



IBSA

Showdown

European Championship 2020

System of Play

System of play for EC 2020 European Championship

All the countries are advised to hold national Championships so that players for the EC may be chosen taking in consideration their final standings during the last national championship.

Groups will be made according to players' standings in the International Ranking List. Subsequently, players with no points in the International Ranking, if any, will be drawn to complete the groups.

All matches will be played at best of 3, apart from top finals, semifinals and quarter finals which will be played at best of 5 sets. (total 16 knock-out matches)

Points awarding:

- 1 point for a won match
- 0 point for a lost match

In case of 2 or more players with the same points in the same group, their placements will be determined by considering the following, in turn:

- a) Results of the matches played by the involved players among them;
- b) Set difference concerning matches played by involved players among them;
- c) Set difference concerning matches played by involved players against all players in the group;
- d) Points difference concerning matches played by involved players against all players in the group;
- e) Draw.

For the order in which matches shall be played in each group, see **Appendix A**.

Men Category:

First round (groups by IBSA showdown ranking)

Group A: 1, 16, 17, 32

Group B: 2, 15, 18, 31

Group C: 3, 14, 19, 30

Group D: 4, 13, 20, 29

Group E: 5, 12, 21, 28

Group F: 6, 11, 22, 27

Group G: 7, 10, 23, 26

Group H: 8, 9, 24, 25

- 1) System of play is applied for 32 participants

- 2) 32 participants are divided into 8 groups by 4 players and each-to-each matches in the groups are applied (48 matches in total in group stage)

- 3) Best 2 players from each group will advance into next phase

- 4) In the next phase 4 groups are made as follows:

Group I: A1, E1, H2, D2
Group J: B1, F1, G2, C2
Group K: C1, G1, F2, B2
Group L: D1, H1, E2, A2

- 5) Best 2 players from each group will advance into quarterfinal by the following system of play:

Q1: I1-L2
Q2: J1-K2
Q3: K1-J2
Q4: L1-I2

Semifinal:
S1: Q1-Q4
S2: Q2-Q3

6) Semifinal winners play in the final, losers play 3-4 place match

Ranking play:

7) Players on 3rd places in 8 basic groups are divided in the ranking play in the following system:

Group M: A3, C3, E3, G3

Group N: B3, D3, F3, H3

8) Final ranking is played as follows:

17-18 place: M1-N1

19-20 place: M2-N2

21-22 place: M3-N3

23-24 place: M4-N4

9) Players on 4th places in 8 basic groups are divided in the ranking play in the following system:

Group O: H4, F4, D4, B4

Group P: G4, E4, C4, A4

10) Final ranking is played as follows:

25-26 place: O1-P1

27-28 place: O2-P2

29-30 place: O3-P3

31-32 place: O4-P4

11) Players on 3rd places of the top 4 groups will play in one ranking group as follows:

Group R: I3, J3, K3, L3

12) Final standings in group R reflects 9-12 place ranking

13) Players on 4th places of the top 4 groups will play in one ranking group as follows: Group S: I4, J4, K4, L4

14) Final standings in group S reflects 13-16 place ranking

15) 5-8 place matches are played each to each in group T, including all the quarterfinal losers:

Group T: Q4, Q3, Q2, Q1

16) In this system 130 matches are played

17) Time for quarterfinal, semifinal and final, best of five matches is doubled (8 in total)

Coefficients:

18) The number of players for each Country, entitled to take part in EC, is defined according to the coefficients awarded

19) The coefficient for each Country is the total resulting by adding the number of points awarded to a maximum of 3 players best ranking during the last 3 ECs (in this case EC 2018, 2016 and EC 2014 for EC in 2020). (See Country Ranking)

20) Points Category I as referred to the ranking system should be awarded for the Country up to 32th place in the last 3 ECs

21) Also 31 and 32 places are awarded by 1 point per Country

22) Each player represents each Country and earn points in the ranking

23) The number of players according to coefficients should be given as follows:

Countries on 1-4 place: 3 players

Countries on 5-12 place: 2 players

All the other Countries on 13 to further places along with new countries: 1 player

24) 16 Countries are counted at current situation

25) If more than 16 Countries take part to the EC, Countries who have 2 players are losing entitlement to delegate by descending way from 12 place and so on

26) If the number of Countries does not reach 32 players, best missing players of yearly ranking should be given a wild card

27) The number of participants cannot overreach 32 to keep the rule (see 25)

28) If the coefficients are even, order of teams is established based on the best score obtained by the athletes, who participated at the last European Championship.

Women category:

First round (groups by IBSA showdown ranking)

Group A: 1, 12, 13, 24

Group B: 2, 11, 14, 23

Group C: 3, 10, 15, 22

Group D: 4, 9, 16, 21

Group E: 5, 8, 17, 20

Group F: 6, 7, 18, 19

- 1) System of play is applied for 24 participants

- 2) 24 participants are divided into 6 groups by 4 players and each-to-each matches in the groups are applied (36 matches in total in group stage)

- 3) Best 2 players from each group will advance into next phase

- 4) In the next phase 2 groups are made as follows:

Group I: A1, C1, E1, F2, D2, B2
Group J: B1, D1, F1, E2, C2, A2

- 5) Best 4 players from each group will advance into quarterfinal by the following system of play:

Q1: I1-J4
Q2: J1-I4
Q3: I2-J3
Q4: J2-I3

Semifinal:
S1: Q1-Q4
S2: Q2-Q3

6) Semifinal winners play in the final, losers play 3-4 place match

Ranking play:

7) Players on 3rd places in 6 basic groups are divided in the ranking play as follows:

Group M: A3, C3, E3

Group N: B3, D3, F3

8) Final ranking is played as follows:

13-14 place: M1-N1

15-16 place: M2-N2

17-18 place: M3-N3

9) Players on 4th places in 6 basic groups are divided in the ranking play as follows:

Group O: F4, D4, B4

Group P: E4, C4, A4

10) Final ranking play is played as follows:

19-20 place: O1-P1

21-22 place: O2-P2

23-24 place: O3-P3

11) Players ranking 5th in groups I and J (I5-J5) will play for 9-10 places

12) Players ranking 6th in groups I and J (I6-J6) will play for 11-12 places

13) 5-8 place matches are played each to each in group T, including all the quarterfinal losers

Group T: Q4, Q3, Q2, Q1

14) In this system 100 matches are played

15) Time for quarterfinal, semifinal and final, best of five matches is doubled (8 in total)

Coefficients:

16) The number of players for each Country, entitled to take part in EC, is defined according to the coefficients awarded.

17) The coefficient for each Country is the total resulting by adding the number of points awarded to a maximum of 2 players best ranking during the last 3 ECs (in this case EC 2018, 2016 and EC 2014 for EC in 2020). (See Country Ranking)

18) The number of players according to coefficients should be given as follows:

Countries ranked on 1-8 place: 2 players

All the other Countries ranked on 9 to further places along with new Countries: 1 player counted to 16 Countries along with new ones.

19) Points Category I from the ranking for ECs are given to players as Countries up to 24 place from last 3 ECs

20) The number of players and wild cards are applied the same as referred to Category of men

21) 16 Countries are counted at current situation

22) If the coefficients are even, order of teams is established based on the best score obtained by the athletes, who participated at the last European Championship.

Appendix A

1) Order of matches in groups including 3 players

Round 1: 2-3

Round 2: 3-1

Round 3: 1-2

2) Order of matches in groups including 4 players

Round 1: 1-4, 2-3

Round 2: 3-1, 2-4

Round 3: 1-2, 4-3

3) Order of matches in a group including 6 players

Round 1: 1-6, 2-4, 3-5

Round 2: 4-1, 2-5, 6-3

Round 3: 1-5, 2-3, 4-6

Round 4: 3-1, 6-2, 5-4

Round 5: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6