



EXTRACT FROM SPECIFICATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTESTS ORGANISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION ICESTOCKSPORT (IFI)

Mode of play for Men's games

2 groups, A and B shall be formed. Before lots are drawn for allocation to groups, each country taking part shall provide notification in writing of the members of their teams.

In the case of countries with 4 teams, 2 named teams shall be allocated by lot to group A and the other two teams shall play in group B.

For countries with 3 teams, two teams from the country given first place by lot shall be allocated by lot to group A and one team to group B.

For the next country with 3 teams, two teams shall be allocated by lot to group B first and the third team shall be allocated by lot to group A.

Countries with 2 teams or 1 team shall be given analogous treatment.

The starting numbers shall then be allocated by lot; a country's teams shall play the first game against one another.

First day of play – Preliminary round

Every team in groups A and B shall play against every other team in that group. The first eight in each group shall qualify for the final round.

Second day of play – Final round

The final round shall be played using a knock-out system. First, 4 pools for drawing lots shall be used; the teams in the two preliminary round groups achieving first and second places shall comprise pool 1, the teams coming third and fourth shall comprise pool 2, the teams coming fifth and sixth shall comprise pool 3 and the teams coming seventh and eighth shall comprise pool 4. The pairs for the first knock-out round shall be determined as follows: The teams in pools 1 and 2 shall be put together in accordance with the attached table. A team from pool 4 shall be drawn by lot to play against a team from pool 1 to be drawn by lot and a team in pool 3 shall be drawn by lot to play against a team in pool 2 (cf. table attached).

All final rounds shall be decided in 2 games. If both teams have the same number of game points, the stock points shall be taken into account as well; if these are also equal, play shall be conducted in accordance with paragraph 2.1.4. (penultimate paragraph) *mutatis mutandis*.

The losers of the round of 16 shall play for 9th place.

The losers of the quarter-final shall play for 5th place.

The game to decide on the third and fourth places shall be played at the same time as the final.

(cf. also the relevant table - annex 2 of the "Specifications and Instructions for Contests Organised by the IFI.")

Those teams not among the top 8 after the preliminary round shall play a tournament (special single round for the IFI Trophy) to decide on positions from position 17 onwards.

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8.3 Every item of sports equipment for the Women's and Men's European Cup shall be examined by a licensed Icestock referee before it may be used in a competition. Competition Managers and Referees examine the sports equipment before and during the competition. Any necessary regulatory measures shall be carried out in accordance with the IER and ISpO or the IFI's Federation Court Rules.