THE CARROM EUROCUP – DEFINITION AND FORMAT
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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: Serbia - Italy – Czech Republic –– 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.
The Eurocup will be played according to the Laws of Carrom adopted by the ECC

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.
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 for that country. 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.
In the Doubles Event players wanting to form a mixed nation partnership must apply for permission to their respective federations. Generally this will be allowed in case of odd numbers.
Top ranking players are not allowed to form mixed doubles.
The officials of each federation/association must ensure and be responsible for the correct credentials of their players.
No players who have played for a national team in a non-European country may PLAY in the Eurocup IF THEY HAVE ABANDONED THEIR national federation illegally even if they obtain citizenship in the new country.
They may as from 2023 play in the Eurocup if they respect the above eligibility criteria.
However only European citizens may qualify for the title of European Champion.
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. All players must agree to the privacy statement in order for their name to be displayed in the ranklists.

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.

In Doubles, teams may be formed by players from different countries only after prior agreement with national federation and ECC. As a general rule players must find a partner from their own country when available.

FINAL

The host federation must declare the time and place of the final and whether there will be a final for 3rd and 4th 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.

In the final the ICF Laws of carrom will apply. 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 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/non 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

NOTES

All players who start to play in a Swiss System Eurocup event must be aware that they have to play ALL matches. A player who interrupts his participation will distort results for all the others. Only for serious health or personal reasons can a player abandon a tournament halfway through. Players not showing up for their games for no good reason are liable to disciplinary action from their federation or Eurocup Committee and may be suspended from playing in future Eurocup tournaments.

CARROM GAME RULES

Please refer to the document Laws of Carrom as adopted by ECC