



SPECIFIC COMPETITIONS REGULATIONS

EUROPEAN SOFTBALL MASTERS CUP (ESMC) 2020

PARTICIPATION

01.01. The ESMC shall be played every year.

01.02. Affiliated Federations may enter any number of teams into the ESMC. The Executive Council of each Affiliated Federation must nominate and approve each team entering this competition.

01.03. The ESMC is open to Men's and Women's teams where players are aged 35+. *The preferred timing of the Competition shall be in October and the duration will be a maximum of four playing days, both subject to modification by the EC if deemed necessary.*

TEAM REQUIREMENTS & COMPETITION FORMAT

02.01. Teams may be formed as a national team, club team or open team. Players must be 35+ years old. There is no restriction on players with respect to nationality or residence. To be eligible for the ESMC, teams must complete the relevant Entry Form and pay the current Entry Fee per the Financial Appendix and required by **Competition Regulations (Entries for Competitions)**.

02.02. The players participation in the ESMC do not require an SE Player Licence, *but an Application Form for Licences should be submitted to SE 14 days prior to the event as a pre-indication of the players who may attend, to enable the Scorers to prepare rosters, An athlete not named on this Form may still be included in the Official Competition Roster, to be presented at the ID Control at the tournament with passports or ID cards for all players listed thereon.*

02.03. Participant teams are responsible for their own accommodation, meals and transportation to and from the venue and fields before and during the competition. Upon request from participating teams, the organizer is responsible for providing contact information and special rates for local transportation companies when possible.

02.04. *Participant teams are responsible to provide one SE-qualified umpire for the tournament at their own expense. This includes accommodation and meals. Transportation for the umpires to their assigned field(s) will be the responsibility of the organizer. SE will assign six SE-qualified umpires to the event: their accommodation and meals will be for the account of the organizers.*

02.05. All games shall be umpired based on the number of umpires available and on the discretion of the UIC.

02.06. The tournament will be carried out, with a minimum of 6 participating teams and with no less than 3 teams in the respective categories (Men's or Women's)

02.07. Starting from 10 teams: competing teams will be seeded and divided into Pools. Seeding will be done based on the ranking of the previously completed ESMC. Teams which did not play in a previous ESMC competition will receive consideration with regard to seeding. Pools shall be structured to avoid, if at all possible, teams from the same Affiliated Federation playing against each other.

02.08. Game management;

02.08.01. All games in initial Pool round robins will be played with the intention of providing teams with 90 minutes game time. To assist adherence to the schedule, at 80 minutes the plate umpire, informed by the scorer, shall declare 'No new inning'. *If the home team is at bat and is already ahead, the game is complete. If not, the inning in progress will be played to completion or until the home team draws ahead. A tie is allowed in pool play.*

02.08.02. Final games shall be played to seven innings, with extra inning(s) if tied after seven.

ORGANIZER RESPONSIBILITIES SPECIFIC TO ESM

03.01. Depending on the number of teams the organizer should have a sufficient number of fields with the understanding that they should comply with ESF field requirements (**Technical Regulations – Fields and Playing Facilities, Level B**).

03.02. *The organizer is responsible for organizing local TC(s) and local scorekeepers for the tournament (electronic scorekeeping is not mandatory), also providing accommodation and meals for SE officials assigned under **02.04** and **04.01***

SE REPRESENTATION & RESPONSIBILITIES

04.01. SE will supply game balls, line-up cards, and medals for first, second and third place in both tournaments (Men's and Women's). *In addition to the umpires specified in **02.04.**, SE will provide a CTC, and an official SiC to be responsible for reports and statistics. Their accommodation and meals will be for the account of the organizers.*

04.02. *SE will donate 100 Euros per team registered to the organizers.*