2) Games are played indoors. All playing installations and the technical equipment being used must be in accordance with the IWBF Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules.

b. Entry to the playing venue

- (1) Players and ITOs have the right to attend free of charge the games as spectators during the whole tournament. Parts of the grandstands and the floor should be reserved for them.
- (2) It is desirable that during the tournament, separate areas are reserved for the different categories of audience and participants. (I.e. guests of honour including presidents of NOWBs and teams who are playing in the finals, press, players, ITOs and the general audience).

c. Training

- (a) The LOC shall arrange training facilities for all teams during the Champions Cup Final Four. In case training facilities are arranged during a Champions Cup Quarter Final, all teams must receive equal opportunities to train or no team can receive training time.
- (b) No training is foreseen during EuroCup Competitions Group Stage.

d. Ball

The LOC shall provide used balls during training and warm-up periods. These balls must be of the same make as the official game ball. There shall be at least five balls available for each team, plus 2 match balls per court.

For the whole Champions Cup competition, IWBF Europe will name the brand and type of ball to be used. For other EuroCup Competitions the LOC can decide the brand and type of ball to be used.

13. Accommodation, food, transport and safety

a. Accommodation

- (1) (a) According to the Bid Document, the LOC shall arrange accommodation including all meals for a maximum of 16 persons per team of which a maximum of 12 are players and a maximum of 4 are staff members.

The LOC shall reserve a maximum of 8 twin rooms (separate beds) for each team. In case of an odd number of persons of the same gender, the LOC shall reserve a maximum of 7 twin and 2 single rooms for each team.


Should a team wish to have more rooms (example for extra staff members) it must assume all additional expenses – see also § 1.13.a.(2).

- (b) If a team would prefer to arrange its own accommodation, it must inform the LOC within one (1) month after the notification of the event and it has to come to an agreement with the LOC one (1) month before the start of the event on any consequent arrangement, including the participation fee for the organiser and the arrangements for transport.

A copy of that signed agreement must be forwarded immediately to the IWBF Europe office. The LOC has the right to charge a participation fee of maximum 50 % of the standard 16 persons accommodation fee. Meals and local transport are not included in this participation fee.

If such an agreement has not been reached in time, the LOC must provide the accommodation as foreseen under (a).

- (2) (a) Should a team wish to have a larger delegation, it must assume all additional expenses;
- (b) Up to 5 additional persons will receive the same accreditation as the members of the delegation;
- (c) These persons shall be accommodated at the expense of their team. The LOC shall not be under any obligation to reserve rooms in the same hotel but must help in finding accommodation for these persons at a reasonable distance and cost.

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- (3) Should a team wish to have a smaller delegation than 16 persons, it shall pay a pro-rata accommodation fee per person. If the delegation will have less than 9 persons the team must pay not less than the cost for 9 persons.
- (4) During the tournament, the LOC is responsible for meeting the needs of all ITOs (meals, accommodation and transport). If extra accommodation costs occur for ITOs who have to come earlier or stay longer because of no suitable flights the costs must be paid by the LOC.
- (5) All ITOs appointed by IWBF Europe must stay in the same accommodation, twin rooms (separate beds) are the standard. The IWBF Europe Representative(s) and the Technical Delegate must each have a single room with free internet facilities.

(1) Accommodation is needed for:

	Champions Cup Group Stage	EuroCup Group Stage	CC Quarter Finals	CC Final Four	EuroCup 1 – 2 – 3 Finals
- Number of teams	5	5	4	4	8
- Each Team: Players	12	12	12	12	12
- Staff	4	4	4	4	4
Sub Total – Team Personnel	80	80	64	64	128
- Officials	7	5	6	6	12
- Technical Delegate	1	1	1	1	1
- Classifier	1	1 *	1	1 **	1
- IWBF Europe Representative	2 ***			1	1
- Officials Supervisor			1	1	2
Total including home team	91	87	73	74	145

* For the Preliminary EuroCup 3 Group Stage one (1) extra classifier will be nominated.

** For the Champions Cup Final Four a classifier will be nominated only when needed.

*** For a Champions Cup Group A, B or C a draw for the Champions Cup Quarter Finals will be performed by two (2) representatives.

During all events students or candidate ITOs can be appointed by the Competitions Commission, the Technical Commission or the Classification Commission. This will be communicated by IWBF Europe Office to the LOC at least 2 months before the event. See also 14.a.(3).

- (7) All eating and accommodation facilities for the official participants in the competition must be provided under conditions ensuring modern comfort and sanitation. They must be available from the official day of arrival up to the official day of departure, at the LOCs' expense, and be available at least one

extra day before and one extra day after the tournament, at the team's own expense.

- (8) The accommodation may not be further than 15 minutes (normal traffic) and 30 minutes (heavy traffic) travelling by bus or 10 kilometres at most from the sports venue. The bedrooms, washrooms, toilets and showers and all other facilities (i.e. dining room), entry/exit doors must be accessible to a wide (at least 75 cm) wheelchair. It is recommended that there are laundry facilities within or close to the accommodation. The presence of recreational facilities, such as a bar, TV or lounge would be appreciated.
- (9) IWBF Europe is not responsible for any costs arising from damage to the accommodation by participants or ITOs. According to § 1.11.e. the team manager is responsible for the participants of their team. The Technical Delegate is responsible for the ITOs.

b. Meals

- (1) The LOC must provide the participants with healthy and sufficient food (3000 - 3500 calories per day) taking into account the needs of people who practice strenuous physical activity. All reasonable dietary requirements should be provided for, including food allergies and faith related diets. All meals must be taken in relaxing and clean surroundings, with the normal equipment for such occasions (cutlery, plates, glasses, napkins, etc.).
- (2) During meals there must be sufficient non-alcoholic drinks available for the players and ITOs. There will be a minimum of three meals per day (breakfast, lunch and dinner). Based on the programme the LOC may prefer to offer a packed lunch instead of lunch. Self-service is allowed, but food and equipment must be of first-class quality.
- (3) Teams and ITOs must have the possibility to have sufficient time for the meals (preferably minimal 2 hours) before their game or shortly after their game.


c. Lodging and Accommodation requirements

- (1) Group Stages of Champions Cup and EuroCup

	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Bed
Thursday			X	X
Friday	X	X	X	X
Saturday	X	X	X	X
Sunday	X			

- (2) EuroCup 1, 2 and 3 Finals

	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Bed
Thursday			X	X
Friday	X	X	X	X
Saturday	X	X	X	X

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Sunday	X	X		
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(3) Champions Cup Quarter Finals

	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Bed
Thursday			X	X
Friday	X	X	X	X
Saturday	X	X	X	X
Sunday	X	X		

(4) Champions Cup Final Four

	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Bed
Thursday			X	X
Friday	X	X	X	X
Saturday	X	X	X	X
Sunday	X			

d. Refreshments

The LOC shall provide sufficient non-carbonated (without gas) mineral water on court, for both the teams and ITOs. Receptacles in which to dispose empty bottles and paper cups should be provided in convenient locations.

e. Medical attendance

- (1) The LOC has the duty to ensure medical assistance for all participants (players, coaches, ITOs, etc.) and public at the venue and for any accident that may occur.
- (2) The LOC shall therefore organise a medical service, of at least one qualified medical practitioner and sufficient medical staff, with the necessary first-aid material at their disposal, which are on permanent duty during the competition.

f. Transport

- (1) From the moment of their arrival at the accommodation until their departure, the LOC is responsible for local transportation of the participating teams (unless the team requests to use their own transportation for these journeys).
- (2) During a team's stay the LOC must also provide transport to the practice venue (where required), to the games and to other official events.
- (3) The transport schedule should be drawn up by the LOC bearing in mind any specific and reasonable wishes of team managers.
- (4) A representative of the LOC has to remain present, until after the last game of the day and until after the closing of the tournament, in order to ensure that none of the players or ITOs are left at the venue.

- (5) It is recommended that one or more accessible bus(es) be provided for each team for the duration of the tournament.
- (6) The LOC is responsible for local transportation for the ITOs, separate from the teams, from the moment of their arrival (international airport / railway station) until their departure. Student or candidate ITOs are to be included.
- (7) It is also recommended to transport teams separately both to and from the venue.
- (8) Teams requiring additional transport to the accommodation from their point of arrival (international airport/seaport) should make a request well in advance. Any cost incurred must be paid by the team requiring the transport. The LOC should assist in making all the arrangements and advising teams about the cost.
- (9) The LOC must provide teams who travel in their own car, bus or van with sufficient parking free of charge for the vehicles at the accommodation and sport venue.


g. Security measures

- (1) The LOC shall do everything possible to ensure security in the sports venue and its immediate surroundings. If necessary, it must ask for assistance from the police or military to ensure this security. The LOC is responsible in the first place for the security of the players and ITOs.
- (2) It is recommended that the sale of drinks in glass bottles or other objects that might be used as projectiles be prohibited in the venue.

14. Technical Matters (Officials)

a. General Provisions

- (1) Duties of officials. IWBF-licensed officials who are to officiate the games in an event covered by these regulations must respect the provisions of the present regulations. In particular, they must do everything in their power to accomplish their mission in a satisfactory manner and are under the obligation to facilitate the task of the organisers and IWBF Europe by avoiding unnecessary expenses.
- (2) The officials schedule will be made by the TTC of the tournament concerned. If an Official Supervisor or Examiner is present, they will prepare the schedule for consideration by the TTC.
- (3) All stages of EuroCup can be used for examination of officials. If so, the LOC, the participating teams and their NOWBs will be informed in good time. The candidate official is responsible for their transport to the arrival point

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(international airport / railway station) and can be charged by the LOC for board and lodging.

b. IWBF Appointed Officials at EuroCup Competitions

- (1) IWBF Europe shall invite the officials for the EuroCup Competitions, to a maximum of twelve (12) officials for all EuroCup Finals, six (6) for the Champions Cup Quarter Finals and the Champions Cup Final Four, seven (7) for the Champions Cup Group Stage and five (5) for EuroCup 1, 2 and 3 Group Stages (and Qualification Tournament). The travel costs for these officials will be paid by IWBF Europe.

IWBF Europe will inform the LOC about the nominated officials at least two months before the event will take place. ITOs are appointed through the IWBF Europe ITO Website.

- (2) IWBF Europe is allowed to invite two additional IWBF licensed officials for each Preliminary Round. The travel costs for these officials will be paid by IWBF Europe. IWBF Europe Office will inform the LOC about this, two months before the event will take place.

15. Classification

This section of the regulations must be read in conjunction with the IWBF Classification Rules and Regulations.

a. Regulations Governing the Classification of Players

Eligibility: IWBF Europe is able to include a broader range of Health Conditions and our own **Eligibility Criteria for EuroCup** (ECE) - please see **Appendix B** for all the details.

All **players with a prior IWBF classification** are eligible to play in club competition.

All players without IWBF or IWBF Europe classification will be treated as a **New Players (N)**.

This will be reviewed every year and updated as necessary by approval of the IWBF Europe Executive Council.

b. Players Cards

Effective from EuroCup 2025, Players Cards **do not** need to be presented at EuroCup Competitions.

c. Procedures For Classifying Players in EuroCup Competitions

- (1) **60 days before the competition**, the team should send the following digital documents regarding the New Players:

- (i) Athlete Agreement Form with player's signature;
 - (ii) Medical Diagnostic Form (MDF):
 - filled in with **all** the information concerning the Health Condition and mark the proper Impairment(s) caused by the health condition;
 - Chronology of events and/or treatments made;
 - must be signed by a health professional;
 - (iii) complete all parts of MDF,
 - (iv) Other supporting documents i.e.:
 - Manual Muscle Test for players with impaired muscle power;
 - Passive range of movement evaluation for players with Impaired passive range of movement;
 - ASIA test for players with spinal cord injuries;
 - Photo for the player with Limb deficiency / loss or length leg difference;
- Any images from X-ray or MRI must be identified with the name and date of birth of the player;
- Medical reports must be clear and with the identification of the players and the Health Professional that signs the document;
- Manual Muscle Test (MMT) and Passive Range of Movement (PROM) tests must be identified and signed by the person that performed the test – these tests are better to be done by an independent professional and not by the medical staff of the team;
- MMT should done in detail and mentioning results for all muscles significant to justify the impairment;
- When a photo is sent please send a full body photo where we can see the face of the player so it can be identified; the player should be dressed with short pants and shirt; if short pants is not possible wear tight pants;
- Players name and date of birth **MUST** be on all documents including photos.
- (2) The player's documentation will be verified by the Eligibility Assessment Panel. Each player who is considered Eligible will be able to play in EuroCup competitions as a New Player. Player who is not considered Eligible will not be able to play in the EuroCup competitions.
 - (3) During the EuroCup competition, the New Player will be observed and classified during the games. Final results after last game.
 - (4) Clubs, with more than one team, may register all players of all their teams on the Team Statement and submit to IWBF Europe before the 1st January of the year of the Competition takes place.
 - (5) The Team Statement must contain the correct classification of the classified players and the proposed classification of all new players and be signed by the NOWB and classifier (or person responsible for classification within NOWB).

- (6) Any new players or players under Protest, must be observed by the International Classifier during a competitive match situation.
- (7) If, during a tournament, the International Classifier identifies that there is a significant alteration in:
 - (a) New player's functional capacity, the International Classifier may re-evaluate the classification of the player and can change it after a pool game.
 - (b) A player with IWBF Zone or IWBF card, the International Classifier should make a remark in the final report, without making any change in the classification.
- (8) Protests of a player's classification are subject to the conditions of the IWBF Official Player Classification Rules.
- (9) Procedure for Requesting a Protest of Classification;
 - (a) All requests for a Protest of classification, made prior to the start of a tournament, must be submitted to IWBF Europe who, after consultation with the Chair of the Classification Commission IWBF Europe, will provide the requests to the Tournament Classifier. The fee as directed in article (I.19.j.) must accompany the notice of request and will be returned if the request is successful.
 - (b) The Protest must be received by IWBF Europe at least one month prior to the start of a tournament (that has been approved under Article F6.10.3 IWBF Regulations) at which the player will be playing.
 - (c) The Protest will be considered at the same time and using the same procedure as for new players.
- (10) To change a Zonal Classification you need two identical opinions from International Classifiers with a different Nationality to the player's Nationality.

d. Player Evaluation Process

See IWBF regulations

e. Protest Procedure For Player Classification Outside Of A Tournament

A player who has an IWBF Europe Classification may request a Protest for change of classification when not competing at a main official IWBF tournament, by the following process:

- (1) The player through their NOWB or the NOWB of the team they are playing for shall forward a request for a classification Protest and inform him when that change should be valid. IWBF Europe will inform the Secretary General of IWBF and the Chair of the Classification Commission of IWBF Europe.
- (2) The Protest must detail the rationale for review and the proposed new class, and be accompanied by supportive documentation from an IWBF International Classifier.

- (3) The Chair of the Classification Commission shall assign two International Classifiers to review the player and make recommendation regarding the player's classification.
- (4) This review may not necessarily take place at a tournament but must involve observing the player in a competitive game situation.
- (5) The International Classifiers may use separate events to make their decision.
- (6) If there is a change to the player's classification, the new class shall only be valid within IWBF Europe and is not valid for main official tournaments of IWBF.
- (7) Any costs to IWBF Europe are the responsibility of the player or NOWB requesting the review.

f. Regulations Governing International Classifiers

General Provisions: See IWBF Regulations

g. Licence


See IWBF Regulations

h. Fees

- (1) The IWBF Regulation for Fees for Player Classification is adopted for Wheelchair Basketball Club Cup Competitions in Europe.
- (2) All amounts will be transferred to euro equivalent.

i. Selection of Classifiers

- (1) NOWBs are required to provide a list of all their available, active international classifiers to the IWBF Europe Office at the request of the IWBF Europe.
- (2) The NOWB agrees that any classifier named on the list and for whom they have paid the fee is eligible to be contacted by the IWBF Europe Office for an international appointment.
- (3) NOWBs are responsible for informing the IWBF Europe Office if they wish to have a classifiers' name removed from the list of classifiers that are eligible for international assignments.
- (4) IWBF Europe Office shall inform the NOWB of the appointment.
- (5) IWBF Europe shall inform nominated classifiers at least 2 months prior to the start of the tournament with a copy going to their NOWB.

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- (2) IWBF Europe is responsible for the travel arrangements and costs for the classifier. It will be responsible to communicate this information to the classifier and the TD.
- (3) Duties of classifiers. IWBF-licensed classifiers who are to classify players in an event covered by these regulations shall also be under obligation to respect the provisions of the present regulations. In particular, they must do everything in their power to accomplish their mission in a satisfactory manner and must facilitate the task of the organisers by avoiding unnecessary expense.
- (4) All Official Competitions can be used for the examination of classifiers. If so, the LOC, the participating teams and their NOWBs will be informed in time. The student classifier is responsible for their transport to the arrival point (international airport / railway station) and can be charged by the LOC for board and lodging.

16. Ceremonies

- (1) At the finals, a closing ceremony shall be organised. There is no obligation for an opening ceremony. The ceremonies must be brief and not exceed thirty minutes.

The top three teams must attend the closing ceremony. All other teams can be present for the presentation of the All Star Team. The players involved in the closing ceremony must be dressed in team uniform which is consistent for all players (e.g. warm up top, club t-shirt...) and seated in their wheelchair.

There is no obligation for an opening and/or closing ceremony during the Group Stages or Champions Cup Quarter Finals. However, if organised the ceremonies must be discussed in advance with the Technical Delegate.

Playing of national anthems during the opening and/or closing ceremony is not allowed, except for the national anthem of the host, during the opening ceremony, and the national anthem of the winning team, during the closing ceremony.

- (2) In the finals, prizes for the top three teams, a maximum of 12 players and at least 4 staff members per team (See § I.13.a.(1)), and for the players of the All Star Team must be provided by the LOC. Other prizes are not recommended.
- (3) The presentations and the organisation of the (optional) opening and closing ceremony must be discussed in advance with the Technical Delegate.

17. Public relations

a. Public relations

- (1) The LOC is responsible for an efficient programme of public relations, especially for the press, radio and television and audience in general.
- (2) All participants must cooperate with the LOC concerning general information and publicity material about the team and players. (See also § I.11.b.(1))

b. Press

- (1) The LOC is responsible for providing conditions to enable the press to function as well as possible. The LOC should provide sufficient telephone lines and internet facilities. All expenses for telephone and other facilities are to be paid for by the users.
- (2) The LOC is authorised to negotiate with television and advertising agencies. (See also § I.8)

c. Draw Champions Cup Quarter Finals

- (1) The draw for the Champions Cup Quarter Final shall be held under the supervision of IWBF Europe. Representatives of the participating teams are invited to attend.
- (2) The draw shall be held at the location of one of the three Champions Cup Groups and after the competition has finished in all rounds. The draw must be live and visible for the other two Champions Cup Groups and the LOC is responsible for providing livestream filming and link.
- (3) The staying expenses for a maximum of two representatives of IWBF Europe who will conduct the draw will be the responsibility of the LOC.
- (4) All parties involved will be informed by IWBF Europe of the date and the place of the draw at least one month in advance.

18. Administration

a. Team Statement Form

- (1) The Competitions Commission will send the template Team Statement and the Competitions Forms to the clubs well in advance. The documents will be sent as a Microsoft Excel file.

Note: Competitions Forms consist of the Team List, the Room List, the Travel Form, the Travel List, if needed, and the Score Sheet information.

- (2) In order to prevent problems at the tournament, clubs should include ALL players of all teams of their club who might participate in the event up to a maximum of 24 players. A maximum of 12 players are allowed to participate

during a tournament. The IOC / IPC country code has to be used for the nationality of a player.

- (3) The Team Statement must be returned to the Competitions Commission in the format as Microsoft Excel file before **January 1st**. This Team Statement cannot be changed, for any reason (except as given in (6) below) after this date. The Team Statement is valid up to and including all EuroCup finals.
- (4) For EuroCup Competitions changes will be allowed to the Team Statement up to January 1st. If the Team Statement is changed, the club concerned must send a complete new Team Statement, approved, as mentioned in § I.18.a.(3) above.
- (5) The last Team Statement received before January 1st will be the official one and used up to and including all EuroCup finals.
- (6) IWBF Europe is only allowed to change the Team Statement with regard to player classification points.

b. Status of players

For purposes of this regulation it is understood that the playing season for Wheelchair Basketball Club Cup Competitions in Europe begins with the registration deadline of January 1st of each year and extends through to the end of the Final round of the Competition (Champions Cup Final Four).

To be eligible to play in EuroCup Competitions all players must:

- (a) Be a registered member of the club by January 1st in the year of the EuroCup Competition;
- (b) Be eligible to play in accordance with these rules, and the Regulations of their NOWB or the NOWB of the club they are playing for;
- (c) Not be licensed at the same time by more than one IWBF Europe NOWB during the playing season of the EuroCup Competition;
- (d) Be able to prove that they have participated in a majority of games in the league they are playing in. Proof can be in the form of copies of game sheets signed by the game officials.

c. International Transfer of Players

A wheelchair basketball player who transfers from another European nation or from another Zone must submit a letter of clearance to their new NOWB, with a copy to the IWBF Europe Office. This letter of clearance should be obtained from the former NOWB with whom they were last licensed. Full details about the obligations concerning an international transfer are in the IWBF Official Handbook - Regulations Governing Players, Coaches and Support Officials.

d. Release of players for the national team

- (1) All clubs are obliged to release their players when they are summoned by a NOWB to play for its national team in any gender or age category in an official competition of IWBF Europe or event (including training camps) which is included in the official and publicised IWBF Europe calendar and particular during the designated periods.
- (2) Upon an international transfer, each NOWB must guarantee to IWBF Europe its responsibility in ensuring that this provision is applied by the clubs.
- (3) A player's availability must be requested by the NOWB concerned in a communication to the NOWB or club with which the player is registered at least thirty (30) days before the first day of the game(s). The request must be sent by letter or email with IWBF Europe Office copied to the email.
- (4) The player should be available for the duration of the competition as well as for a preparation time.
- (5) The player must under all circumstances released seventy-two (72) hours before the beginning of the event and be released to return to his club within twenty-four (24) hours upon the end of the event.
- (6) If the national team competition is outside the club competition season, the above deadlines do not apply and shall be determined by the requesting NOWB in a reasonable way.
- (7) A player who claims when summoned that they have an injury or illness, and that they are unable to play must, if the requesting NOWB so wishes, undergo a medical examination by a doctor chosen by the requesting NOWB.
- (8) The requesting NOWB must assume the player's travel expenses.
- (9) Any club that refuses to release their summoned player(s) can be fined.
- (10) Organisers of events with the participation of national teams during the designated periods must send a request to IWBF Europe well in advance with a minimum of six (6) months.
- (11) The designated periods, beside the European Championships period, are:

- 2024:	4 – 7 January	28 – 31 March
- 2025:	2 – 5 January	17 – 20 April
- 2026:	8 – 11 January	2 – 5 April
- 2027:	7 – 10 January	25 – 28 March

e. Language

The official language of IWBF Europe is English.

f. Correspondence

All correspondence regarding IWBF Europe events must be sent to competitions@iwbf-europe.org unless otherwise specified in documentation or forms.

18A Administration - event cancellation policy

The LOC is responsible for taking all measures and precautions to prevent the need to cancel an event, including arranging appropriate financial protection for the event and relevant insurance(s).

Normally only in exceptional circumstances will an event be cancelled.

a. Process for Cancellation of an Official European Competition event

Only IWBF Europe is permitted to order the cancellation of an Official European Competition. Such an order can only be made by a decision of the Executive Council.

In the event of a National or European wide issue affecting the viability of competitions across a large part of a country or continent (e.g. civil unrest, pandemic, worker strikes etc) the IWBF Executive Council may make a decision to cancel, postpone, amend or otherwise direct the Competition as necessary.

If the LOC of any event recognises that for some uncontrolled or unavoidable reason an Official European Competition event may need to be cancelled or amended, it must immediately notify the Competitions Officer and IWBF Europe Office of the matter and the reasons why the event can not take place when proposed.

The Competitions Commission will consider the situation and report findings to the Executive Council for decision.

The event is only to be considered cancelled or amended if IWBF Europe has made an order. Until this time, it must be assumed the event will take place and preparations should be made.

b. Financial Considerations

Participating teams will always be responsible for the cost of their travel to the specified arrival airport / railway station / port. Teams are reminded that travel insurance / cancellation insurance should be taken to protect their costs.

In the situation where an event has to be cancelled or amended due to the action or inaction of the LOC, the LOC alone will be responsible for all cost incurred by them for the matters associated with arrangement of the event. In addition the LOC will be responsible for the costs of ITO and other delegate travel arrangements that can not be returned, which must be paid to IWBF Europe within 1 month of the event cancellation.

The LOC is always responsible for the cost of expenses for the event except for accommodation, local transport, game venue hire and food provision.


In the situation where some uncontrolled or unavoidable reason requires that an event must be cancelled or amended, the unrecoverable cost of the arrangements for accommodation, local transport, game venue hire and food provision at the event are to be paid equally by all participating teams (including the host team), according to this process:

(1) Actions by LOC

- The LOC must take immediate action to recover all possible cost of accommodation, game venue hire, local transportation and / or food provision already paid for or which is due to be paid.
- The LOC must stop making further payment for goods and services when the cancellation of the event is being considered by IWBF Europe.
- Where the LOC is not able to recover or stop the payment of some costs of accommodation, game venue hire or food provision they must obtain proof of the request for refund / cancellation and the reply by the supplier, together with detailed invoice explaining charges payable.
- The LOC must send proof of unavoidable costs to the Technical Delegate, copy in Competitions Officer and IWBF Europe Office within 2 months of the event cancellation order being given by IWBF Europe

(2) Actions by TD

- Calculate the cost per team of the unavoidable costs that the LOC can prove.
- Establish which teams have already paid the accommodation / meals fee fee's to the LOC before the cancellation or amendment of the event
- Any team which has paid the daily fee already can say this sum contributes to the cost of these expenses.
- (It may be the case that the LOC must repay some of the daily fees to the participating team if the unavoidable cost is less).
- Inform all teams, the LOC and Competitions Officer of the share of the costs that each team must pay to the LOC.

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- (3) Action by the participating teams
 - Pay the necessary sum of money to the LOC within 1 month of the request.
- (4) Additional possible action by LOC
 - Pay any sum owed to the participating team within 1 month of the request

c. Entry Fees

Participating clubs should assume that their event fee will not be refunded in most situations where an event is cancelled by a reason that is not due to the fault of IWBF Europe or the action or inaction of the LOC.

However, if possible IWBF Europe will attempt to refund some or all of the event fee in accordance with this process:

- IWBF Europe will immediately try to recover the cost of airplane and rail tickets purchased for ITOs and other delegates.
- Where costs of ITOs and other delegates cannot be recovered, identify the total cost to IWBF Europe of these.
- Share the cost between all participating teams equally (including host club) and establish if it is possible to return some or all of the entry fee.
- Return the entry fee, or proportion of the entry fee, to the Club within 3 months of the cancellation of the event.

19. Financial provisions


a. General provisions

- (1) The LOC of an IWBF Europe event shall be under the obligation to respect the financial provisions applicable to the competition concerned. All fees must be paid within the limits set forth in these regulations to the bank account of IWBF Europe.
- (2) All payments of fees and fines are to be made or calculated in euro. All taxes are to be included. All bank charges and exchange costs are borne by the payer.
- (3) All fees and fines payable to IWBF Europe, as a result of administration during IWBF Europe events, will be deducted from the Good-will fee (see § I.19.c.), unless mentioned otherwise.

b. Entry Fee

The entry fees for each participating team in each EuroCup event are:

(I)	Champions Cup Group Stage	1.100 euro
(II)	EuroCup 1 Group Stage	990 euro
(III)	EuroCup 2 Group Stage	935 euro
(IV)	EuroCup 3 Group Stage	880 euro

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(V)	Champions Cup Quarter Final	1.155 euro
(VI)	Final EuroCup 1	1.045 euro
(VII)	Final EuroCup 2	990 euro
(VIII)	Final EuroCup 3	935 euro
(IX)	Champions Cup Final 4	1.210 euro
(X)	Qualification Tournament	880 euro

- The entry fee must be received in the bank account of IWBF Europe before **November 1st** preceding the year the competition takes place for the participants of the Champions Cup Group Stage, the EuroCup Group Stage and the organisers of the Champions Cup Quarter Final and the EuroCup Finals.
- The entry fee of the teams qualified for the Champions Cup Quarter Finals, Champions Cup Final Four and the EuroCup Finals must be received in the bank account of IWBF Europe **within 14 days** of receipt of the invoice. If the payment is not received on time, the team concerned can be removed from the competition.


c. Good-will Fee

- (1) In addition to the entry fee, each team shall pay at the same time a Goodwill Fee of 250 euro for club teams. This Fee is a guarantee towards good administration of the team prior to the event, good conduct by the team during the event and other such matters to ensure the highest standard of preparation and presentation of IWBF Europe events.
- (2) The amount of the Goodwill Fee will remain in the bank account of IWBF Europe, unless the team or NOWB on behalf of the national team claims it back. The amount will then be repaid after deduction of any fees or fines that are outstanding.
- (3) If a team does not participate during five consecutive years and does not claim the Good-will Fee back, the remainder of the Good-will fee becomes the property of IWBF Europe.

d. Accommodation / meals fee for EuroCup Competitions

- (1) As a contribution towards the organisational expenses, the teams must pay a fee per person (with a minimum of 9 and a maximum of 16 persons) for the accommodation and all the meals of the:

(a)	Champions Cup Group Stage	200 euro
(b)	EuroCup 1 and EuroCup 2 Group Stage	200 euro
(c)	EuroCup 3 Group Stage	200 euro
(d)	Champions Cup Quarter Final	330 euro
(e)	Final EuroCup 1	230 euro
(f)	Final EuroCup 2	230 euro
(g)	Final EuroCup 3	230 euro
(h)	Champions Cup Final Four	330 euro

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(i) Qualification Tournament 200 euro

- (2) If a team needs to stay an extra night after the event, as result of no suitable flight after the end of the event, the LOC must offer a reasonable price for this. This price shall not exceed more than 110 euro per person for bed and breakfast.
- (3) This contribution must be received by the LOC at least 14 days before the start of a EuroCup event; if not the team concerned may not participate in the tournament.

f. Withdrawal fees and fines

- (1) Any team accepting a place in one of the EuroCup Competitions and then subsequently withdrawing from the event will be required to pay the following fees:
- (I) Withdrawal before November 1st = 50% of the entry fee
 - (II) Withdrawal on or after November 1st = 100% of the entry fee
- (2) In addition, a fine will be applied to the team based on the following criteria:

(a) Withdrawal before January 1st - (§ I.19.i.(23a))

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| (I) Champions Cup (Any Stage): | 1.500 euro |
| (II) EuroCup 1 Group Stage: | 1.000 euro |
| (III) EuroCup 2 Group Stage: | 750 euro |
| (IV) EuroCup 3 Group Stage: | 500 euro |
| (V) Qualification Tournament: | 250 euro |
| (VI) EuroCup Final: | 1.500 euro |

(b) Withdrawal after January 1st - (§ I.19.i.(23b))


- (I) The relevant fines according to § I.19.f.(1) and § I.19.f.(2)(a), **plus**
 - (II) The relevant accommodation / meals fee for each person listed on the Competition Forms (or if not yet submitted, the Team Statement).
- (3) Failure to pay any fees requested can result in suspension of the team from future EuroCup Competitions.

g. IWBF Europe Tournament Officials

The LOC must pay the accommodation expenses of all nominated ITOs during all IWBF Europe events from the day of arrival until the day of departure.

h. Tournament fee

All ITOs appointed by IWBF Europe shall receive a tournament fee from IWBF Europe for their activities during an official EuroCup competition of IWBF Europe (see § I.2.) as follows:


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- (1) a basic fee of 80 euro.
- (2) a fee per day (per diem) of 15 euro.

The fee per day (per diem) shall only be paid for competition days. It must not be claimed for travel days.

i. Fines and fees

All amounts in euro		Club Teams
(1)	No proper and/or similar sportswear per player; per game	15
(2)	No visible number or incorrect number on the front and/or on the back of the shirt or on the chair; per player, per game	15
(3)	Advertising not in accordance with the IWBF Handbook; per player, per game	15
(4)	Passport / identity card not presented; per event	30
(5)	Team responsible for late start of the game; per game	75
(6)	No alternate set of shirts; per team per infraction per event	75
(7)	Late submission of the necessary information by a participating team to the LOC; per event	75
(8)	Insufficient information by a participating team to the LOC; per event	75
(9)	The same fines (§ I.19.i.(7) and (8)) refer also to the LOC sending too late or insufficient information to the participating teams, IWBF Europe or the Technical Delegate; per event	75
(10)	Late payment of the entry fee, goodwill fee and/or ITO fee; per fee	75
(11)	Late submission of the Team Statement or an incomplete Team Statement; per event	75
(12)	Team Statement not signed by the NOWB or a national IWBF-licensed classifier; per signature	75
(13)	No representative present at meetings with coaches and/or managers; per meeting	75
(14)	The complete team is not present at the opening or closing ceremony; per ceremony	120
(15)	No proper and/or similar team uniform during the opening or closing ceremony; per infraction per ceremony	75
(16)	Request for review of the classification of own player	50
(17)	Request for review of the classification of not own player	150
(18)	Protest security sum see § II.36; per protest	120
(19)	Appeal security sum see § II.36; per appeal	225
(20)	Appeal according § I.20.a.	150
(21)	Appeal according § I.20.b.	750
(22)	No visible Fiba Live Stat on the website; per game	75
(23)	Withdrawal from organisation of an event (after signed host acceptance)	2.500
(23a)	Withdrawal from participating before January 1st , after being qualified, registered or allocated for an event; per occasion see - § I.19.f.	Max 1.500
(23b)	Withdrawal from participating after January 1st after being qualified, registered or allocated for an event; per occasion	See § I.19.f.(2)(b)

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(24)	Club not releasing players for National Team; per player, per event	2.500
(25)	The lack or use of incorrect logo on publicity material	250
(26)	If necessary, other fines will be decided by the appropriate Commission or Executive Council; per occasion	

Note: Administration fee:

- (I) For any delay of the 14 days (or part of that period) in terms of payment of fines or information requested after the specified date the fees mentioned in § I.19.i.(5) until § I.19.i.(10) shall be increased each time by an additional 10% administration fee.
- (II) In the event that a club team fails to settle its debts under article 18 (Financial Provisions) with IWBF Europe by June 30 of each year, IWBF Europe shall be authorised to collect these debts from the NOWB to which the team is affiliated.

Under the terms of these regulations, the NOWBs shall be held responsible for obligations, including financial ones, taken by their teams.

20. Appeal

- a. Decisions of the IWBF Europe Competitions Commission can be appealed to the IWBF Europe Executive Council.
- b. Decisions of the IWBF Europe Executive Council can be appealed to the IWBF Appeals Committee.
- c. Decisions of the IWBF Europe Congress and the IWBF Appeals Committee can be appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), Lausanne, Switzerland.

Appeals, as mentioned in 20.a, b and c. above, shall be carried out in accordance with the IWBF Handbook - Section M - Regulations Governing Appeals – Appeals Committee.

21. Concluding Regulation

- a. The President of IWBF Europe has the right to interpret all regulations.
- b. Any person, team or NOWB may seek guidance from IWBF Europe on the correct interpretation of these regulations.
- c. In case of any question or matter arising, which is not provided for in these or other regulations, such questions or matters will be decided by the President of IWBF Europe.
- d. Any person, team or NOWB may propose adaptations to these regulations. Any proposal should be addressed to the IWBF Europe Office up to four (4) months prior to the next European Congress.

- e. The IWBF Europe Executive Council is obliged to announce proposals for new or modified regulations as a consequence of § 1.21.c & d at the next European Congress.
- f. Minor amendments to these Regulations can be made by the Competitions Commission with agreement of the President of IWBF Europe or IWBF Europe Executive Council in order to ensure the good running of European Wheelchair Basketball Competitions and to reflect changes of IWBF World Regulations. These changes can be made without requiring approval at the European Congress.

Paragraphs 22 - 30 reserved for future use.

CHAPTER II TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

31. System and Allocation

- (1) Champions Cup Group Stage and EuroCup Group Stage
 - (a) Allocation to each round
The allocation to each Round will be determined by the Competitions Commission according to the ranking of the concerned team.
 - (b) System of competition
The five teams will be placed by the Competitions Commission. Each team shall play the other teams once. The organising team will always be Team A. When there are two teams from the same nation in a round, these teams will play each other in their first game of the competition.

Note:

The Competitions Commission will allocate the participants in the Groups taking into account the travel costs where possible. Also the Competitions Commission will try to avoid, as much as possible, to allocate teams from the same nation in the same group.

- (2) Champions Cup Quarter Finals
 - (a) Allocation to the groups
The allocation of the two groups in the Quarter Finals will be determined by the Competitions Commission according to the General Principles of Allocation (see below).
 - (b) System of competition
Each of the four (4) teams shall play all other teams. The organising team will always be Team A. When there are two teams from the same nation in a round, these teams will play each other in their first game of the competition.
- (3) EuroCup Finals
 - (a) Allocation to the groups
The allocation of the two groups in the finals will be determined by the Competitions Commission according to the General Principles of Allocation (see below).
 - (b) System of competition
Each of the four (4) teams in a group shall play all other teams. The organising team will always be Team A. When there are two teams from the same nation in a group, these teams will play each other in their first game of the competition.
- (4) Champions Cup Final Four
System of competition
The two (2) teams ranked 1st and 2nd from each Quarter Final will play crossover Semi Final (A1 v B2, B1 v A2) followed by the bronze medal and gold medal games.

Note:

General principles of allocation of the teams in Champions Cup Quarter Finals and EuroCup Finals

The Competitions Commission will allocate the participants in the Champions Cup Quarter Finals and all EuroCup Finals, in two groups taken into account:

- (a) The two teams of the same Group Stage will always be allocated to a different EuroCup Final Group or Quarter Final;
- (b) Two teams of the same country will be allocated to different EuroCup Final Groups or Quarter Finals, if possible;
- (c) Not more than two teams from the same country in the same EuroCup Final Group or Quarter Final, if possible;

32. Playing rules

- a. The tournament must be played according to the IWBF Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules.
- b. The total number of points for the players on the court in EuroCup Competitions shall be 14,5 points.
- c. Female Player
A team may add 1,5 extra points to the total number of points for each female player on court in EuroCup competitions
- d. Youth players
A team may add extra points to the total number of points, in **EuroCup Competition** only, for each player under 19 (U19) on court.
 - (1) Male under 19: 1,0 point;
 - (2) Female under 19: 2,0 point.

Note: For EuroCup competitions the maximum points on court is limited to 17, regardless which combination of male, female and / or youth players on court.

- e. Age Limit

Procedure to establish age limit for Wheelchair Basketball Club Cup Competitions in Europe where needed:

To establish the date of birth corresponding to the age limit for the men and or women the following procedure is used: the age limit must be subtracted from the following year in which a competition takes place with the understanding that this year begins on January 1st.

Formula : $20XX + 1 - UXX = 19XX$ as birth year

As an example, the age limit EuroCup 2024 shall be: $2024 + 1 - 19 = 2006$. Any player born on or after January 1st, 2006 will be entitled to the extra points to add to the total number of points (see § II.32.d) when playing in EuroCup.

f. Playing uniform

The uniform must conform to the IWBF Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules.

33. The use of advertising

- a. In all other Championships and EuroCup competition more advertising is allowed but the LOC must comply with requirements at § 1.8 above.
- b. Advertising for hard alcohol, tobacco and the pharmaceutical products indicated on the current list of banned substances is prohibited in all Official IWBF Europe Competitions. See § 1.2.

34. Guest players are not permitted to participate in the Official IWBF Europe Wheelchair Basketball Competitions. (See also § 1.18.b.)

35. Disciplinary sanctions and penalties for violations occurring during Official IWBF Europe Wheelchair Basketball Competitions.

- a. If players, coaches, assistant coaches, team followers with special responsibilities (as defined in the Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules) or any other persons commit an infraction for which they could be subject to disciplinary penalties, the ITOs, as well as any member of the Tournament Technical Committee shall submit a written report within one (1) hour after the end of the game or the incident to the Technical Delegate of the competition concerned whilst the competition is still in progress. If the infraction occurs after the tournament has ended, the report shall be submitted to IWBF Europe within seventy-two (72) hours following the incident.
- b. The disciplinary sanctions and penalties that may be imposed will be according to the IWBF Constitution and Internal Regulations.
- c. Any team member, coach or follower, who misbehaves in any of the facilities connected with the competition (sports venue, hotel, etc.) can immediately be suspended by the TTC.
- d. The length of the suspension will be determined by the TTC. If a sanction exceed the jurisdiction of the event, the Competitions Commission has to decide about further consequences.
- e. A player committing a disqualifying foul could be suspended by the TTC for one or more games, which are the next games in the relevant IWBF Europe Competition.
- f. Any team member committing a disqualifying foul for fighting or attacking an official, etc. could be suspended by the TTC for one or more games which are the next games in the relevant IWBF Europe Competition. The officials and Game Commissioner (if present) must report these actions to IWBF Europe for possible further action.

- g. A suspended team member is not allowed in the vicinity of their team bench or to have direct or indirect contact during the game(s) for which they are suspended.
- h. The Technical Delegate must mention the suspension in his report and ensure that a more detailed statement is sent to the Secretary General of IWBF Europe who will deal with the matter, after consulting the Competitions Commission.
- i. An appeal against the decision of the Competitions Commission should be addressed firstly to the IWBF Europe Executive Council.
- j. The IWBF Europe Executive Council is allowed to take any measures which it sees fit to deal with any incident.

36. Procedure to follow in case of protest

See IWBF Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules: Protest Procedure.
For security sum see § 19.i.

37. Classification of Teams

See IWBF Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules: Classification of Teams.

38. Playing of musical instruments during the game

- a. Musical instruments played during a game are permitted only on the side of the playing court opposite the scorer's table and the team benches or on the sides behind the short sides. Music played over the public announcement system (electronically) is permitted only when the ball is dead and the game clock is stopped.
- b. The use of a microphone to encourage the teams or excite spectators is prohibited.
- c. The TTC has the right to decide to prohibit other instruments.

39. Team Mascots

- a. Team mascots and cheerleaders are permitted, but they must remain outside the playing court and behind the advertising boards during play.
- b. They can only enter the court during time-outs or intervals of play.
- c. They must leave the court at least 10 seconds before play resumes.

Paragraphs 40 - 50 reserved for future use.

CHAPTER III PROGRAMME GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION

51. Programme: Champions Cup and EuroCup Group Stages

Preliminary Rounds: 5 teams and 1 court:

<u>Day:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Thursday		Arrival of the teams and ITO's verification meetings with the teams meeting with coaches and team managers
	21:00 h	
Friday	08:30 h	meeting with ITO's
	10:00 h	team A vs team B
	12:15 h	team D vs team C
	14:30 h	team B vs team E
	16:45 h	team C vs team A
	19:00 h	team E vs team D
Saturday	09:00 h	team C vs team B
	11:15 h	team D vs team A
	13:30 h	team E vs team C
	15:45 h	team B vs team D
	18:00 h	team A vs team E
	21:00 h	joint dinner
Sunday		Departure of the teams and ITO's

The organising team will always be team A.

52. Programme: EuroCup Finals

EuroCup Finals: 8 teams and 2 courts

Group A: A - B - C - D

Group B: E - F - G - H

<u>Day:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Thursday		Arrival of the teams and ITO's verification meetings with the teams meeting with coaches and team managers
Friday	09:00 h	meeting with ITOs
	10:00 h	
	12:00 h	court 1 team A vs team D court 2 team C vs team B
	14:15 h	court 1 team E vs team H court 2 team G vs team F
	16:30 h	court 1 team B vs team A

	18:45 h	court 2 team D vs team C court 1 team F vs team E court 2 team H vs team G
Saturday	09:30 h	court 1 team C vs team A court 2 team B vs team D
	11:45 h	court 1 team G vs team E court 2 team F vs team H
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	15:15 h	court 2 team 7th/8th place court 1 team 5th/6th place
	17:30 h	court 1 team A1 vs team B2 court 2 team B1 vs team A2
	21:00 h	meeting with team managers (optional)
Sunday	10:00 h	court 1 3rd/4th place
	12:15 h	court 1 1st/2nd place closing ceremony immediately after the last game
	16:00 h	end of Final Round Departure of the teams and ITO's

The organising team will always be team A.
Team A1 is the team placed as number 1 in group A, etc.

53. Programme: Champions Cup Quarter Finals

Quarter Finals: Two quarter finals, each with 4 teams and 1 court:

<u>Day:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Thursday		Arrival of the teams and ITO's Training
Friday	15:00 h	Training meeting with coaches and team managers team D vs team C team A vs team B
Saturday		team B vs team D team C vs team A
Sunday		team C vs team B team A vs team D
		Departure of the teams and ITO's

The organising team will always be team A.

A minimum of 2 hours and 15 minutes are to be respected between two (2) games in a row. A minimum of 14 hours are to be respected between the start of the last game and the start of the first game the day after. The starting times of the games, proposed by the LOC and approved by the Competitions Commission, must be communicated at least one (1) month in advance.

54. Programme: Champions Cup Final Four

Final 4: 4 teams and 1 court:

<u>Day:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Thursday		Arrival of the teams and ITO's Training
Friday	15:00 h	Training meeting with coaches and team managers 1 st QF A vs 2 nd QF B 1 st QF B vs 2 nd QF A
Saturday		3 rd – 4 th place 1 st – 2 nd place
Sunday		Departure of the teams and ITO's

A minimum of 2 hours and 15 minutes are to be respected between two (2) games in a row. A minimum of 14 hours are to be respected between the start of the last game and the start of the first game the day after. The starting times of the games, proposed by the LOC and approved by the Competitions Commission, must be communicated at least one (1) month in advance.

CHAPTER IV HISTORY OF THE EUROCUP COMPETITIONS

ROLL OF HONOUR

CHAMPIONS CUP

Year	Club	Place	Nation
1976	ISA	Amsterdam	The Netherlands
1977	SC Antilope	Utrecht	The Netherlands
1978	SC Antilope	Utrecht	The Netherlands
1979	Frisol/R	Dordrecht	The Netherlands
1980	SC Antilope	Utrecht	The Netherlands
1981	Norrbacka HIF	Stockholm	Sweden
1982	AMVJ	Amsterdam	The Netherlands
1983	BV Aalsmeer	Aalsmeer	The Netherlands
1984	BV Aalsmeer	Aalsmeer	The Netherlands
1985	AS Berck	Berck sur Mer	France
1986	AS Berck	Berck sur Mer	France
1987	Racing/R	Dordrecht	The Netherlands
1988	Racing/R	Dordrecht	The Netherlands
1989	AS Berck	Berck sur Mer	France
1990	Racing/R	Dordrecht	The Netherlands
1991	BC Verkerk	Zwijndrecht	The Netherlands
1992	BC Verkerk	Zwijndrecht	The Netherlands
1993	BC Verkerk	Zwijndrecht	The Netherlands
1994	Action Steelers	Sheffield	Great Britain
1995	BC Verkerk	Zwijndrecht	The Netherlands
1996	BC Verkerk	Zwijndrecht	The Netherlands
1997	CD Fundosa Grupo	Madrid	Spain
1998	Santa Lucia Sport	Rome	Italy
1999	CS Meaux	Meaux	France
2000	CS Meaux	Meaux	France
2001	CS Meaux	Meaux	France
2002	GSD Anmic Sassari	Sassari	Italy
2003	Santa Lucia Sport	Rome	Italy
2004	RSV Lahn-Dill	Wetzlar	Germany
2005	RSV Lahn-Dill	Wetzlar	Germany
2006	RSV Lahn-Dill	Wetzlar	Germany
2007	Santa Lucia Sport	Rome	Italy
2008	Galatasaray S.K.	Istanbul	Turkey
2009	Galatasaray S.K.	Istanbul	Turkey
2010	RSV Lahn-Dill	Wetzlar	Germany
2011	Galatasaray S.K.	Istanbul	Turkey
2012	RSV Lahn-Dill	Wetzlar	Germany
2013	Galatasaray S.K.	Istanbul	Turkey
2014	Galatasaray S.K.	Istanbul	Turkey
2015	RSV Lahn – Dill	Wetzlar	Germany
2016	CD Ilunion	Madrid	Spain
2017	CD Ilunion	Madrid	Spain

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Year	Club	Place	Nation
2018	RSB Thuringia Bulls	Elxleben	Germany
2019	RSB Thuringia Bulls	Elxleben	Germany
2020	No Competition (Covid Pandemic)		
2021	RSB Thuringia Bulls	Wetzlar	Germany
2022	Amiab Albacete	Erfurt	Germany

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2023	Amiab Albacete	Bemmel	The Netherlands
2024	Amiab Albacete	Albacete	Spain

ANDRÉ VERGAUWEN CUP

Year	Club	Place	Nation
1988	GSS Lucia	Rome	Italy
1989	ASHP Douai	Douai	France
1990	Steelers	Sheffield	Great Britain
1991	BSG Duisburg	Duisburg	Germany
1992	Münster	Münster	Germany
1993	ISA	Amsterdam	The Netherlands
1994	Corvino Sport	Monte Corvino	Italy
1995	Oldham Owls	Oldham	Great Britain
1996	A.S. Stefano	Porto Potenza Picena	Italy
1997	MK Aces	Milton Keynes	Great Britain
1998	Kuschal Steelers	Sheffield	Great Britain
1999	ASV Bonn	Bonn	Germany
2000	MK Aces	Milton Keynes	Great Britain
2001	Tabu Cantu	Cantu	Italy
2002	Santa Lucia Sport	Rome	Italy
2003	GSD Porto Torres	Porto Torres	Italy
2004	RSC Rollis Zwickau	Zwickau	Germany
2005	Tabu Briantea '84	Cantu	Italy
2006	RSC Rollis Zwickau	Zwickau	Germany
2007	A.S. Dream Team Onlu	Taranto	Italy
2008	C.D. Once Andaluca	Seville	Spain
2009	Santa Lucia Sport	Rome	Italy
2010	CS Meaux	Meaux	France
2011	Besiktas Jimnastic S.C.	Istanbul	Turkey
2012	Las Bls Amicacci	Giulianova	Italy
2013	Unipol Briantea '84	Cantu	Italy
2014	OeTTINGER RSB Team	Thüringen	Germany
2015	Goldmann Dolphins	Trier	Germany
2016	RSB Thüringia Bull	Elxleben	Germany
2017	Galatasaray S.K.	Istanbul	Turkey

EUROLEAGUE 1

Year	Club	Place	Nation
2018	Galatasaray S.K.	Istanbul	Turkey
2019	Bidaideak Bilbao BSR	Bilbao	Spain
2020	No Competition (Covid Pandemic)		
2021	No Competition (Covid Pandemic)		
2022	BSR ACE Gran Canaria	Hamburg	Germany

EUROCUP 1

Year	Club	Place	Nation
2023	A.S.D San Stefano Sport	Cantú	Italy
2024	Fenerbahçe Göksel Çelik	Giulianova	Italy

WILLI BRINKMANN CUP

Year	Club	Place	Nation
1997	Aillant sur Tholon	Aillant	France
1998	ASCO Mulhouse	Mulhouse	France
1999	A.S.Ha Briantea '84	Cantu	Italy
2000	CP Mideba	Badajoz	Spain
2001	S.G. Heidelberg	Heidelberg	Germany
2002	RSV Lahn-Dill	Wetzlar	Germany
2003	CISS AIAS di Afragola	Napoli	Italy
2004	A.S. Stefano	Porto Potenza Picena	Italy
2005	Pilatus Dragons	Kriens	Switzerland
2006	A.S. Stefano	Porto Potenza Picena	Italy
2007	Sandra Gran Canarias	Las Palmas	Spain
2008	Padova Millennium Basket	Padova	Italy
2009	ASV Bonn	Bonn	Germany
2010	Fundacion Grupo Norte	Valladolid	Spain
2011	CS Meaux	Meaux	France
2012	Besiktas Jimnastic Club	Istanbul	Turkey
2013	GSD Porto Torres	Porto Torres	Italy
2014	Le Cannet	Le Cannet	France
2015	Le Cannet	Le Cannet	France
2016	Getafe BSR	Getafe	Spain
2017	Hornets Le Cannet	Le Cannet	France

EUROLEAGUE 2

Year	Club	Place	Nation
2018	Sheffield Steelers	Sheffield	Great Britain
2019	Mideba Extremadura	Badajoz	Spain
2020	No Competition (Covid Pandemic)		
2021	No Competition (Covid Pandemic)		
2022	Red Dragon's Metz	Sassari	Italy

EUROCUP 2

Year	Club	Place	Nation
2023	Fenerbahçe Göksel Çelik	Badajoz	Spain
2024	Hannover United	Sassari	Italy

CHALLENGE CUP

Year	Club	Place	Nation
2009	Ba.D.S. Quartu S. Elena	Cagliari	Italy
2010	Norrköping Dolphins	Norrköping	Sweden
2011	Las Bls Amicacci	Giulianova	Italy
2012	SSB Steelers	Sheffield	Great Britain
2013	C.P. Mideba Extramadura	Badajoz	Spain
2014	Mainhatten Skywheelers	Frankfurt	Germany
2015	BSR Amiab Albacete	Albacete	Spain
2016	BSR Amiab Albacete	Albacete	Spain
2017	CD Amfiv Vigo	Vigo	Spain

EUROLEAGUE 3

Year	Club	Place	Nation
2018	SSD Santa Lucia	Rome	Italy
2019	1907 Fenerbahçe EYSK	Istanbul	Turkey
2020	No Competition (Covid Pandemic)		
2021	No Competition (Covid Pandemic)		
2022	No Competition (Covid Pandemic)		

EUROCUP 3

Year	Club	Place	Nation
2023	Hannover United	Yalova	Türkiye
2024	CD Murcia BSR	Valladolid	Spain

Appendix A: Abbreviations

All abbreviations in this Manual and if abbreviations must be used in any regulations or on websites or on Scoresheets or any other document these are the correct abbreviations and only these may be used.

NOWB	National Organisation governing Wheelchair Basketball
LOC	Local Organising Committee
TTC	Tournament Technical Committee
ITO	IWBF Europe Tournament Officials
EuroCup	Wheelchair Basketball Club Cup Competitions In Europe
CCA / CCB / CCC	Champions League Group Stage
EC1A / EC1B	EuroCup 1 Group Stage
EC2A / EC2B	EuroCup 2 Group Stage
EC3A / EC3B / EC3C	EuroCup 3 Group Stage
ECF1	EuroCup 1 Final
ECF2	EuroCup 2 Final
ECF3	EuroCup 3 Final
CCQFA / CCQFB	Champions Cup Quarter Final
CCF4	Champions Cup Final Four
QT	Qualification Tournament

Appendix B: Eligibility Criteria for EuroCup

Eligibility Criteria for EuroCup has two elements:

1. A statement that gives the **general standard** for what constitutes sufficient activity limitation from an impairment.
2. An **operational description** for each eligible impairment that will cause sufficient activity limitation.

Eligibility Criteria for EuroCup

In order to be eligible to play in IWBF sanctioned wheelchair basketball tournaments a player must have a permanent impairment which reduces the function of the lower limbs to a degree where they cannot run, pivot or jump at a speed and with the control, safety, stability and endurance of an able bodied basketball player.

A player must present documentary evidence, such as medical, paramedical or medico-legal reports, and/or investigation results, which clearly describe the nature and history of their disability and justifies the player's eligibility to play wheelchair basketball.

It must result (when considered without aids or prosthetics) in a loss of function in one or both lower extremities that alters the biomechanical execution of the running action with changes of speed and direction in a way that is demonstrable and that will adversely affect performance.

Note: For the purpose of IWBF Classification, degrees of pain are not considered as measurable and permanent disabilities.

1) Limb Deficiency

Unilateral – Complete removal of the first ray - the surgical removal of the metatarsal and phalange bones of one foot or the equivalent congenital deficiency.



Bilateral – No functionally viable phalanges in both the left and right foot



2) Leg Length discrepancy

A difference in total leg length of 6 cm or more.

Measured from the greater trochanter to the ground in a standing x-ray or measured from the anterior superior iliac spine to the medial malleolus.

Note: X-ray method for measuring is the preferred one; using the second one might call upon verification by the EAP and/or Classification Panel at the first tournament.

3) Impaired passive range of motion.

These criteria are based on the importance of joint mobility in the performance of key basketball activities such as running, jumping, pivoting and lateral movement.

One or more of the following criteria unilaterally

- a) Hip flexion – limited to 90°
- b) Hip extension limited to 0° or less than 50% of the unaffected limb
- c) Hip abduction limited to 30° or less than 50% of the unaffected limb
- d) Hip external rotation limited to 25° or less than 50% of the unaffected limb
- e) Hip internal rotation limited to 25° or less than 50% of the unaffected limb
- f) Knee flexion limited to 90° with loss of more than 50% of tibial rotation
- g) Knee extension limited to -10° in comparison to the unaffected limb
- h) Dorsi flexion limited to 10°
- i) Plantar flexion limited to 20°

4) Impaired muscle power

Muscle strength should be assessed according to the Daniels and Worthingham (D&W) scale published in 2002. The scale has 6 levels, from 0-5:

5: normal muscle power through available ROM;

4: active movement through available ROM, against gravity plus some resistance;

3: active movement through full available ROM against gravity but no resistance;

2: active movement with gravity eliminated (some movement against gravity may be possible, but not full range);

1: trace muscle activity but no movement of the limb;

0: no muscle activity.

Unilateral – One or more of the following criteria

- a) Loss of 4 muscle points in hip movements tested – flexion, extension, abduction, adduction
- b) Loss of 2 muscle points in knee movements tested – flexion, extension
- c) Loss of 4 muscle points in ankle movements tested – dorsi flexion, plantar flexion, inversion, eversion
- d) Total loss of 5 muscle points in one leg

Bilateral – loss of 7 muscle points in all joints tested

5) Hypertonia

Spasticity grades used in the IWBF refer to the Ashworth scale (1):

- Grade 0: No increase in tone
- Grade 1: Slight increase in tone giving a “catch” when the limb is flexed or extended
- Grade 2: More marked increase in tone, but limb is easily flexed or extended
- Grade 3: Considerable increase in tone with passive movement difficult
- Grade 4: Limb rigid in flexion or extension

Hypertonia is defined as increased muscle tone which is caused by central nervous system impairment and which results in increased resistance to passive lengthening of the muscle (2)

One of the following types of hypertonia must be clearly clinically detectable – i.e., grade 1 on the Ashworth scale (1) at the ankle, knee or hip.

5.1 Spastic hypertonia: Is defined as a velocity-dependent resistance to passive movement with a clasp-knife type of resistance (2). Clasp-knife resistance is resistance that is initially high and followed by a sudden relaxation. Velocity dependence increases as the speed of the passive movement increases, the resistance becomes greater and starts earlier in the range.

5.2 Rigidity: Is defined as a heightened resistance to passive movement of a limb that is independent of the velocity of stretch and relatively uniform throughout the range of motion of that limb (2). The uniform resistance is often referred to as 'lead pipe' type of resistance. Usually has a predominant pattern with a flexor pattern being more common

5.3 Dystonia: Is resistance to passive movement that may be focal (affecting muscles of one limb or joint) or general (affecting the whole body). Contractions are powerful and sustained and cause twisting or writhing of the affected areas*. The pattern is highly variable – contractions may be fast or slow; painful or not; and the direction of greatest resistance may change regularly (e.g., a limb may move regularly from an extreme flexion pattern to an extreme extension pattern) (2, 3).

*As the description indicates, Dystonia may equally be classified as a type of Hypertonia OR a type of involuntary movement pattern (in the latter case choose the MIC described under 7: Athetosis).

An athlete who does not have one of the three types of Hypertonia – Spasticity, Rigidity or Dystonia – is not eligible.

6) Ataxia

Ataxia refers to an unsteadiness, incoordination or clumsiness of volitional movement (2). Eligible ataxias must result from either motor or sensory nervous system dysfunction. Motor ataxias most frequently result from malformation or damage to the cerebellum and are often associated with hypotonia (2). Motor ataxias are poorly compensated for by visual input.

Sensory ataxias most frequently result from lower motor neuron damage or spinal cord disease, affecting vestibular function or proprioceptive function. Visual input can help compensate for sensory ataxia and so sensory ataxias are often more evident when eyes are closed (2).

An athlete should have a minimal of 1 (one) point in the SARA (4) scale in "Gait" and "Stance" evaluation to be eligible.

7) Athetosis

Athetosis refers to unwanted movement and posturing resulting from damage to motor control centres of the brain, most frequently the basal ganglia.

Clearly evident athetosis is unwanted movement and posturing that is characteristically athetoid and is observable as at least one of the following:

- Involuntary movement of the fingers or upper extremities despite the athlete trying to remain still;

- Involuntary movement of the toes or lower extremities despite the athlete trying to remain still;
- Inability to hold the body still – swaying of the body. Swaying should not be due to other neurological deficits such as vestibular or proprioceptive impairments and therefore should not be exacerbated by closing of the eyes;
- Characteristic athetoid posturing of limbs and/or trunk;

When assessing the lower extremities, an athlete should have a minimal of 1 (one) point (for at least one leg) in the DIS (5) scale on the duration and amplitude factor in (a) standing (proximal leg) and/or (b) heel/toe raising (distal leg), to be eligible.

The athlete will not be eligible if athetoid movements of the face are the sole impairment.

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