

Technical regulations

1. Basics

- 1.1 The European Championships will be held according to the latest regulations of the International Fistball Association (IFA) and European Fistball. Organized by the European Football Association (EFA). (IFA Rules of the Game, IFA Rules of the Game and EFA Regulations "European Championship")
- 1.2 For all points not specifically listed in these regulations and in cases of doubt, the principles mentioned under point 1.1 apply.
- 1.3 In unforeseen circumstances, the competition management will make the final decision.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 Eligible to participate are the national teams of the European member associations of International Fistball. Association (IFA).
- 2.2 players per team may be used in the event.
- 2.3 The player registration form, including surname, first name(s), date of birth and jersey number, must be submitted by email to the EFA Sports Commission (a.steinbauer@efa-fistball.com) no **later than Sunday, July 12, 2026**.

Subsequent changes must be reported to the competition management no **later than Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**

3. Conducting the Games

3.1 Mode A-Men

- 3.1.1 In the **preliminary round**, the teams play a single round-robin tournament in two groups of four (A, B). The group assignments are made according to the last European Championship ranking.
- 3.1.2 in the **quarterfinals**:
1st Gr. A – 4th size B / 2nd size A – 3rd Gr. B / 3rd Gr. A – 2nd Gr. B / 4th Gr. A – 1st Gr. b
The losers of the quarterfinals play against each other in a crossover format.
- 3.1.3 In the **semi-finals**, the winners of the quarterfinals play against each other in a cross-over format.
- 3.1.4 They will play in the **final round**
 - the losers of the crossover matches for ranks 7/8
 - the winners of the crossover matches for places 5/6
 - the losers of the semi-finals for places 3/4
 - the winners of the semi-finals for the European Championship title

3.2 Schedule

The schedule (Appendix II to the Official Bulletin) is binding.

3.3 Rating

- 3.3.1 The preliminary round matches of the European Championship will be played to 3 winning sets up to 11 (max. 15).
- 3.3.2 The matches of the consolation round and the final round of the European Championship will be played to 3 or 4 winning sets to 11 (max. 15).
- 3.3.3 In the preliminary round, the winner receives 2 points for a won game and 0 points for the loser.
- 3.3.3 If several teams have the same number of points at the end of the preliminary round, the final ranking will be decided in the order shown:
 - 1. the higher set difference (difference) from the games between teams with the same number of points.
 - 2. the higher set ratio (quotient) from the games between teams with the same number of points.
 - 3. the higher ball difference (difference) from the games between teams with the same number of points.
 - 4. the higher set difference (difference) from all games of the round
 - 5. the higher set ratio (quotient) from all games of the round
 - 6. the higher ball difference (difference) from all games of the round
 - 7. Lottery

4. referee

- 4.1 The games will be officiated by internationally certified referees. Referee assignments will be made by the competition management.
- 4.2 The referees' factual decisions are final.

5. line up

- 5.1 The teams must arrive at their designated meeting point 5 minutes before the scheduled start of the match.

6. Stay indoors

- 6.1 Within the playing field boundaries, only 5 players and 2 supervisors (coaches listed on the match report form) per team are allowed.
- 6.2 Only substitute players and other official delegation members are allowed in the substitution zone. All of them must remain within the designated substitution zone.

Exception: Substitute players preparing for a match.

7. balls

- 7.1 According to a decision by the EFA Executive Committee, the following types of balls will be used:
 - A- Men
 - Sportastic COMPETITION Men (dry / dry) [World Games Design]
 - Sportastic COMPETITION Men (wet / wet) [World Games Design]
- 7.2 The balls are placed.
- 7.3 The type of ball used (dry ball or wet ball) in each set is decided by the referee (an unappealable factual decision). The ball type can also be changed during a set.

8. Dress code

8.1 Color

Participating member associations are required to bring **two sets of jerseys** in contrasting colors to prevent both teams from wearing (practically) identical colors during matches. The jersey colors must be listed on the team registration form.

The jerseys to be worn are determined by the competition management the day before.

The coaches and substitute players each wear uniform outerwear in a different color than the team.

8.2 Jersey advertising

The provisions of the IFA Rules of Play (section 8) apply.

9. Objections

- 9.1 Appeals are decided on-site by an arbitration panel in oral proceedings after hearing the parties and witnesses.
- 9.2 The arbitration panel consists of three persons. The chairman is the EFA delegate. He appoints the other members of the arbitration panel.
- 9.3 Any objections regarding the playing field and equipment must be raised with the referee by the team captain or team manager before the game.
- 9.4 Objections to game procedures must be reported to the referee immediately after the end of the game and must be justified in writing within half an hour of the end of the game.
- 9.5 Objections to the scheduling of the games and the referee assignments are not possible.
- 9.6 Simultaneously with the submission of the statement of grounds for appeal, an appeal fee of €20 must be deposited with the arbitration tribunal.
- 9.7 Decisions of the arbitration tribunal are final.