



1st EUROPEAN DEAF CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014

TECHNICAL REGULATIONS



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1. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The Technical committee will be composed of the EDSO Representative and members appointed by the Organizing Committee:

Vasil Sandugei - EDSO Representative
Alexander Zhidelev - Head Umpire
Alexander Romantsov - OC President
Nadezda Shakhbazyan - Sports Liaison Officer (Representative from Organizing Committee)

2. PROTEST COMMITTEE

Vasil Sandugei - EDSO Representative
Alexander Zhidelev - Head Umpire
Alexander Romantsov - OC President
Nadezda Shakhbazyan - Sports Liaison Officer (Representative from Organizing Committee)

3. COMPETITION VENUE

The European Deaf Curling Championships will take place at **Curling Centre “Ledoviy Kub” in Sochi, Russia**. The Club also has changing facilities for both Men’s and Women’s teams. These changing facilities include bathrooms. It also has eating facilities for both fans and athletes. Bathrooms facilities on Basement floor and 2nd floor are available for fans.

4. TRAINING VENUE at Curling Centre “Ledoviy Kub” in Sochi, Russia on 24 October 2014.

- 1) Each Team will have 15 minutes of training on each ice track to be used in the Competition.
- 2) After the Team’s last 15 (Fifteen) minute training time please return rocks to their correct position at the Home End.

Time	Ice A	B	C	D
14:00-15:00	xx	xx	xx	xx
15:00-16:00	xx	xx	xx	xx
16:00-17:00		xx	xx	

5. EQUIPMENT

All equipment and implements used during competitions will comply with the WCF Rules and Regulations.

6. EVENTS

1st European Deaf Curling Championships will be held for men and women.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1. Competition Schedule

This schedule is subject to change.

8. REGULATIONS

8.1. Rules

The Curling competitions will be conducted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the WCF. In case of disagreement in the interpretation of the Rules and Regulations, the English text shall prevail. Unforeseen incidents not covered by the Rules and Regulations shall be dealt with as follows:

8.1.1. Cases of a general nature will be resolved in accordance with European Deaf Championships Regulations.



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8.1.2. Technical questions shall be resolved according to the WCF Rules and Regulations.

8.1.3. Only athletes who comply with the Deaf European Championships Regulations are entitled to take part in the European Deaf Curling Championships competitions.

8.2. Participants

8.2.1. Each National Deaf Sport Federation may enter one (1) men's team and one (1) women's team.

Men's Teams (5): xx – xx – xx – xx – xx

Women's Teams (5): xx – xx – xx – xx – xx

8.3. Entries

8.3.1. The deadline for final registration for team sports is **16 August 2014**.

8.3.2. The final registrations with the names of each athlete indicating sport and event entered must be submitted to the Russian Committee of Deaf Sports (RCDS) no later than **26 September 2014**. Such submissions may be made by email if followed by the official registration form.

8.3.3. No changes or additional entries will be accepted after **26 September 2014**.

8.4. Number of Players

Each team may register four (4) to five (5) players.

8.5. Medical

Refer to EDSO General Technical Rules – European Deaf Curling Championship - *CONTROL AND SANCTIONS*.

8.5.1. An athlete who uses medicine or forbidden substances due to permanent illness (allergy, asthma, epilepsy) must submit a doctor's declaration which must be submitted two (2) weeks before the European Deaf Curling Championships.

8.5.2. Doping Procedures will be as outlined by the WCF Rules.

9. COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

9.1. Technical Organization

EDSO is responsible for the technical organization of the Curling competitions.

9.2. Competition Plan

9.2.1 Men's & Women Competition: Teams will play a Single Round Robin (each team plays every other team) to establish the Top Four Teams.

9.2.2. Page (4 team) Play-off: Team ranked 1st plays against the team ranked 2nd. The winner advances to the final game, the loser goes to the semi-final game. Team ranked 3rd plays against the team ranked 4th. The winner advances to the semi-final game, the loser goes to the bronze medal game. The winner of the semi-final advances to the final, the loser goes to the bronze medal game. See in attachment.

9.2.3. Rock colour will be assigned ahead of the time and will be recorded on the Official Draw. Please check the draw carefully for possible mistakes and to see on which games your team will have for what rock colour you will be throwing.



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9.2.4. The Team listed in the draw schedule for the round robin games will play the stones with the dark coloured handles. They will have first pre-game practice. The practice will start ½ hour prior to game time. You may only practice with the rocks assigned to your team for the game.

9.2.5 The team listed second will play with the stones with the light coloured handles. They will have the second practice which will start 15 minutes prior to game time. You may only practice with the rocks assigned to your team for the game.

9.2.6. Each game in European Championships competition is ten (10) ends in length. If the teams are tied at the completion of ten (10) ends, a complete extra end must be played in order to break the tie. If both teams are still tied after the extra end, play must continue for as many ends as may be required to break the tie.

9.2.7. A team finishing clearly ahead of all other teams will gain last stone advantage in all quarter finals, semifinals and finals games, and a coin will not be tossed. Clearly ahead means that there is a difference in the win-loss column of the respective teams in the round robin.

9.2.8. Where teams are tied for positions after the round robin series has been completed, and where ranking is required for the quarter finals and semifinals, the following alternatives (in order) are used:

- (a) the record of games between the tied teams is used to determine ranking;
- (b) where three or more teams are tied and the record of games between the tied teams provides a ranking for some teams but not all, then those remaining teams whose ranking has not been decided will use the record of games between them to determine;

For those teams whose ranking may not be determined by (a) or (b), then the **results of the Ranking Test (Last Stone Hammer) shall** determine the rank of each team.

9.3. Last Stone (Hammer) Policy and Skill Ranking Policy (Round Robin Format Events) LSD – Last Stone Draw

9.3.1 For each round robin game Last Stone Advantage (Hammer) in the first end will be decided by a draw to the button following each team's ten (10) minutes pre-game practice.

9.3.2 Last Stone Draw (LSD) is played at the conclusion of the team's pre-game practice. One player delivers one stone, with sweeping allowed, to the tee at the home end. All stones finishing in the house are measured. Stones that do not finish in the house are recorded as 185.4 cm. Stones that finish so close to the tee that they cannot be measured are recorded as 0.0 cm. The team with the lesser LSD distance has the choice of delivering first or second in the first end. If neither team has a stone that finishes in the house, or both teams record the same distance, a coin toss will decide which team has the choice of delivering the first or second stone in the first end.

9.3.3 Each team member is required to deliver a maximum of two (2) LSDs during the games prior the playoffs.

9.3.4 The four (4) best LSDs for the team will be used for the final team ranking, with the least favorable (longest distance), being eliminated from the team's final total. This final team ranking will be used for unresolvable ties in playoff scenarios (when head to head records result in a tie or ties).

9.3.5 Stoned not delivered within the one (1) minute will be assigned a distance off 185.4 CM (the stone must reach the nearer tee-line before time expires).

9.3.6 Coaches are not allowed to stand on the ice during the throwing of the LSD.

9.3.7 Skill based competition stones will be thrown towards the home end only.



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9.4. Withdrawal

If a team withdraws after the European Championships have begun or are disqualified during the games, the Championships must continue without this team or a replacement. The games played by the team concerned will not be taken into consideration.

9.5. Umpires

The Head Umpire (Official) and all On Ice Umpires (Supervisors) are designated by the Organizing Committee. The Observers if available, Timekeepers and Statisticians will also be appointed by the Organizing Committee.

9.6. Protests

9.6.1. Procedure for lodging a protest

All sport related protests will be resolved in accordance to the WCF Rules and Regulations and will be managed by the Sporting Protest Committee. Any official protest must be submitted in writing on the Official European Championships Protest Form, and given to the EDSO Representative accompanied by EUR 50.

The EDSO Representative will decide whether the protest is sporting related or eligibility related. The Sporting Protest Committee will review all sport related protests, and the EDSO Executive Committee will review all eligibility protests. The deposit of USD \$50 will be returned to the appellant only if the protest is considered valid.

9.6.2. Procedures for reviewing a protest

The sporting protest committee will meet in the Representative office in the **Curling Centre “Ledoviy Kub” in Sochi, Russia** at a time decided upon by the chairperson of the committee.

- The EDSO Representative will be the chairperson of the committee.
- The Sports Liaison Officer will be responsible to book the meeting room and interpreters.
- The Sports Liaison Officer will contact all committee members to inform them of the meeting time and location.
- The EDSO Representative will be responsible for liaising with the State Sports Association's Competition Manager.

The Sports Liaison Officer will be responsible for informing Games Headquarters GHQ and the EDSO Representative will be responsible for informing EDSO Executive about the protest and also the outcome of the protest.

9.7. Uniform

Each team shall wear identical uniforms for all games. Each garment, shirt and jacket or sweater, shall have the player's surname, in Ten (10) cm letters, across the upper back of the garment. If two players have the same surname, the first letter of their given name shall be added to the player's name on the garment. The National Olympic Abbreviation code, in 5,08 cm (2 inches) or larger letters, shall also be on the back above the waist. If desired, a national emblem may also be worn on the back, but only in addition to the country name and should be displayed between the players' surname and country name. When throwing stones with dark handles. If one team member wishes to wear a cap or hat, but if two (2) or more are wearing caps then all of them shall be identical and reflect the country that the team is representing. All member associations (coach, interpreter/translator) shall register the colour of the outer garment, jacket or sweater, to be used by teams representing their county when competing in European Championships. They shall not use outside footwear or equipment into curling area that may damage the surface of the ice.

9.8. Hearing Aids

The use of hearing aids or external cochlear implant aids is strictly forbidden during the competition.

10. TECHNICAL MEETING:

The Technical meeting will take place **on Saturday, 25 October at 18:45 at the Curling Centre “Ledoviy Kub” in Sochi, Russia**. The team representative, coach and 1 Interpreter may accompany the Team.



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10.1. Each participating National Deaf Sports Federation may also send two (2) Representatives but for observation purposes only as this is Information Meeting for the Teams (Coach) only. The Representatives must sit at the back of the

Meeting with the teams and Coaches at the front so they may observe the Interpreter(s) and be close to ask questions if necessary.

10.2. This meeting is to inform teams and coaches of Rules and Regulations governing the Competition, It is directed by the Head Official (Umpire) and covers all matters related to the Competition itself.

10.3. If Teams have questions or inquiries into things such as Accommodation, Meals, and Transportation these can be answered following the Head Umpire's Meeting by the chairperson of the committee.