

SPECIFIC COMPETITIONS REGULATIONS

MASTERS 2022

1. PARTICIPATION

- 1.1. The ESMC shall be played every year.
- 1.2. 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.
- 1.3. The ESMC is open to Men's and Women's teams where players are aged 40+. 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 SE if deemed necessary.
- 1.4. For either Division (Men's or Women's) to be played, *a minimum of 4 participating teams must subscribe to that competition. A maximum of 17 players are allowed on each team.*
- 1.5. *Other than determined in these Specific Regulations, the event is subject to the requirements of the SE Competitions and Technical Regulations currently in force.*

2. TEAM REQUIREMENTS & COMPETITION FORMAT

- 2.1. Teams may be formed as a national team, club team or open team. Players must be 40+ 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 and the Contribution for Organizers per the Financial Appendix.*
- 2.2. *All teams must comply with the administrative requirements of the WBSC Scoring and Reporting system, as applied to all WBSC Europe competitions*
- 2.3. 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.
- 2.4. SE will assign six SE-qualified umpires for the event *and the host Federation will provide local umpires* their accommodation and meals will be for the account of the organizers.
- 2.5. All games shall be umpired based on the number of umpires available and at the discretion of the UIC.
- 2.6. 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.

2.7. Game management

2.7.1. 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 and in any non-Medal Final.

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

3. ORGANIZER RESPONSIBILITIES SPECIFIC TO ESM

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

3.2. The organizer is responsible for organizing local TC(s) *and* SiC and local scorekeepers for the tournament (electronic scorekeeping is not mandatory), also for providing accommodation and meals for SE officials assigned under 2.4 and 4.1

4. SE REPRESENTATION & RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1. 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 2.4., SE will provide a CTC *for each field* whose accommodation and meals will be for the account of the organizers.

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