

ECA European Canoe Polo Championships for Club teams (ECC) Special Rules (Revised October 2017)

1. Organisation

- a. The ECA will nominate a hosting Federation to organize the ECC by August in the preceding year.
- b. The host Federation shall send the announcement to all European Federations at least six months in advance of the competition, and shall publish the announcement on the ECA Website.
- c. Applications to host the European Club Canoe Polo Championships must come from the National Federation on behalf of the organizing club to the ECA with a copy to the ECA Canoe Polo Technical Delegate.

2. Date of Competition

- a. The Competition shall take place in September/October each year.
- b. The date for the competition will be posted on the ECA website.
- c. No other competition should be run alongside the event.

3. National Representation

- a. Each National Federation may decide the competition or competitions (League or Cup), which will be used to select the club team/s to participate on their behalf in the European Club Canoe Polo Championships.
- b. The club teams which finish first or second in the competition are eligible to represent their federation. If these teams are not able to participate, then the third or fourth (and so on) placed teams may attend with the approval of the ECA TD.
- c. Each federation may send a maximum of two (2) Men's teams and two (2) Women's teams.
- d. Only the teams selected from the current season are eligible to take part.

4. Invitations and Entries

- a. Invitations are issued to each National Federation to enter their club representatives.
- b. These entries must be returned by the closing date with the appropriate entry fee for the club teams who will represent their federation in the women's and men's category.
- c. All entries must be signed and approved by the teams federation.
- d. Teams not fulfilling these requirements will have their entries returned and will be deemed ineligible to participate.
- e. A copy of all entries for each National Federation participating must be sent to the ECA CP Technical Delegate.
- f. There will be a maximum of XX places in the Men's category and XX places in the Women's category. These will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

5. Player Eligibility

- a. A player must be a member of the club who they are representing.
- b. The National Federation concerned must ratify the names of all players representing their club team for each team entered.
- c. If there are changes to the team prior to the competition, again these must be ratified by the National Federation and the ECA TD must be notified in advance.
- d. Mixed teams are not permitted.
- e. Where a player has played for more than one club team either in their own federation competitions or other federations, they must declare which club team they will select for, and this must be ratified by their federation and the ECA TD.
- f. A player must have played for the club at some point in the season at either a national or international competition.
- g. Each participating team must provide an accredited ICF CP Referee or top grade National referee.

6. Accreditation of Players

- a. Players must present their Club ID cards and passport/national ID card at the accreditation for the competition.
- b. Players who fail to do so will be declared ineligible for the competition.

7. Competition Rules

- a. The competition is run under ICF Canoe Polo Rules and these Special Rules.
- b. The groups depend on the results of the last ECC and will be created by the Technical Organiser of the competition and confirm by ECA Technical Delegate Canoe Polo

8. Entry Fee

- a. The entry fee per team is 150,00 € paid in full 21 days before the competition.
- b. Failure to submit an entry fee will mean non-acceptance to the competition.

9. Prizes

- a. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third in each category.
- b. 25,00 € from each teams entry fee will be used as prize money.
- c. The winning team in each category will receive 50% of the available prize money, with the team in second place receiving 30% and team in third place receiving 20%.
- d. A minimum of six teams is required for a category to take place.

10. Other

- a. The game system must be published in the first Bulletin.
- b. Generally the event takes 4 pitches and three days. Teams from one federation must be in different groups in the first round.
- c. A full set of results must be sent by Email to the ECA CPTD and also published on the ECA Website.



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11. Technical Delegate

- a. The ECA will nominate a Technical Delegate who will control the running of the competition on behalf of the ECA
- b. The host federation will cover the travel and accommodation cost for a technical visit and the competition.

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