



INTERNATIONAL KORFBALL FEDERATION RULES for the IKF EUROPA SHIELD

1 General

- 1 These rules are drawn up under the requirements of Article 1 of the IKF Competition Regulations. Except for Articles 4 and 5 of those regulations, which are not applicable all Articles of the IKF Competition Regulations shall be deemed to be part of these tournament rules.
- 2 The Europa Shield Tournament shall be held every year.
- 3 The dates and venue of the tournament are determined by the European Competitions Working Group (ECWG) of behalf of the Executive Committee of IKF Europe and will be communicated to the national organisations concerned before 1st June of the year preceding the tournament. The matches will normally be played over three days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, on dates to be advised.
- 4 The invited qualifying countries shall be from among the European countries ranked from number 3 in European Club events with the criteria that to qualify as a country for this event the country must have held a national championship with at least five teams for a minimum of five years. The top six (6) qualifying countries shall be invited but the ECWG reserves the right to invite a country from outside the top six in order to fill a vacancy in a particular year. If the invitation is made from six (6) countries then the hosts and the previous year's winning country may have two places. (If the previous year's winner is the host then the runner up from the previous year shall be entitled to have two places.) If chosen from seven (7) countries then provided the host country is ranked in the top four qualifying countries it may have two teams participate, otherwise the country of the previous year's winner may have two places.
- 5 Teams must comply with any timing requirements for arrival, departure, games etc. demanded of them by the IKF and mentioned in the appendix. With respect to their arrival, teams must arrive in time to declare their team to the Jury at the pre-tournament meeting. This meeting shall be held prior to the first match in the tournament. For the purposes of this travel requirement the time of the meeting shall be considered to be 1500 unless advised otherwise. (It shall not be necessary for the whole team to arrive at this time but it is essential that at least one representative is present.) Teams shall be free to leave after the prize-giving and closing ceremony. The earliest possible departure time shall be indicated in the schedule.
- 6 The requirements of the IKF with respect to the organisation of the tournament will be laid down in a contract to be signed between the IKF and the host country.
- 7 The maximum number of players from each team that may participate shall be 8 male and 8 female.
- 8 The closing date for submitting the **Long List Form** referred to in Article 6 of the Competition Regulations shall be 28 days prior to the start of the tournament.
- 9 For a player to be eligible to play in this tournament the player must have been a member of the entering club as follows:
 - 1 The player has been a continuous member of the club from 15 October of the year prior to event.



- 2 A continuous member is defined as being a member on the required date and has not played in any competition match for any other club, in the club's country or elsewhere, between the required starting date and the date of the event.

The National Organisation that entered the team must certify that this condition has been met by all players in their club's team. The Executive Committee of the IKF shall have the power to vary the terms of this clause if it aids the smooth running of the tournament.

- 10 The ***Final Players' Declaration Form*** referred to in Article 6 of the Competition regulations shall be returned to the Jury no later than two hours prior to the start of the tournament or the end of the pre-event meeting between the Jury and Team Managers, whichever is later.

2 Participation

- 1 The eligible countries as mentioned in clause 1.4 shall be eligible to nominate the team finishing second in their championship from the preceding season. Should a country's second club decline to enter then, unless the ECWG decides otherwise, their place will be offered in ranking order to the other countries with the proviso that the nominated team must have finished at least 5th in the previous year's national competition.
- 2 No more than eight (**8**) teams can participate in the tournament.
- 3 All arrangements concerning the payment of the travelling and lodging expenses of the participating teams and their accompanying officials, together with the payment of any costs of participation, will be made by the participating clubs in accordance with Article 2.10 of the Competition Regulations of the IKF unless the Executive Committee of the IKF decides differently.

3 Entries

- 1 Entries of the participating teams must be submitted to the IKF secretariat by the national organisation to which the club is affiliated no later than the 30th June of the year preceding the tournament. If a national organisation is unable to name its second placed club by this date then it should ascertain if the team/s likely to become second is/are likely to want to participate and enter the team/s provisionally, confirming which team will participate within one week of its competition being finished.
- 2 If a country's second placed team is unable to participate then a country may nominate a lower placed club instead provided the club finished no lower than 4th in the country's national competition. A club may not participate in both the IKF Europa Cup and IKF Europa Shield in the same season.
- 3 Within one week of the closing date for entries, the ECWG will advise the national organisations concerned if they will be able to nominate a second club.
- 4 Clubs which cancel their entries may be punished by the Executive Committee of the IKF in accordance with Article 2.5 of the Competition Regulations of the IKF.
- 5 The participating clubs must, before the start of the tournament, confirm in writing to the IKF secretariat that they have complied with Article 2.12 of the Competition Regulations concerning suitable insurance being taken out to cover the cost of any medical treatment of the members of their delegation during their stay in the place where the tournament is being held.



4 Playing-schedules

- 1 The dates, venue and playing schedules for the tournament will be an appendix to these rules and will be published separately.
- 2 The participating teams will be placed into one or more pools by the ECWG. The pools and match schedules shall be as shown in this appendix. If there are less than 8 teams then the tournament shall be held on a round robin basis.
- 3 No deviation from the playing schedules may be made without the approval of the ECWG.
- 4 Should a club cancel its entry after the final clubs have been named, the ECWG shall have the power to permit the replacement of this club if this is desirable for the organisation of the tournament.

5 Details arising from Article 21 of the Competition Regulations

- 1 Matches shall be played with Mikasa K5 IKF balls (art.21.4).
- 2 Matches shall be played with approved artificial korfs. For all official IKF Tournaments the korfs shall be those manufactured by Korfbizz BV (identified by serial number 01-79348-NL or 02-79348-NL on the korfs).
- 3 The matches shall be played according to schedule C1 in Appendix 2 to the IKF Competition Regulations.

6 Late starts of matches

- 1 Should any team not be ready to start within 5 minutes of the scheduled starting time the Jury will decide whether the match should be abandoned or re-scheduled. In accordance with Article 19 of the Competition Regulations, if a match is abandoned in such circumstances then the matter will be reported to the TDP, along with the reasons for the team's late arrival. The TDP will then decide whether the team concerned forfeits the match (in accordance with Article 19.3) or if no disciplinary action is taken (in which case Article 19.2 shall apply).

7 Final Provision

The jury shall have the power to deal with any matter that is not provided for under these rules.

Laid down by the Executive Committee of the
INTERNATIONAL KORFBALL FEDERATION
To take effect from 1 January 2015

APPENDIX

Match Schedule

HOST COUNTRY TEAMS Placed as A1 and B4
 OTHER COUNTRY WITH TWO TEAMS Placed as B1 and A4
 REMAINING TEAMS drawn in pairs according to previous ranking

	Pool A	Pool B
1		
2		
3		
4		
Fri	B4	B2
	A4	A2
	A1	A3
	B1	B3
	Day 1 ends	
Sat	A2	A3
	B2	B3
	B4	B1
	A1	A4
	break	
	B4	B3
	A3	A4
	B1	B2
	A1	A2
	Day 2 ends	
Sun		
0900	Pool A 1st	Pool B 2nd
1000	Pool A 2nd	Pool B 1st
1100	Pool A 3rd	Pool B 3rd
1200	Pool A 4th	Pool B 4th
1310	A 1st/B 2nd loser	A 2nd/B 1st loser
1410	A 1st/B 2nd winner	A 2nd/B 1st winner

Ranking principles

Clause 22.1 of the IKF Competition Regulations shall apply - i.e. all games shall be played to a finish and games still level after normal time are determined by golden goal extra time and, if necessary, penalties.