



EFA

**European Fistball
Association**

**Regulations
CHAMPIONS CUP**

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1 Organizing Association

1.1 The following competitions are organized by the European Fistball Association (EFA):

- **EFA (Year) Fistball Men's Champions Cup (Venue/Nation)**
- **EFA (Year) Fistball Men's Champions Cup Indoor (Venue/Nation)**
- **EFA (Year) Fistball Women's Champions Cup (Venue/Nation)**
- **EFA (Year) Fistball Women's Champions Cup Indoor (Venue/Nation)**

The aforementioned competition is initiated by EFA and shall be held in accordance with these regulations.

1.2 Competition Rules of the International Fistball Association (IFCR) forms the basis for all items which are not stated in detail and for every doubtful case.

2 Basics

2.1 This event shall be governed by:

- "Specifications for the Organization of EFA Competitions"
- Competition Rules of the IFA (IFCR)
- Rules of the Game of the IFA

2.2 The name of a competition, in addition, in German is possible:

- EFA (Jahr) Faustball Champions Cup Männer (Austragungsort/Land)
- EFA (Jahr) Faustball Champions Cup Frauen (Austragungsort/Land)
- EFA (Jahr) Faustball Hallen Champions Cup Männer (Austragungsort/Land)
- EFA (Jahr) Faustball Hallen Champions Cup Frauen (Austragungsort/Land)

2.3 The general terms player, coach, head of delegation, referee, linesman etc. refer to both male and female persons.

3 Organization

3.1 The EFA Committee is responsible for the overall organization.

3.2 The Sports Commission of the EFA (SC-EFA) is responsible for the overall technical organization in accordance with these regulations.

It shall decide on the interpretation of these regulations as well as alterations and necessary amendments which cannot await a regular decision by the EFA Committee.

3.3 Associations wishing to host this event shall submit their applications twenty-four months prior to the event to the chairman of the Sports Commission EFA

The host association shall be designated by the EFA Committee.

If no applications are given, the EFA Committee determines the organizing member federation, on rotation basis.

4 Eligibility to Compete

4.1 Eligibility is met if the membership fee of the current year (Indoor competitions: of the previous year) has been paid to IFA through the own member federation:

- the previous year's women's or men's national champions of the 3 highestplaced European IFA-member federations at the last world championship
- the previous year's Champions' Cup winner
- in the "field-competition", additionally the two runner-up or cup winner of the 3 highest-placed European member federations at the last world championship which do not represent the previous year's Champions' Cup winner.

4.1.1 The European member federations must enter the eligible clubs including their addresses promptly after completion of the national championship to the chairman of the Sports Commission EFA (SC-EFA), with a copy to the organizer.

4.1.2 In the case of an odd number of teams entered, the SC-EFA can increase the number of participants in order to reach an even number, whereas in consideration of Paragraph 4.1.5 the next-placed teams of the national championships are to be considered, with priority going to the hosting member federation.

4.1.3 If a team waives its eligibility, the team placing after them in the national championships moves up.

4.1.4 Should a team not participate in spite of qualification, it loses its eligibility in all European club cup contests for the following year.

4.2 Each association may enter 10 players in total, with 5 players and 5 substitutes competing in individual matches.

These 10 players are to be submitted to the competition management on the form "Team registration" before the start of the event.

4.3 Players must be eligible to play for the relevant club at the time of the tournament, and may not have been eligible to play for any other club at less than one month before the start of the event.

Player licences (or similar) must be submitted to the competition management in good time before the start of the game.

5 Fixture / Schedule

- 5.1 The event is hold in principle every year.
- 5.2 The tournaments shall be held if at least 4 teams participate each competition.
- 5.3 The dates shall be fixed by the EFA Committee.
Every tournament shall be held on a weekend (Saturday-Sunday, or Friday-Saturday).
- 5.4 The fixture lists are determined by the number of participating member associations. A match schedule is drawn up by the SC-EFA.

6 Ranking

- 6.1 Ranking is based on the Competition Rules (IFCR), art. 4.3.
- 6.2 The association which won the highest number of points and/or the final competition shall be the European Cup winner.

7 Referees / Linesmen

- 7.1 The Games are arbitrated by internationally approved referees.
They are appointed by the EFA Referee Assessor.
- 7.2 Linesmen must be licensed referees appointed by the Referee Assessor of the hosting member association.

8 Delegations

A delegation consists of 10 players and 2 coaches, 12 persons in total.

9 EFA - Delegate

Normally, as the official EFA delegate a member of the EFA Committee is determined as possible from the organizing member.

10 Financial Provisions

10.1 The host association shall bear the following costs:

- Reimbursement of the costs for a main meal for all participants
- Costs for board and lodging for the EFA delegate from the day before the event until one day after the event as well as the travel costs (0.25 € / km)
- Costs for board and lodging for the referees and linesmen from the day before the event until one day after the event as well as the travel costs (0.25 € / km)
No referee fee shall be payable
- an agreed number of VIP tickets for honor guests of the EFA / IFA
- Costs for transportation from accommodation to the stadiums selected for training and matches for all participants in the competition
- Costs for adequate and effective marketing and PR-activities as well as all measures involved in the preparation, organization and hosting of the competition

10.2 The participating teams shall bear the following costs:

- the travel costs to and from the accommodation
- the costs for board and lodging
- all expenses not provided for under art. 10, par. 1.

10.3 Board and lodging that has not been claimed cannot be reimbursed in cash.

10.4 The fee for the corresponding European Championship is payable to the EFA by the host association no later than four weeks after the competition in question.

- Account EFA: according to the „Specifications for the Organization of EFA Competitions“ resp Organization Plan
- Amount: according to the attachment I of the Specifications

10.5 Different arrangements regarding the allocation of costs may be made at any time by the host association and the organizer.

11 Awards / Awards Ceremony / Protocol Guidelines

11.1 The winner shall receive an EFA tournament cup.

The winner is to have the cup engraved at own expense, and is to make it available for the next corresponding tournament.

If a team wins 3 successive cup tournaments, or a total of 5 cup tournaments, it shall keep its tournament cup permanently.

11.2 12 medals will be presented to each of the three top teams in the competition, i.e. gold resp. silver resp. bronze.

11.3 The awards ceremony will be held by the EFA delegate.

11.4 Protocol guidelines for the ceremony will be issued by the EFA delegate.

12 Protests

12.1 Protests against the initiation of a competition shall be submitted in writing to the EFA within three weeks of receipt of the invitation with an explanation under concurrent payment of the protest fee.

The postmark date is authoritative.

12.2 The match schedule and the selection of referees are beyond dispute.

12.3 For further details, please refer to the Competition Rules (IFCR), art. 5.

13 Arbitration Proceedings

An arbitration tribunal shall be set up by an EFA delegate appointed by the latter.

14 Insurance Cover

The participating associations shall provide adequate insurance cover against illness and accidents.

The EFA, the host association and the organizer shall be discharged from liability thereto.

15 Violations

The EFA Committee reserves the right to impose sanctions in the event of violations against the provisions of these regulations.

16 Ratification

These regulations were ratified by the EFA Committee on 24th January 2022 and came into force on 1st April 2022.