

## **THE CARROM EUROCUP – DEFINITION AND FORMAT**

### **THE EUROCUP**

is the European Carrom Championship held once a year in the period between June and September in rotation by the affiliated nations of European Carrom Confederation.

National federations should communicate their availability to host the Eurocup two years in advance according to the existing order. When new countries join ECC the order will be changed according to their availability.

The order at present is: Czech Republic – Italy – France – Germany – Poland – UK – Switzerland. Confirmation of date and venue should be given one year in advance.

Official invitation letter should be sent to Federations/Associations 4 months in advance.

All players must register through official federations.

### **ELIGIBILITY WHO CAN PLAY**

The Eurocup is not an Open event. Participation is restricted to players from European countries or any other nations officially or temporarily affiliated to the ECC.

Individual players not belonging to officially registered carrom associations may only participate upon approval by ECC.

No players who have played for a national team in a non European country may rank in the Eurocup.

Players who abandon their national federation illegally cannot play for a European National Team even if they obtain citizenship in the new country.

In the Singles and Doubles events all players officially resident, and actually living in Europe (right of abode, work permit etc) for at least three years in a participating country may take part. This does not include foreign students, scholarship holders, temporary visa holders or residents who are permanently living abroad.

In the Team event only players holding citizenship ie. National passport of the country they are representing may take part. The manager/team captain will be required to present passports upon registration.

The officials of each federation/association must ensure and be responsible for the correct credentials of their players.

Any non-European guest players wishing to play in Eurocup “for fun” may do so IN DOUBLES ONLY prior approval of host federation and ECC but may not be ranked.

### **FORMAT**

The Eurocup is composed of Singles, Doubles and Team events. The order of the events is up to the host federation to decide.

### **SINGLES AND DOUBLE EVENT**

The Singles and Doubles events will be run with the Swiss system (SoL software) on the basis of one game of eight boards or 25 points with a time limit of no less than 50 minutes plus 7. If time allows it is recommended that matches should last 53 minutes plus 7 but in any case no more than one hour per match.

Players will start last board if they have completed previous one before the first bell. They have 7 minutes to finish the board. At the ring of the final bell the difference in coins will be counted excluding the queen.

The host federation must use the approved system and software provided by ECC so that international ranklists can be used and updated.

The host federation may not decide on the number of rounds to be played but must stick to the following: Between 30 to 59 players 9 rounds minimum should be played (may differ for doubles). From 60 to 100 players 11 rounds minimum should be played. Over 100 player 12 or 13 rounds should be played.

#### FINAL

The host federation must declare the time and place of the final and whether there will be a final for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place to allow media coverage. The final for Singles event must be best of 3 games of 8 boards/25 points and no time limit.

For Doubles event it can be as above OR one game only up to 25 points no time limit.

The final must be umpired preferably by CU plus one referee with stopwatch. Referees should avoid penalising players for such fouls as touching nets, blowing nose etc. Always better to issue a warning before giving a penalty.

A score board should be provided for the audience. Final should be screened if possible.

#### TEAM EVENT

Until further notice the Team is made up of four players who play Singles and Doubles.

The names of the participants in the Team event should be given to the organizers before the opening ceremony of the Eurocup or at the time of registration. Changes can be made before the event starts if absolutely necessary with prior agreement of the Referee and TS.

The formation of the individual team is up to the discretion of each federation and the order of players one to four must be given prior to the commencement of each match.

The scoring system is 2 points for each victory, 1 for a draw and 0 for a loss. All points are then summed up at the end of all matches. For those with equal points the direct victory will determine the winning team. If more than two teams have equal points first the direct victory will count and then the score difference.

There will be no time limit for Team Event games as long as the number of teams is inferior to seven.

If the number of teams is superior to 7 they may be divided into two groups and seeding according to previous year's results will apply in the groupings.

A draw will decide which team plays against which first. If one team has to sit out the host team may decide to sit out any game of their choice for organizational reasons.

Results of individual matches and general scores must be written up where they can be seen by everybody before starting the next round.

#### **ENTRY FEES AND PRIZES**

Entry fees must be approved by ECC.

A 10 euro ECC fee will be added to registration fees of each player and paid to ECC before the end of the event.

Prizes will consist in:

Rolling trophy – responsibility of ECC. Winner must have name printed on trophy. If won 3 times in a row by same player he keeps it.

Cups/ medals/ trophies for top 3 positions in Single, Double, Team – provided by host federation

Other prizes may include Junior / Female / White & Black Slams etc

Cash prizes are not encouraged but may be accepted prior consent of ECC

## **VENUE AND ORGANIZATION**

### **PROGRAMME**

A programme with daily schedule of events must be circulated to all participants BEFORE the start of the tournament. The programme should include approximate times of functions and ceremonies, matches, meals, meetings and any other event requiring participation of all or some players.

### **VENUE**

Organizers should endeavor to lodge participants as close as possible to or at the venue itself. Meals should also take place in or near the venue.

The playing hall should preferably be in one single room and must be large enough to accommodate all boards and official desks comfortably.

An area with large table for the Chief Referee/Assistants and Tech. Directors must be provided.

A room with sufficient carrom boards should be available for players in the evenings.

A board (or screen in case of projector) must be provided where individual match scores must be clearly written up by the tournament secretary.

Comfortable chairs without armrests must be provided.

### **HOSPITALITY**

The entry fee should cover food and board from Thursday dinner to Monday breakfast and all transportation if necessary to and from the venue. Water and/or tea/coffee should be provided at all times free of additional costs. A gala dinner and prize giving ceremony on Sunday should be included.

Any sightseeing programmes or additional activity are welcome but should not interfere with playing times.

### **ECC MEETING**

The hosts must set aside a time and place for meetings of the ECC BOM and Technical Committee meeting

### **MATERIALS**

Brand name and type of carrom board which will be used in the tournament must be announced in the prospectus. Any changes in type, colour, frame, surface etc. must be announced at least 15 days prior to commencement of the tournament to all participating bodies. No changes should be admitted after this date.

Carrom boards should be played on by the hosting team prior to the event to make sure the majority are straight. Stands should be appropriate.

Coins should also be checked prior to commencement of the games to avoid spinning.

Lamps should preferably hang above the board but clamped to corner is also acceptable.

There should be no loose electrical wires between the boards.

Sandpaper for coins and strikers should be available. A scale for weighing strikers should be provided.

## **OFFICIALS**

**Tournament Secretary** – there must be at least one TS to run all the events. The travel and food and board expenses of TS are the responsibility of the host federation.

The TS must be able to use the software SoL and use the progressive ranking database for international events.

The TS is responsible for keeping print-outs of all round rankings and scores in the eventuality of a computer breakdown

The TS must have an alternative computer and programme in case of breakdown or malfunction.

**The Chief Umpire** and referees – The Chief Umpire must be a certified national or international grade umpire and must not double up as tournament secretary. There should be at least one CU and one national/international level referee for a Eurocup tournament especially if boards are in more than one room. Travel expenses of CU are shared 50/50 between ECC and host federation. Food and board are the responsibility of host federation.

**Guests** ECC President and Secretary are normally guests of host federation (food and board only). However if they are also players they should agree to pay entry fees so as not to burden host federation excessively.

## **CODE OF BEHAVIOUR GUIDELINES**

The following should be posted at the venue or circulated to participants.

All matches in Eurocup are non-individually umpired except the finals. A Chief Referee will be available in the hall at all times and must be called to resolve any difficulties. When playing please use common sense. Fouls cannot be verified unless the referee is watching you. Do not call fouls that cannot be verified by both players eg. not touching the base lines.....give a warning before the player takes his/her turn.

The Tournament Secretary is not responsible for mistakes in score cards and once the next round has been played nothing can be done to correct them. Players must learn how to fill in score cards correctly. If in doubt ask. Score cards must be signed by winning player at the end of each game and handed to the TS.

When Results are posted on notice board after each round it is the winner's responsibility to check them.

Players not present at their match board within 7 minutes after Play has been called will lose the entire match.

Protests must be brought to the Chief Referee in writing within no more than 30 minutes with an accompanying fee of Euro10 and the protest will then be decided on by members of the ECC BOM (President & Secretary or vices) together with the Chief Referee by vote.

Where there is no ECC Law, the ICF Laws apply.

Please do not disturb Tournament Secretary while at work!

All mobile telephones must be switched OFF during all matches. Penalty for phone ringing during matches will be stated in prospectus. Fines will be donated to charity.