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Manual of Regulations for the conduct of Wheelchair Basketball European Championships

These rules and regulations were first established in 1992 based on the structure of the sport at the time. IWBF Europe reserves the right to amend these regulations as required and in keeping with developments in the Zone or throughout the world.

This Manual was approved at the IWBF Europe Congress on 17 August 2023 and replaces all previous versions of the Manual of Regulations. This version (v2) was created following amendments approved by the IWBF Europe Congress in October 2025 and the Executive Council in December 2025.

Throughout these regulations, any reference made to a coach, player, official, etc. will be made in the male gender and is not intended to be discriminatory. It also applies to the female gender and others, unless mentioned otherwise. It must be understood that this is done for the sake of expediency only.

This document supports the IWBF Handbook and is intended to provide prospective hosts and participants with essential information about the organisation and structure of wheelchair basketball events in Europe.

CHAPTER I GENERAL REGULATIONS EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Governing Body

IWBF Europe delegates authority to the "Competitions Commission" to maintain oversight of the Official European Wheelchair Basketball Competitions and to administer the competitions, unless mentioned otherwise. The Competitions Commission is responsible for supervising the discipline of players, teams and any other person involved in Official European Wheelchair Basketball Competitions.

2. Official Competitions

The Official European Championships for Wheelchair Basketball Competitions of IWBF European Nations are:

- (1) **The European Championship for Men, Division A;****
- (2) **The European Championship for Women, Division A; ****
- (3) The European Championship for Men, Division B;
- (4) The European Championship for Women, Division B;
- (5) The European Championship for Men, Division C;
- (6) **The European Championship for Men, Under 23; ****
- (7) **The European Championship for Women, Under 25; ****
- (8) The European Championship for Athletes Under 18 (mixed gender);
- (9) Qualification tournaments for European Championships

*** The Organisers of Competitions marked **bold with **** must follow the additional requirements listed in Annex B to this manual, which reflect the relevant sections of the IWBF Handbook and are required for all competitions that provide qualification for 'IWBF Owned' competitions including a World Championships or Paralympic Games.*

INFORMATION: Youth category events U23 and U25 shall operate according to the age eligibility formula established in § II.32.c.

For unofficial competitions, IWBF Europe has adopted a Sanction Scheme to allow certain events to benefit from International Technical Officials (ITOs) and other opportunities provided by IWBF Europe. The process is optional, and organisers can decide to apply for sanctioned status or not. The process is set out in a separate document available at www.iwbf-europe.org



3. Participants

Unless decided otherwise by resolution of the Executive Council IWBF Europe - the number of participating teams is set at:

- (1) Twelve teams in the European Championship for Men, Division A, represented by:
 - (a) The ten best placed teams in the last European Championship for Men, Division A;
 - (b) The two best placed teams from the last European Championship for Men, Division B.

Normally, the organising nation must be one of these twelve teams.

- (2) Six teams in the European Championship for Women, Division A, represented by:
 - (a) The European female teams that played in the last World Championship or Paralympic Games;
 - (b) Team(s) from the last European Championship for Women, Division B to complete the six spots.

Normally, the organising nation must be one of these six teams.

Note:

If six or more teams are qualified for the World Championship or Paralympic Games, IWBF Europe will determine which teams can participate in the European Championship for Women, Division A.

- (3) Ten teams in the European Championship for Men, Division B, represented by:
 - (a) The last two placed teams relegated from the last European Championship for Men, Division A;
 - (b) The six teams placed 3 to 8 in the last European Championship for Men, Division B;
 - (c) The two best placed teams from the last European Championship for Men, Division C.

Normally, the organising nation must be one of these ten teams.

- (4) A maximum of ten teams in the European Championship for Men, Division C, represented by:
 - (a) The two last placed teams relegated from the last European Championship for Men, Division B;
 - (b) The six teams placed 3 to 8 in the last European Championship for Men, Division C;
 - (c) Two other teams as determined by IWBF Europe. These will come from qualification tournament(s) if needed.

Normally, the organising nation must be one of these ten teams.

- (5) Six teams in the European Championship for Women, Division B, represented by:

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- (a) The European female teams which do not play in the World Championship or Paralympic Games;
- (b) Team(s) from the last European Championship for Women, Division B to complete the 6 spots.

Normally, the organising nation must be one of these six (6) teams.

- (6) Twelve teams in the European Championship for Men, U23, represented by:
 - (a) The ten best placed teams in the last European Championship for Men, U23;
 - (b) Two other teams as determined by IWBF Europe. These will come from qualification tournament(s) if needed.

Normally, the organising nation must be one of these twelve teams.

- (7) Five teams in the European Championship for Women, U25, represented by:
 - (a) The two best placed teams in the last European Championship for Women, U25;
 - (b) Three other teams as determined by IWBF Europe. These will come from qualification tournament(s) if needed.

Normally, the organising nation must be one of these five teams.

- (8) A maximum of eight teams in the European Championship for Athletes U18, the composition of which shall primarily depend on the number interested and eligible to participate, and the ability of the host to accommodate them.

Normally, the organising nation must be one of the participating teams.

4. Invitation and calendar

- (1) At least one and a half years prior to the beginning of the event, IWBF Europe will normally announce which nation has been selected to organise the event.

If there is no acceptable organiser available at that time, IWBF Europe can organise the event by using any other system. In this case IWBF Europe cannot guarantee that all qualified nations will be able to participate.

- (2) The European Championships shall be held:

(a) Men Division A:	every 2 years in the odd years;
(b) Women Division A:	every 2 years in the odd years;
(c) Men Division B:	every 2 years in the even years;
(d) Women Division B:	every 2 years in the even years;
(e) Men Division C:	every 2 years in the odd years;
(f) Men U23:	every 2 years in the even years;
(g) Women U25:	every 2 years in the even years;
(h) For athletes U18	every 2 years in the odd years;
(i) All other Championships as required.	

in the period between 1 June and 30 September. In this period the NOWB should not organise any club competition. This gives players the possibility to be available for their national teams.



5. Local Organising Committee

(1) Bid procedure

The prospective host of the European Championship or a qualification tournament of IWBF Europe shall on receipt of an invitation to bid letter from IWBF Europe:

(a) Submit its Bid Document to IWBF Europe through the National Organisation governing Wheelchair Basketball (NOWB) in the nation of the candidate preferably **two years before**.

IWBF Europe will use the completed Bid Document to determine if the bidder is eligible for the next step in the process, which is a site review visit.

(b) **No Fee is required to accompany the bid document. If an event is awarded, a hosting fee (§ I.19.e) becomes payable.**

Should the bidder withdraw prior to the decision to award the event, or decline the awarding or a site review visit, IWBF Europe will **charge an administration fee of 500 euro**.

(c) Normally, IWBF Europe will only accept bids from a member NOWB, which is qualified for the Championship. In order for a bid to be reviewed, the completed Bid Document must be received by IWBF Europe by the **deadlines specified for each Championship, unless otherwise agreed.**

(d) In addition to providing the completed Bid Document NOWBs that are selected for consideration must be prepared to host the Site Review Committee, as designated by IWBF Europe, and assume all costs associated with the visit inclusive of their travel for a maximum of 2 persons.

(e) If, in the opinion of IWBF Europe, it is necessary for a final site inspection to take place, it will appoint a delegation of no more than 2 persons to conduct the inspection before the event. The Local Organising Committee, hereafter called "LOC" is responsible for the local costs (food and accommodation) and IWBF Europe will pay the travel costs.

(f) After the site review visit, it is not permitted to change the accommodation or sport venue without prior approval of IWBF Europe.

(2) Organising NOWB

(a) The LOC must be approved by IWBF Europe. At least one of the members of the LOC shall be a representative of the NOWB.

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- (b) A NOWB which accepts the invitation to organise one of the European Championships and then subsequently withdraws, will be fined. See § I.19.h.
- (c) In addition, a NOWB as defined in (b), shall be responsible for any costs, which are directly related to the event that have already been incurred by any NOWB. That NOWB 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) If during European Championships parts of the competition are simultaneously organised in different places, IWBF Europe may consider to appoint an equivalent number of TTCS.
- (3) The functions and authority of the TTC during an Official European Wheelchair Basketball Competition 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;
 - (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 mediator 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 three persons. The chairman of this Committee is the Technical Delegate appointed by IWBF Europe. The two other members are the representative of the IWBF Europe Technical Commission and a member appointed by IWBF Europe. This last person may already have another ITO function in the event. IWBF Europe shall appoint an Assistant Technical Delegate, who is also member of the TTC, in a combined European Championship with more than 12 teams. In case of a tied vote within the TTC, the Technical Delegate has a casting vote.
- (2) During European Championships, IWBF Europe will nominate the Game Commissioners. The TTC appoints a Game Commissioner for each of the games.

7. Jury of Appeal

- a. A Jury of Appeal must be formed at the beginning of each Official European Wheelchair Basketball Competition. It shall have maximum of three members. The President of the Jury of Appeal shall be nominated by IWBF Europe. It shall further consist of representatives from participating teams, who may elect a president if the nominated member is not available.

If an Official European Wheelchair Basketball Competition is organised with less than five teams the Jury of Appeal will consist of the representative nominated by IWBF Europe only.

- b. The function of the Jury of Appeal shall be to decide on appeals against decisions taken by the TTC concerning the approval of the game results and penalties imposed. 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 the official sponsors of IWBF Europe

- a. IWBF and IWBF Europe hold the rights for all marketing and commercial activity at any official IWBF owned or other IWBF Europe event and are responsible for determining all commercial and sponsorship rights related to the event and the division of them. IWBF and IWBF Europe will from time to time enter into contracts with sponsors.

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b. The LOC for any IWBF Europe event must undertake the following obligations:

- (1) To display banners/flags of IWBF Europe, IWBF and FIBA and the IWBF Europe sponsors in the sports venue(s) during the tournament, to be placed in good visible positions for television 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 accommodation.
- (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 problems 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 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 § I.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 in the contract.

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 taking into account 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, mentioned in § I.2. 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 organisers 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.

For European Championships, such decisions must be made by the IWBF Europe Executive Council 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. However, such measures shall be subject to approval by IWBF Europe. 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 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 IWBF Europe representative, separate to any public WiFi;
 - (3) Colour printer(s) with USB connection;
 - (4) Photocopy facility, preferable in colour, in the sports venue(s) and hotel.
- f.** Appoint National Technical Officials (NTO's) including scorer, assistant scorer, timer and shot clock operator. Train enough staff / volunteers who can work with the "FIBA LiveStats" basketball statistics software. The use of FIBA LiveStats is an obligation for all European Championships Competitions.
- g.** Ensure live stream of all games and provide link to allow the stream to be provided on IWBF Europe and IWBF YouTube channel or other webpage as needed. This is mandatory for all European Championships. The broadcast rights of all competitions belong to IWBF or IWBF Europe. The live stream must be provided in accordance to the IWBF Broadcast Guidelines.

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- h. Ensure adequate medical assistance for all participants (players, staff and ITOs) at the venues including for accidents which may occur during local transportation arranged by the LOC.
- i. Communicate to the participating teams and all ITOs all relevant information pertaining to visas, travel arrangements, accommodation, etc., on a timely basis.
- j. Provide security for participating teams, ITOs and Jury of Appeal members as can be reasonably expected in international sports competitions of the same nature.
- k. Provide interpreters from the LOC language to English and make them available for use by participating teams as needed throughout the tournament.
- l. Respect the regulations concerning sponsorship.
- m. Ensure the requirements for the Instant Replay System (IRS) set out at § I.12.e are provided, including all technical equipment and operators as required.

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 an Official European Wheelchair Basketball Competition.
- (4) Be aware of their responsibilities
- (5) Arrange appropriate Travel Insurance for travel to the Competition

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.

Note:

Teams, participants and ITOs are **strongly advised** to take out other suitable insurance to cover all eventualities such as public liability insurance, medical insurance and cancellation 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.



More 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 one month 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 arrival otherwise the team concerned will not be allowed to compete.
- (3) Identify representative to attend the Team Manager Meeting
- (4) Bring all player passports / identify documents and one full set of playing uniform (light and dark, bring 1 set of each) for inspection to the Classification Training session for validation..

d. During the tournament

The teams must observe the following regulations:

- (1) The whole team must attend the opening and closing ceremony, dressed in team uniform, and players must be in their wheelchair. If, during the event, there is an official reception, ceremony and/or dinner the whole team must attend unless otherwise agreed by IWBF Europe following a written request from the NOWB giving reasons.
- (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.

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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, except for 3x3 competitions which can be indoors or outdoors. 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

- (1) The LOC shall arrange training facilities for all teams during a European Championship or a qualification tournament.
- (2) The LOC should have sufficient training courts at their disposal in order to satisfy the training needs of the participating teams. Each team is entitled to at least one and half hours for classification training during the days before the start of the tournament and at least one hour training per day during the tournament. The LOC should attempt to schedule one training session of equal time for each team on the official competition court before the tournament. If this is not possible, no team may be scheduled to train on the official competition court.

d. Ball

The LOC shall provide used balls during training and warm-up periods (unless balls are supplied through IWBF sponsorship arrangements (IWBF Owned



events)). These balls must be of the same make as the official game ball. There shall be at least ten balls available for each team per game.

Two balls shall be provided by the LOC for use as match balls.

IWBF Europe will name the brand and type of ball for European Championships and or Qualification Tournaments.

e. Instant Replay System (IRS)

An Instant Replay System (IRS) shall be provided for use at all European Championships of IWBF Europe.

IRS Light, in the minimum specification provided in the FIBA Instant Replay System Manual, shall be used for:

- (1) European Championships Men Division A
- (2) European Championships Women Division A
- (3) European Championships Men U23 when qualification for World Championships
- (4) European Championships Women U25 when qualification for World Championships

It shall also be used at any other event where it is already available in the venue

'European' IRS - the event livestream feed on a laptop situated at or close to the Table Officials, shall be used for all other European Championships

13. Accommodation, food, transport and safety

a. Accommodation

- (1) (a) 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, it must assume all additional expenses as set out in § I.19.b and § I.19.c.

- (b) If a team would prefer to arrange its own accommodation, it has to inform the LOC within one month after the notification of the event and it has to come to an agreement with the LOC one 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 has to be forwarded immediately to the IWBF Europe office.

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The LOC is entitled 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 will 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.
- (3) During the tournament, the LOC is responsible for meeting the needs of all ITOs (meals, accommodation and transport). ITOs must ensure that their travel schedule is arranged in such a way that they are available to attend all games and to attend all meetings during the event. Any extra accommodation costs for ITOs who have to come earlier or stay longer due to availability of flights must be met by the LOC.
- (4) All ITOs appointed by IWBF Europe must stay in the same accommodation, twin rooms (separate beds) are the standard. The IWBF Representative, the IWBF Europe Representative(s) (including Competitions Officer and Communications Officer) and the Technical Delegate must have a single room with free internet facilities.

(5) Accommodation needed for European Championships:

	E.C. Combined	E.C. Men				E.C. Women		
		A	B	C	U23	A	B	U25
- Number of teams	18*	12	10	8 *	8 *	6*	4 *	3 *
- Teams: Players	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Staff	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Sub total including home team	288	192	160	128	128	96	64	48
- Officials	20	14	12	10	10	8	6	6
- Technical Delegate	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
- Game Commissioner	5	4	4	2	2	2	1	1
- Player Classification Panel	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
- Chair of the Competitions Commission	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
- Representatives IWBF Europe	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
- Communications Officer IWBF Europe	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
- IWBF Europe Executive Council	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Officials Supervisor	4	4	3	2	2	2	2	2
- IWBF World Representative	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	1
Sub total	52	44	30	25	26	24	20	21
TOTAL	340	236	190	153	154	120	84	69



* This is the expected number of participants. The number of ITO's is based at that number.

During all events candidate ITOs can be appointed. This will be communicated with the LOC at least 3 months before the event by IWBF Europe Office.

- (6) All dining 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 and including 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.
- (7) The accommodation should 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 close to the accommodation. The presence of recreational facilities, such as a bar, TV or lounge would be appreciated.
- (8) IWBF Europe is not responsible for any costs arising from damage to the accommodation by participants or ITOs. According to § I.11.e. the team manager is responsible for the participants.

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. 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.

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d. Medical provision

- (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.

e. 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 provides its own transportation – e.g. travels to the competition by bus / car / vans).
- (2) During a team's stay the LOC must also provide transport to the practice venue, to the games and to other official events.
- (3) The transport schedule should be drawn up by the LOC bearing in mind any specific 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. 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.



f. 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 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) The European Championship for Men, Division B, C and U23, the European Championship for Women, Division B and U25 can be used for examination of officials. If so, the LOC, the participating teams and their NOWBs will be informed in time. The candidate official is responsible for their transport to the arrival point (international airport / railway station) and can be charged by the LOC for board and lodging. (European Championship for Men, Division A and European Championship for Women, Division A may be used for examinations for the international licence, but the candidate will anyway be a zonal licence holder and appointed as ITO for the Competition and included within the specified number at § I.13.a.5).
- (4) The Chairman of the IWBF Europe Technical Commission shall initiate the process by requesting NOWBs involved to nominate, in alphabetical order all its IWBF licensed officials eight months prior to the event. The Technical Commission shall use the listing to select the officials not less than six months before the competitions begin.
- (5) IWBF Europe shall invite the officials and officials supervisors for all European Championships. The travel costs for these officials will be paid by IWBF Europe. The Technical Commission will endeavour to appoint an official from NOWBs that have qualified to participate in this championship.
- (6) IWBF Europe shall appoint IWBF-licensed officials for an European Championship, normally 2 more than the number of participating teams with a

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minimum of 6 officials. They must report to the Tournament Technical Committee upon arrival.

- (7) All appointments of officials shall be sent to the officials' NOWBs for information. The NOWB must communicate the officials' availability to IWBF Europe.
- (8) IWBF Europe shall communicate the listing of nominated officials to the LOC not less than ~~two~~ months before the competitions.

15. Classification

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

a. Regulations Governing the Classification of Players

Eligibility: According to IWBF Classification Rules.

b. Players Cards

- (1) Players Cards will be issued to all players who have been observed by a Classification Panel and assigned a Sport Class upon payment of the fee for new players (see § I.19.h).
- (2) All players must be in possession of a valid IWBF Players Card to be registered on the scoresheet.

c. Procedures For Classifying International Players in European Championship

- (1) The classification of players can take place at any event where:
 - (a) The tournament meets the requirements outlined by IWBF Europe and is sanctioned by IWBF, and
 - (b) The Classification Commission IWBF Europe has approved a Classification Panel.
- (2) Procedure for requesting a Protest

See IWBF Classification Rules

d. Player Evaluation Process

See IWBF Classification Rules

f. Regulations Governing International Classifiers

See IWBF Classification Rules



g. Licence

See IWBF Classification Rules

h. Fees

- (1) See IWBF Regulations for Fees for Player Classification.
- (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 zonal and 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.
- (6) 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.
- (7) 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.
- (8) 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.

j. Regulations Governing the Conduct of International Classifiers

See IWBF Classification Rules.

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16. Ceremonies

a. General provisions

- (1) During the competitions, only the flags and anthems of the nations or affiliated NOWBs approved and recognised by the IWBF may be used.
- (2) Throughout the duration of the competition, a flag (if available) of IWBF, IWBF Europe and FIBA and also one of the organising nation shall have a place of honour close to the playing court.
- (3) The LOC shall ensure that the flags of the teams (all of the same size) taking part in the competition are placed in a manner that will be equal for all. The placement of the flags shall be determined by alphabetical order in the language of the organisers.
- (4) The LOC in consultation with IWBF Europe shall play national Anthems of the teams before each game. IWBF Europe will provide the official anthem to be used for each nation. After playing the national anthems, the teams still have three minutes before the start of the game.
- (5) The opening and closing ceremony must be brief and not exceed thirty minutes each.
- (6) If members of the Executive Council of IWBF and/or FIBA are present at a ceremony, they can be included in the ceremony.
- (7) However, the presentations and the organisation of both ceremonies must be discussed in advance with the Technical Delegate.

b. Opening Ceremonies

- (1) An opening ceremony shall be organised at the beginning of the event. The teams and ITOs must take part in the opening ceremony (**the players in team uniform and seated in their wheelchair**).
- (2) At the official opening of the event, only the anthem of the organising nation or organising NOWB shall be played.

c. Victory and Closing Ceremonies

- (1) The Victory Ceremony shall be linked with the Closing Ceremony and shall take place at the site / venue of the competition immediately following the last game.
- (2) At the victory and closing ceremony, only trophies approved by IWBF Europe may be awarded on the court. Other prizes approved by IWBF Europe may be awarded at another agreed time.

d. Prizes

- (1) All trophies and/or prizes for the first three places and for the 5 players of the All Star Team shall be provided by the LOC.
- (2) The LOC is obliged to provide medals to the players, coach and delegation/staff members of the teams placed first, second and third and may provide certificates to the players of the other teams. If a team is to be presented with medals or certificates, 21 in total, are to be included.
- (3) A souvenir may also be presented to every participant or participating team.
- (4) The organisers may provide additional prizes either for the teams or for the players. The reason for the awarding of and the procedure of these extra prizes must be approved by IWBF Europe.

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) The participants need to 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 conditions enabling the press to function as well as possible. It should provide sufficient telephone lines and internet facilities. All the 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 European Championships

- (1) The draw for each European Championship shall be held under the supervision of IWBF Europe. Representatives of the participating teams are invited to attend.
- (2) The draw can be held on the occasion of an IWBF Europe event (e.g. official competition, meeting of a commission).
- (3) The draw may be held in the organising nation. In this case the travel and staying expenses of maximum three (3) representatives of IWBF Europe will be the responsibility of the LOC.

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- (4) All parties involved must be informed of the date and the place of the draw at least one month in advance.
- (5) IWBF Europe shall decide the date and place for the draw in question in communication with the LOC.

18. Administration

a. Team Statement Form

- (1) A list of up to twenty-four (24) players' names on the "First Entry List" Team Statement form must be submitted four (4) months prior to the date of the championship.
- (2) The "Last Entry List" consisting of twelve (12) players names – including full particulars and all documentation which may be required concerning each player – shall be submitted to the IWBF Competitions Commission and Technical Delegate no later than one (1) month before the beginning of the championship. Failure to meet this deadline may result in financial penalties.
- (3) Only players named on the First Entry List may be named to the Last Entry List.
- (4) No changes after submission of the Last Entry List are permitted, unless there are exceptional circumstances in which case IWBF may accept a change of a named player. This change is subject to approval of the Chairman of the Competition Commission. There will be a fee charged for each approved change.
- (5) Late submission of the First or Last Entry List is subject to a financial penalty (see §I.19.h).
- (6) The Competitions Commission will send the template First Entry List Team Statement and the Competitions Documents to the NOWB well in advance.

Note: Competitions Documents consist of the Last Entry List, the Room List, the Travel Form, the Travel List, if needed, and the Score Sheet information.

- (7) The First Entry List must be signed by the NOWB and a classifier.
- (8) IWBF Europe is only allowed to change the First or Last Entry List with regard to player classification points.

b. Players Card

- (1) All players must be in possession of an IWBF Players Card.
- (2) For the first card for each player and for each extra card, as a result of loss or change of information, the team will be charged (see § I.19.h).



(3) During stage 2 players evaluation, each player who enters an official competition of IWBF Europe for the first time and who is not on the IWBF Classification Master list, must present the current identity card or passport showing full name, date and place of birth and nationality

c. Status of players

The national status of all players must be in conformity with the "Regulations governing the national status of players" as adopted by IWBF.

d. Change in Nationality of a player

See IWBF Handbook Section J "Regulations Governing Players, Coaches and Support Officials"

e. 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 any official competition of an IWBF Zone or IWBF World Competition or other event (including training camps) which is included in the official and publicised calendar of the relevant Zone / IWBF and in particular during any designated periods.
- (2) 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 he has an injury or illness, and that he is 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.

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- (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 for:

- 2026	8 – 11 January	2 – 5 April
- 2027	1 – 10 January	25 – 28 March
- 2028	1 – 9 January	13 – 16 April

f. Language

The official language of IWBF Europe is English.

g. Correspondence

All information necessary regarding IWBF Europe events must be sent to IWBF Europe Office (office@iwbfeurope.org) and copied to IWBF Europe Competitions Officer (competitions@iwbfeurope.org).

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 included in the prescribed fees. 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 sent by invoice and must be paid within 14 days. Failure to pay the invoice on time will lead to further sanctions.

b. Entry Fee

- (a) The entry fees set for the European Championship (see § I.2.a.) are:

- (I) **The European Championship for Men, Division A:**

(i) a basic fee for IWBF Europe of	4.500 euro
(ii) a basic fee for IWBF World of	1.000 euro
(iii) a fee per day of	3.000 euro
(iv) anti-doping fee	1.000 USD



(II)	The European Championship for Women, Division A:	
(i)	a basic fee for IWBF Europe of	4.500 euro
(ii)	a basic fee for IWBF World of	1.000 euro
(iii)	a fee per day of	3.000 euro
(iv)	anti-doping fee	1.000 USD
(III)	The European Championship for Men, Division B:	
(i)	a basic fee for IWBF Europe only of	2.500 euro
(ii)	a fee per day of	2.400 euro
(IV)	The European Championship for Women, Division B:	
(i)	a basic fee for IWBF Europe only of	2.500 euro
(ii)	a fee per day of	2.400 euro
(V)	The European Championship for Men, Division C:	
(i)	a basic fee for IWBF Europe only of	2.300 euro
(ii)	a fee per day of	2.400 euro
(VI)	The European Championships for Men U23:	
(i)	a basic fee for IWBF and IWBF Europe of	3.500 euro
(ii)	a fee per day of	2.400 euro
(iii)	If a qualification event for World Championships:	
(a)	a basic fee for IWBF World of	1.000 USD
(b)	anti-doping fee	1.000 USD
(VII)	The European Championships for Women U25:	
(i)	a basic fee for IWBF and IWBF Europe of	3.500 euro
(ii)	a fee per day of	2.400 euro
(iii)	If a qualification event for World Championships:	
(a)	a basic fee for IWBF World of	1.000 USD
(b)	anti-doping fee	1.000 USD
(VIII)	The European Championships for Athletes U18:	
(i)	a basic fee for IWBF and IWBF Europe of	2.000 euro
(ii)	a fee per day of	2.400 euro

All invoices will be issued in the currency Euro

Where shown in USD the conversion rate applicable at the time of the invoice being raised will be used to establish the fee in Euro

Note:

The length of the tournament includes the official day of arrival and the official day of departure (the day after the last final).

(b) Any team that has accepted a place in the European Championship (see § I.2.a) and then subsequently withdraws from the event must still pay the following fees:

- (I) Withdrawal until six months before the event 50% of the entry fee;
- (II) Withdrawal within six months before the event 100% of the entry fee.

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c. Entry & Daily Fee Payments

- (a) The Entry Fee is payable within 14 days of the deadline for Entries to the European Championship. An invoice will be issued on receipt of the Entry Form.
- (b) The Daily Fee includes up to 16 persons in the Delegation. There is no reduction for a smaller delegation.

Above 16 persons, a separate fee per person per day is payable according to:

- (I) For European Championships Division A, each extra person is charged at 188 euro per day up to 21 in the delegation
- (II) For all other European Championships – each extra person is charged at 150 euro per day up to 21 in the delegation
- (III) In all European Championships – delegations above 21 persons can expect each extra person to be charged a daily fee set by the LOC.

d. Conduct and Behaviour Penalty

- (1) It is expected that all NOWB entering a team, and playing in, a European Championships will demonstrate good administration of the team prior to the event, excellent conduct during the event and other such matters to ensure the highest standard of preparation and presentation of IWBF Europe events.
- (2) If an NOWB or their team does not participate with good conduct during a European Championships, and the conduct is not subject to a sanction either in the rules or §I.19.h – the Competitions Commission or Executive Council may, with or without the recommendations of the Technical Delegate or Tournament Technical Committee impose a financial penalty of 500 euro per issue or incident.

e. Hosting Fee European Championships

Upon the acceptance of a bid to organise a championship, a contract will be entered into that guarantees the candidate's fulfilment of all necessary conditions for the conduct of the competition. This must be accompanied by a hosting fee of:

- (1) 5.000 euro for
 - (a) The European Championship for Men and Women, Division A;
 - (b) The European Championship for Men, Division A;
- (2) 3.000 euro for
 - (a) The European Championship for Women, Division A;
 - (b) The European Championship for Men, Division B;
 - (c) The European Championship for Men, U23;



(3) 1.000 euro for

- (a) The European Championship for Women, Division B;
- (b) The European Championship for Men, Division C;
- (c) The European Championship for Women, U25;
- (d) The European Championship for Men, U19;

f. IWBF Europe Tournament Officials

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

g. Tournament fee

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

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

The fee per day (per diem) will be paid from the day after the notified arrival day for the ITO, and until the day before departure. It must not be claimed for travel days or days where the ITO arrives before the notified arrival day, or departs after the official departure day (unless agreed in advance due to flight availability)

h. Fines and fees

All amounts in euro		National Teams
(1)	No proper and/or similar sportswear per player; per game	30
(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	30
(3)	Advertising not in accordance with the IWBF Constitution and Internal Regulations chapter XIV.; per player, per game	30
(4)	Passport/identity card not presented; per event	60
(5)	New Players Card	10
(6)	Extra Players Card (lost card); per card	50
(7)	Team responsible for late start of the game; per game	150
(8)	No alternate set of shirts; per team per infraction per event	150
(9)	Late submission of the necessary information by a participating team to the LOC; per event	150
(10)	Insufficient information by a participating team to the LOC; per event	150
(11)	The same fines (§ I.19.h.(8) and (9)) refer also to the LOC sending too late or insufficient information to the participating teams, IWBF Europe or the Technical Delegate; per event	150
(12)	Late payment of the entry fee per event	150
(13)	Late submission of the First Entry List or Last Entry List Team Statement or an incomplete Entry List; per event	150

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(14)	Team Statement not signed by the NOWB or a national IWBF-licensed classifier; per signature	150
(15)	No representative present at meetings with coaches and/or managers; per meeting	150
(16)	The complete team is not present at the opening or closing ceremony; per ceremony	225
(17)	No proper and/or similar team uniform during the opening or closing ceremony; per infraction per ceremony	150
(18)	Request for review of the classification of own player	50
(19)	Request for review of the classification of not own player	150
(20)	Protest security sum see § II.36; per protest	225
(21)	Appeal security sum see § II.36; per appeal	450
(22)	Appeal according § I.20.a.	150
(23)	Appeal according § I.20.b.	750
(24)	No visible Fiba Live Stat on the website; per game	150
(25)	Withdrawal from organisation: Combined Men and Women Championship Division A; per event Championship for Men or Women Division A; per event Any other Championship; per event	25.000 15.000 5.000
(26)	Withdrawal from participating after being qualified and/or registered for an event; per occasion	Max 3.000
(27)	Club not releasing players for National Team; per player, per event	2.500
(28)	The lack or use of incorrect logo on publicity material	500
(29)	If necessary, other fines will be decided by the IWBF Europe 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.h.(1) until § I.19.h.(19) shall be increased each time by an additional 10% administration fee.

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

20. Appeal

- Decisions of the IWBF Europe Competitions Commission can be appealed to the IWBF Europe Executive Council.
- Decisions of the IWBF Europe Executive Council can be appealed to the IWBF Appeals Committee.
- 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 Regulations 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 § I.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.

Paragraphs 22 - 30 reserved for future use.

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31. System and Allocation

Note

NOWBs are not permitted to include female players in the Men's Competitions.

(1) Men's Competition Division A

(a) System of competition

The twelve (12) teams will be ranked by IWBF Europe and divided in the preliminary round into two (2) groups of six (6) teams each (A and B).

Each team shall play the other teams in the same group. The four (4) best-placed teams from each group will advance to a final round, which will consist of:

- A Quarter-Final Round with Game I. A1 – B4, Game II. B1 – A4, Game III. A2 – B3 and Game IV. B2 – A3.

- A Semi Final Round with Game V. Loser I – Loser IV, Game VI. Loser II – Loser III, Game VII. Winner I – Winner IV and Game VIII. Winner II – Winner III.

- Finals with Loser V – Loser VI (7 – 8), Winner V – Winner VI (5 – 6), Loser VII – Loser VIII (3 – 4), Winner VII – Winner VIII (1 – 2),

The four (4) teams eliminated in the preliminary round will play in a Classification Round with cross-over matches (A5 vs B6 and B5 vs A6) with both the winners and losers playing each other in the finals to decide places 9 through 12. The teams ranked as 11th and 12th will be relegated to Division B.

(b) Allocation to the groups

The twelve (12) teams qualifying for the European Championship for Men Division A shall be ranked according to

first: the results of the last World Championship for Men or the Paralympic Games for Men of the previous year,

second: the results of the last European Championship for Men Division A, and

third: the results of the last European Championship for Men Division B (teams ranked 1 and 2).

The teams shall be assigned into two (2) groups by draw as follows:

- based on this ranking, the pairs are teams ranked 1 & 2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8, 9 & 10 and 11 & 12;

- the pair with the home nation shall be assigned as last according the choice of the home nation.

(2) Women's Competition Division A

(a) System of competition

The six (6) teams will be placed in one (1) group. Each team shall play the other teams once.

The four (4) best teams will play:

- A Semi-Finals with Game I. A1 – A4, Game II. A2 – A3;

- Finals with Game III. Loser I – Loser II, Game IV Winner I – Winner II;

The two (2) teams eliminated in the preliminary round will play each other in the finals to decide places 5 and 6.

(b) Allocation to the groups

The six (6) teams qualifying for the European Championship for Women Division A shall be ranked according to

first: the results of the World Championship for Women or the Paralympic Games for Women of the previous year,

second: the results of the last European Championship for Women Division B,

and

third: the results of qualification tournament(s).

The teams shall be placed into one (1) group.

(3) Men's Competition Division B

(a) System of competition

The ten (10) teams will be ranked by IWBF Europe and divided in a preliminary round into two (2) groups of five (5) teams each (A and B). Each team shall play the other teams in the same group once. The two best-placed teams from each group will advance to the semi-final round with A1 versus B2 and B1 versus A2. The winners will play each other in the finals for the European Championship for Men Division B. The losers will play each other in a consolation game for the third (3rd) and fourth the (4th) place. The two teams placed third (3rd) in each group will play each other for the fifth (5th) and the sixth (6th) place. The two (2) last-placed teams from each group will advance to the semi-final round with A4 versus B5 and B4 versus A5. The winners will play each other for the seventh (7th) and the (8th) eighth place. The losers will play each other in a consolation game for the ninth (9th) and the tenth (10th) places. The teams ranked as 1st and 2nd will be promoted to Division A. The teams ranked as 9th and 10th will be relegated to Division C.

(b) Allocation to the groups:

The ten (10) teams qualifying for the European Championship for Men Division B shall be ranked according to the results of the last European Championship for Men Division A (ranked 11th and 12th), the last European Championship for Men Division B and the last European Championship for Men Division C (ranked 1st and 2nd).

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The teams shall be assigned into two (2) groups by draw as follows:
 - based on this ranking, the pairs are teams ranked 1 & 2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8 and 9 & 10
 - the pair with the home nation shall be assigned as last according the choice of the home nation.

(4) Women's Competition Division B

The system and allocation of the groups depends on the number of participants and will be decided by the EEC.

The teams ranked highest will fill the spots in Division A.

(5) Men's Competition Division C

The system and allocation of the groups depends on the number of participants and will be decided by the EEC.

The teams ranked as 1st and 2nd will be promoted to Division B.

(6) Men's U23 Competition

The system and allocation of the groups depends on the number of participants and will be decided by the EEC.

(7) Women's U25 Competition

The system and allocation of the groups depends on the number of participants and will be decided by the EEC.

(6) Men's U19 Competition

The system and allocation of the groups depends on the number of participants and will be decided by the EEC.

General remark

The game schedule of the group(s) for all European Championships will be made by IWBF Europe well in advance, after consulting the LOC. The schedule for the cross overs, the quarter finals, the semi finals and finals and also who play home or away will be decided by the TTC after the group games.

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 shall be 14,0 points.
- c. Age Limit

Procedure to establish age limit for Official European Wheelchair Basketball Competitions of IWBF Europe where needed:



To establish the date of birth corresponding to the age limit 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 : $20XX + 1 - UXX = 20XX$ as birth year

Example 1 – the age limit European Championship for Men U23 in 2026 shall be 2026 + 1 – 23 = 2004. Any player born on or after January 1st, 2004 will be entitled to participate in the European Championship for Men U23 in 2026.

Example 2 – the age limit European Championship for Women U25 in 2026 shall be 2026 + 1 – 25 = 2002. Any player born on or after January 1st, 2002 will be entitled to participate in the European Championship for Women U25 in 2026.

d. Playing uniform

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

33. The use of advertising

- a. The advertising regulations regarding European Championships for Men Division A and for Women Division A will be according to the IWBF Official Handbook. In all other Championships more advertising is allowed but the LOC must comply with requirements at § I.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 § I.2).

34. Guest players

Guest players are not permitted to participate in the Official European Wheelchair Basketball Competitions. (See also § I.18.c.)

35. Disciplinary sanctions and penalties for violations occurring during Official European 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 Statutes and Internal Regulations.

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- 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 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 he is 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 to the Executive Council. A final appeal could be addressed to the IWBF Appeals Committee.
- j. The IWBF Europe Executive Council is allowed to take any measures, which it sees fit to deal with the incident.

36. Procedure to follow in case of protest

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

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 are reserved for future use.

CHAPTER III PROGRAMME, GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION

51. Programme: European Championship for Men & Women (Division A)

This is the basic programme for a European Championship with 12 men's teams and 6 women's teams.

Day: Event:

-2	arrival of the (Assistant) Technical Delegate	
1	arrival of the teams and ITOs (Classifiers and Game Commissioner)	
2	arrival ITOs (Officials)	classification / verification meetings with the teams
	practice	
3	classification / practice	team managers/technical meeting
	ITOs' meeting	
	opening ceremony	
	opening game men	opening game women
4	6 group games men	3 group games women
5	6 group games men	3 group games women
6	6 group games men	3 group games women
7	6 group games men	3 group games women
8	5 group games men	2 group games women
9	day off / games	
10	quarter final round men	
	cross over games men	
11	11 th and 12 th place	
	9th and 10th place	
	semi final round men	and women
12	7 th and 8 th place	
	5 th and 6 th place men	and women
	3 rd and 4 th place men	and women
	1 st and 2 nd place men	and women
	closing ceremony	
13	departure of the teams and ITOs	

Note:

If there is no acceptable organiser and IWBF Europe is not able to organise the European Championships for Men and/or Women Division A, IWBF Europe can organise a European Championship for Men and/or Women Division A by using any other system.



52. Programme: European Championship for Men (Division B)

This is the basic programme for a European Championship with 10 men's teams.

Day: **Event:**

-2	arrival of the Technical Delegate
1	arrival of the teams and all ITOs
	classification / verification meetings with the teams
	practice
2	classification
	practice
	team managers/technical meeting
	ITOs' meeting
	opening ceremony
	opening game (organising nation versus?)
3	group games
4	group games
5	group games
6	group games
7	cross over games
8	9 th and 10 th place
	7th and 8th place
	5th and 6th place
	3rd and 4th place
	1st and 2nd place
	closing ceremony
9	departure of the teams and ITOs

Note:

If there is no acceptable organiser and IWBF Europe is not able to organise the European Championships for Men Division B itself, IWBF Europe can organise a European Championship for Men Division B by using any other system.

53. Programme: European Championship for Women (Division B)

The programme will be decided by IWBF Europe depending on the number of participating nations.

Note:

If there is no acceptable organiser and IWBF Europe is not able to organise the European Championship for Women Division B itself, IWBF Europe can organise a European Championship for Women Division B by using any other system.

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54. Programme: European Championship for Men (Division C)

The programme will be decided by IWBF Europe depending on the number of participating nations.

Note:

If there is no acceptable organiser and IWBF Europe is not able to organise the European Championship for Men Division C itself, IWBF Europe can organise a European Championship for Men Division C by using any other system.

56 Programme: European Championship for Men U23

The programme will be decided by IWBF Europe depending on the number of participating nations.

Note:

If there is no acceptable organiser and IWBF Europe is not able to organise the European Championship for Men U23 itself, IWBF Europe can organise a European Championship for Men U23 by using any other system.

57 Programme: European Championship for Women U25

The programme will be decided by IWBF Europe depending on the number of participating nations.

Note:

If there is no acceptable organiser and IWBF Europe is not able to organise the European Championship for Women U25 itself, IWBF Europe can organise a European Championship for Women U25 by using any other system.

58 Programme: European Championship for Athletes U18

The programme will be decided by IWBF Europe depending on the number of participating nations.

Note:

If there is no acceptable organiser and IWBF Europe is not able to organise the European Championship for Athletes U18 itself, IWBF Europe can organise a European Championship for Athletes U18 by using any other system.



CHAPTER IV HISTORY OF THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

ROLL OF HONOUR

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR MEN

Year 1st place	2nd place	3rd place	Place, Country
1970 Belgium	France	Great Britain	Brugge, Belgium
1971 Great Britain	France	The Netherlands	Kerpape France
1974 Great Britain	The Netherlands	France	Kerpape, France
1977 Israel	The Netherlands	France	Raalte, The Netherlands
1978 Israel	France	The Netherlands	Kerpape, France
1981 Israel	France	The Netherlands	Geneva, Switzerland
1982 France	Israel	Sweden	Falun, Sweden
1987 France	The Netherlands	Belgium	Lorient, France
1989 France	The Netherlands	Germany	Charleville-Mezieres, France
1991 France	The Netherlands	Great Britain	El Ferrol, Spain
1993 The Netherlands	Great Britain	France	Berlin, Germany
1995 Great Britain	Spain	The Netherlands	Paris, France
1997 France	Great Britain	Finland	Madrid, Spain
1999 France	Germany	The Netherlands	Roermond, The Netherlands
2001 France	The Netherlands	Germany	Amsterdam, The Netherlands
2003 Italy	The Netherlands	Great Britain	Sassari & Porto Torres, Italy
2005 Italy	Great Britain	Sweden	Paris, France
2007 Sweden	Great Britain	Germany	Wetzlar, Germany
2009 Italy	Turkey	Great Britain	Adana, Turkey
2011 Great Britain	Germany	Spain	Nazareth, Israel
2013 Great Britain	Turkey	Spain	Frankfurt, Germany
2015 Great Britain	Turkey	Germany	Worcester, Great Britain
2017 Turkey	Great Britain	Germany	Tenerife, Spain
2019 Great Britain	Spain	Turkey	Wałbrzych, Poland
2021 The Netherlands	Great Britain		Madrid, Spain
2023 Great Britain	Spain	The Netherlands	Rotterdam, The Netherlands
2025 Spain Herzegovina	Great Britain	Germany	Sarajevo, Bosnia &

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FOR MEN DIVISION B

Year 1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place	Place, Country
1994 Finland	Italy	Ireland	Warsaw, Poland
1996 Israel	Belgium	Slovenia	Ljubljana, Slovenia
1998 Slovenia	Switzerland	Austria	Tavira, Portugal
2000 Spain	Czech Republic	Poland	Nottwil, Switzerland
			Valladolid, Spain
			Brno, Czech Republic
2002 Poland	Turkey	Slovenia	Bielsko Biala, Poland
2004 Turkey	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Russia	Brno, Czech Republic
2006 Czech Republic	Turkey	Switzerland	Uster, Switzerland
2008 Belgium	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Switzerland	Brno, Czech Republic
2010 The Netherlands	Switzerland	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Nottwill, Switzerland
			Brno, Czech Republic

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2012 France	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Switzerland	Laško, Slovenia,
2014 Czech Republic	Israel	Lithuania	Brno, Czech Republic
2016 France Herzegovina	Lithuania	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Sarajevo, Bosnia &
2018 Russia	Austria	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Charleroi, Belgium
2021 Austria	Lithuania	Latvia	Athens, Greece
2022 Turkiye Herzegovina	Latvia	Lithuania	Sarajevo, Bosnia &
2024 Switzerland Herzegovina	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Latvia	Sarajevo, Bosnia &

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FOR MEN DIVISION C

Year 1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place	Place, Country
2003 Russia	Switzerland	Greece	Athens, Greece
2005 Belgium	Croatia	Greece	Lisbon, Portugal
2007 Portugal	Lithuania	Finland	Dublin, Ireland
2009 Croatia	Lithuania	Latvia	Cesis, Latvia
2011 Lithuania	Ukraine	Greece	Kaunas, Lithuania
2013 Austria	Latvia	Ukraine	Sankt Pölten, Austria
2015 Bosnia & Herzegovina	Portugal	Finland	Lisbon, Portugal
2017 Belgium	Czech Republic	Ireland	Brno, Czech Republic
2019 Greece	Serbia	Portugal	Sofia, Bulgaria
2022 Serbia Herzegovina	Portugal	Bulgaria	Sarajevo, Bosnia &
2023 Czech Republic Herzegovina	Bulgaria	Ireland	Sarajevo, Bosnia &
2025 Bulgaria	Sweden	Belgium	Samokov, Bulgaria

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FOR MEN UNDER 22 (UNDER 23)

Year 1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place	Place, Country
1999 Germany	Great Britain	France	Paris, France
2002 Great Britain	Turkey	France	Frankfurt, Germany
2004 Great Britain	France	Spain	Malle, Belgium
2006 Spain	Great Britain	Germany	Istanbul, Turkey
2008 Spain	Turkey	Sweden	Adana, Turkey
2010 Sweden	Great Britain	Germany	Seveso, Italy
2012 Germany	Sweden	Turkey	Stoke Mandeville, Great Britain
2014 Great Britain	Germany	Italy	Zaragoza, Spain
2016 Turkey	Great Britain	Germany	Lignano, Italy
2018 Turkey	Germany	Spain	Lignano, Italy
2021 Spain	Germany	Israel	Lignano, Italy
2024 Great Britain	Germany	Turkiye	Madrid, Spain

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FOR MEN UNDER 19

Year 1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place	Place, Country
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EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FOR WOMEN DIVISION A

Year 1st place	2nd place	3rd place	Place, Country
1987 Germany	Israel	The Netherlands	Lorient, France
1989 The Netherlands	Germany	Israel	Charleville-Mezieres, France
1991 Germany	The Netherlands	France	El Ferrol, Spain
1993 The Netherlands	Germany	France	Berlin, Germany
1995 The Netherlands	Germany	Great Britain	Delden, The Netherlands
1997 The Netherlands	Germany	Great Britain	Madrid, Spain
1999 Germany	The Netherlands	Great Britain	Roermond, The Netherlands
2003 Germany	The Netherlands	Great Britain	Hamburg, Germany
2005 Germany	The Netherlands	France	Villeneuve d'Ascq, France
2007 Germany	The Netherlands	Great Britain	Wetzlar, Germany
2009 Germany	The Netherlands	Great Britain	Stoke Mandeville, Great Britain
2011 Germany	The Netherlands	Great Britain	Nazareth, Israel
2013 The Netherlands	Germany	Great Britain	Frankfurt, Germany
2015 Germany	The Netherlands	Great Britain	Worcester, Great Britain
2017 The Netherlands	Germany	Great Britain	Tenerife, Spain
2019 The Netherlands	Great Britain	Germany	Rotterdam, The Netherlands
2021 The Netherlands	Great Britain	Spain	Madrid, Spain
2023 The Netherlands	Great Britain	Spain	Rotterdam, The Netherlands
2025 The Netherlands	Great Britain	Spain	Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FOR WOMEN DIVISION B

Year 1st place	2nd place	3rd place	Place, Country
2016 Spain	Turkey	Italy	Atri, Italy
2018 Turkey	Sweden	Italy	Lignana, Italy

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FOR WOMEN UNDER 25

Year 1st place	2nd place	3rd place	Place, Country
2013 The Netherlands	Great Britain	Germany	Stoke Mandeville, Great Britain
2014 The Netherlands	Great Britain	Germany	Hanover, Germany
2016 Great Britain	Germany	Turkey	Elxleben, Germany

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FOR WOMEN UNDER 24

Year 1st place	2nd place	3rd place	Place, Country
2018 Great Britain	Germany	France	Bordeaux, France

THE 3x3 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Year 1st place	2nd place	3rd place	Place, Country

3x3 QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES - MEN

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Year 1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place	Place, Country
2021 Northern Ireland	Scotland	Wales	Largs, Scotland

3x3 QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES - WOMEN

Year 1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place	Place, Country
2021 Scotland	Wales	-	Largs, Scotland

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
WCM	World Championship Men
WCW	World Championship Women
WCMU23	World Championship Men Under 23
WCWU25	World Championship Women Under 25
PARALYMPIC	Paralympic Games
ECMWA	European Championships Men & Women – Division A
ECMWB	European Championships Men & Women – Division B
ECMA	European Championships Men – Division A
ECMB	European Championships Men – Division B
ECMC	European Championships Men – Division C
ECMU23	European Championships Men Under 23
ECMU19	European Championships Men Under 19
ECWA	European Championships Women – Division A
ECWB	European Championships Women – Division B
ECWU25	European Championships Women Under 25



Appendix B – IWBF Handbook Obligations of LOC for certain competitions

This Appendix applies to the Local Organising Committee of:

- The European Championship for Men, Division A;
- The European Championship for Women, Division A;
- The European Championship for Men, Under 23;
- The European Championship for Women, Under 25;
- The 3x3 European Championships
- 3x3 Qualification Tournament for the Commonwealth Games

If the event provides a qualification opportunity to a World competition (this includes but is not limited to World Championships, Paralympic Games, Commonwealth Games, U23 World Championships, U25 World Championships, Repechage tournaments) the LOC is **obliged** to comply with the relevant requirements of the **IWBF Handbook** in addition to this Manual.

Listed below are the principal sections of the IWBF Handbook most relevant to the organisers of events listed above. **However, the LOC is responsible for making themselves familiar with all the requirements of them as organiser of a qualification tournament to a World event.**

Where the requirement in the IWBF Handbook is different to the requirements of this Manual, the IWBF Handbook shall take precedence and be the standard that shall be achieved or provided as appropriate.

Section E: Official Wheelchair Basketball Competitions Regulations 2019

Particularly:

- **E9. Conducting an official competition of IWBF**
 - E9.1. to E9.1.4 – Rights and duties of the Local Organising Committee
 - E9.2 to E9.2.2 - Duties of Organizers / Local Organising Committees
- **E11. Resource provisions**
 - E11.1 to E11.1.8 - items organisers are responsible for the provision and cost of
 - E11.11 - Media and advertising (also see Section H)
- **E12. Technical Provisions**
 - All sections
- **E17. Personnel and Committees of IWBF Championships**
 - E17.6.2 – Requirements for Referee Supervisors
 - E17.7.2 – Requirements for Classifiers
 - E17.9 – IWBF Media Representative
 - E17.10 – Doping Control Representative
 - E17.11 – National Technical Officials

Section H: Regulations Governing the Use of Advertising

Particularly:

- **H1 – Technical Equipment and The Playing Court**
 - H1.1 – H1.5.6 – Advertising and IWBF Logo

Section I: Regulations Governing the Property Rights of IWBF

- All sections

Section R: Regulations Governing IWBF Marketing

- All sections