

ECA European Canoe Polo Championships for Club teams (ECC) Special Rules (January 2025 edition)

1. Organisation

- a. The ECA will nominate a hosting Federation to organize the ECC by August in the preceding year.
- b. The host Federation shall send the announcement to all European Federations at least six months in advance of the competition, and shall publish the announcement on the ECA Website.
- c. Applications to host the European Club Canoe Polo Championships must come from the National Federation on behalf of the organizing club to the ECA with a copy to the ECA Canoe Polo Technical Delegate.

2. Date of Competition

- a. The Competition shall take place in September/October each year.
- b. The date for the competition will be posted on the ECA website.
- c. No other competition should be run alongside the event.

3. National Representation

- a. Each National Federation may decide the competition or competitions (League or Cup), which will be used to select the club team/s to participate on their behalf in the European Club Canoe Polo Championships.
- b. The club teams which finish first or second in the competition are eligible to represent their federation. If these teams are not able to participate, then the third or fourth (and so on) placed teams may attend with the approval of the ECA TD.
- c. Each federation may send a maximum of two (2) Men's teams and two (2) Women's teams.
- d. If there are not enough registered teams, the ECA TD can open the registration for a third team from each eligible nation. The allocation for third teams will be on a 'First come' basis. Once the extra places are filled no further entries will be accepted
- e. Only the teams selected from the current season are eligible to take part.
- f. Winners of the previous ECC are automatically invited to attend the next ECC.

4. Invitations and Entries

- a. Invitations are issued to each National Federation to enter their club representatives.

- b. These entries must be returned by the closing date with the appropriate entry fee for the club teams who will represent their federation in the women's and men's category.
- c. All entries must be signed and approved by the teams federation.
- d. Teams not fulfilling these requirements will have their entries returned and will be deemed ineligible to participate.
- e. A copy of all entries for each National Federation participating must be sent to the ECA Canoe Polo Technical Delegate.

5. Player Eligibility

- a. A player must be a member of the club who they are representing.
- b. The National Federation concerned must ratify the names of all players representing their club team for each team entered.
- c. If there are changes to the team prior to the competition, again these must be ratified by the National Federation and the ECA TD must be notified in advance.
- d. Mixed teams are not permitted.
- e. To be eligible a player must have represented the club at a National Championship in the same season of the ECC.
- f. Where a player has played for more than one club team in different National Championships of ECA National Federation's, this player must declare which club team they will play for in ECC. This declaration must be made by 31 May in the year of the ECC, with official communication to ECA Canoe Polo Technical Committee. If no declaration is made, the player may only play for the team of his own National Federation.
- g. Each participating team must provide an accredited ITO Referee.

6. Accreditation of Players

- a. Players must present their Club ID cards and passport/national ID card at the accreditation for the competition.
- b. Players who fail to do so will be declared ineligible for the competition.

7. Competition Rules

- a. The competition is run under ICF Canoe Polo Rules and these Special Rules.
- b. Groups for the competition will be defined by a draw. The number of groups and number of teams of each group will be based upon the number of entering teams. The 1st place and 2nd place teams of each National Championship will be grouped in two pools respectively. Each group will be formed by drawing from the 1st place pool and a 2nd place pool alternatively. Teams from the

same country will not be able to be in the same group. This process will continue until all the teams are allocated to a group.

8. Entry Fee

- a. The entry fee per team is 250.00 € paid in full 21 days before the competition.
- b. Failure to submit an entry fee will mean non-acceptance to the competition.

9. Prizes

- a. The Competition Organizer would prepare the medals for each player in each category, 10 senior Men, 10 senior Women. The label on the medal must include location, date and the category. It is not mandatory but recommended.

10. Other

- a. The game system must be published in the first Bulletin.
- b. Generally the event takes 4 pitches and three days. Teams from one federation must be in different groups in the first round.
- c. A full set of results must be sent by Email to the ECA CPTD and also published on the ECA Website.

11. Technical Delegate

- a. The ECA will nominate a Technical Delegate who will control the running of the competition on behalf of the ECA
- b. The host federation or host club will cover the travel and full accommodation cost for a technical visit and the competition.

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