



EUROPA CUP 2018

EVENTS AND ORGANIZATION

Europa Cup will be played in two (2) parts separately for Men and Women each.

EUROPA CUP MEN

The Men Europa Cup shall be held in two (2) stage:

- Group Stage
- Super Final

The Men Europa Cup dates are:

- 15 – 18 February 2018 Group Stage
- 05 – 08 April 2018 Super Final

The teams participating at the last edition of the final phase of the European Water Polo Championships may enter the competition.

The entered teams have be seeded in three (3) groups by draw as follows:

Group A (to be played in Hungary)

HUNGARY
SPAIN
FRANCE
ROMANIA
GEORGIA

Group B (to be played in Croatia)

SERBIA
GREECE
CROATIA
NETHERLANDS
MALTA

Group C (to be played in Italy)

MONTENEGRO
ITALY
RUSSIA
GERMANY



SYSTEM OF COMPETITION

Group Stage

In each Group each team shall play against each of the other teams (round robin system).

All matches shall be played the normal time.

The first three (3) ranked teams from group A and B and first two (2) ranked teams from Group C will qualify to the Final Eight.

SUPER FINAL

The Super Final shall be held with the eight (8) teams qualified from the group stage and to be played over four (4) days at one venue.

The qualified teams will be seeded in two groups as follows

GROUP A	GROUP B
A1	B1
C1	A2
B2	C2
A3	B3

Day 1 , Day 2 and Day 3 of the competition, in each Group each team shall play against each of the other teams i (round robin system).

All matches shall be played the normal time.

The teams ranked first from each group will play the final of the Europa Cup and the teams ranked second from each group will play the bronze game.

Day 4, final games shall be played as follows:

A1 – B1 game Europa Cup Final

A2 – B2 game Bronze game

Final Games to be played to the final result.

In case of tie on the end of the game a penalty shoot-out will decide the winner (WP 11.3)

The team ranked as 1st shall be declared as “EUROPA CUP WINNER” – Men and will be awarded a Trophy, engraved with this title.



EUROPA CUP WOMEN

The Women Europa Cup shall be held in two (2) stages

- Group Stages
- Super Final

The Women Europa Cup dates are

- 01 – 04 February 2018 Group Stage
- 23 – 25 March 2018 Super Final

The Participating National Teams have been seeded in two (2) groups by draw as follows

Group A (to be played in Netherlands)

NETHERLANDS
SPAIN
RUSSIA
FRANCE
CROATIA

Group B (to be played in Greece)

HUNGARY
GREECE
ITALY
GERMANY
ISRAEL

SYSTEM OF COMPETITION

Group Stage

In each Group each team shall play against each of the other teams (round robin system).
All matches shall be played the normal time.

The first three (3) ranked teams from each group will qualify to the Super Final.

Super Final

The Super Final shall be held with the six (6) teams qualified from the group stage and to be played over three days at one venue.

All games must be played to the final result.

In case of tie on the end of the game a Penalty shoot-out will decide the winner (WP 11.3)



Day 1

The team ranked 2nd in group A of the Group Stage to play against the teams ranked 3rd in Group B of the Group Stage (RM1)

The team ranked 2nd in Group B of the Group Stage to play against the teams ranked 3rd in Group A of the Group Stage (RM2)

Day 2

The Loser of RM1 vs the Loser of the RM2 shall play the Final 5th-6th place

The winner of the RM 1 to play against the team ranked 1st in Group B of the Group Stage (SF1)

The winner of the RM 2 to play against the team ranked 1st in the Group A of the Group Stage (SF2)

Day 3

The losers of the Semi Finals shall play the Bronze game.

The winners of the Semi Finals shall play the Final of the Europa Cup

The winner of the final shall be declared as “EUROPA CUP WINNER” – Women and will be awarded a Trophy, engraved with this title.

NAMED ENTRIES

Named entries of players shall be sent to the Secretary of the LEN TWPC, with copy to the LEN Office, no later than the date announced and circulated.

Up to **twenty** (20) players shall be listed on the official form (Preliminary list) comprising their name, surname and passport number.

The list shall be signed by the President or Secretary of the participating Federation.

The list of entered players may not be changed after the time limit for its submission until the end of the competition.

The players list shall comprise their name, surname, passport number and it is obligatory that player has a Sport Nationality, as well as presented passport, of the country for which National Team is playing

At the Technical Meeting before the first match of each stage, 15 players out of the preliminary list can be submitted and enter the tournament (final list).

13 thirteen names from the final list has to be presented at the LEN delegate not later than 1h before the beginning of each game.

Player who cannot prove his/her identity or which is not listed in the final list shall not be eligible to play.

Each team shall consist of eleven field players and two goalkeepers on the game. Nominated players for the game shall be numbered one (1) to thirteen (13) and wear a cap with the number under which he/she has been nominated. The goalkeeper shall wear a red cap numbered 1 and the substitute goalkeeper shall wear a red cap numbered 13.



A player suspended for one or more matches due to brutality cannot be substituted.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE ORGANISERS

Pool Requirements

Specifications of the Pools are to be as follows:

a) Field of play:

The field of play, water depth, temperature and light intensity shall be as set forth in FINA Rules (FR7.1,FR 7.2, FR 7.3, FR 7.4);

b) Pool Deck:

The pool deck shall be of a minimum space of two (2) metres to allow referees, players and team staff members a free way around the pool at any time 60 min before, during and 30 min after the match;

c) Stands / Public:

There shall be a minimum distance of two (2) meters from the first row of the stands to the area which is defined above as Pool Deck, guaranteeing referees to act without any undue physical interference. If necessary the first row(s) shall be kept free of any public, in order to achieve this minimum distance;

d) Dressing Room:

Dressing Rooms for referees and for the teams shall preferably be located in different sections of the pool and shall have separate access;

e) Automatic Officiating Equipment / Scoreboard:

The main scoreboard showing the time, period, goals and, preferably, the time left for excluded players shall be clearly visible for teams, officials and public;

f) 30 seconds clocks:

There shall be four 30 seconds clocks placed at each corner of the field of play;

g) Board displaying the personal fouls:

A board displaying the personal fouls of each player shall be placed in a prominent position, either combined with the main scoreboard or adjacent to it. This may be manually operated

h) Other equipment:

- (i) Lighting as per FINA-Rules (FR 7.4);
- (ii) preferably catwalk for Referees and podium for table of delegates and jury;
- (iii) spare caps (white and blue, without any sponsor logo or club name);
- (iv) time clock for the time outs and two (2) manual clocks in case of a breakdown of the scoreboard;
- (v) whistles and flags for jury table.

Any organiser who fails to rig the field of play according to the rules and to have all the necessary equipment including the electronic equipment in working condition and located in a suitable place to be controlled by all concerned including the delegate, may be fined up to five hundred (500) EURO for any omission.



REFEREES

In both stage of the competition each participating Federation shall be financially responsible for a referee affiliated to the Federation and to be nominated by the LEN TWPC.

If no referee affiliated to the Federation may be nominated, the Federation shall be financially responsible for one (1) referee of another Federation to be nominated by the LEN TWPC.

CLASSIFICATION

Scores and Points

Each victory shall count three (3) points for the winning team, each draw one (1) point per team and zero (0) points for the losing team.

The final classification within a group shall be established according to the points gained by each team in all matches of its group.

For each match in which a team is disqualified a goal score of 10:0 shall be awarded to the opposing team.

Matches to be played to a final result

If a match ends with a tie after the normal time, there shall be a penalty shoot out to determine the result.

If a penalty shoot-out is necessary, this shall be in accordance with the FINA WP rules (WP 11.3).

Equality of Points

In case of equality of points in groups in which teams are playing **in a tournament at the same venue**, the following shall apply:

a) If equality of points is between **two teams**, precedence shall be given to the team winning the match in which the two teams played against each other.

i) If this has been a tie, precedence shall be given to the team with the largest difference between goals scored for and against.

ii) If there is still a tie precedence shall be given to the team having scored the higher number of goals.

iii) If there is still a tie precedence shall be given to the team having won the largest number of matches

iv) If there is still equality, the classification of the teams shall be decided by lot.

b) If equality of points is between **more than two teams** the classification shall be established as follows:



- i) Only the points gained in those matches played among the teams with equal points shall be decisive.
- ii) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the goal difference from only those matches played among the teams with equal points.
- iii) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the highest number of goals scored in the matches played among the teams with equal points.
- iv) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the goal difference from all matches played in the group.
- v) If there is still equality the classification shall be established according to the highest number of goals scored in all matches of the group.
- vi) If there is still equality precedence shall be given to the team having won the largest number of matches.
- vii) If there is still equality the classification shall be decided by lot.

Exclusion and Suspension of Teams

A team not complying with the Rules, the Regulations and/or the instructions issued to all participating teams may be excluded.

The LEN Delegate(s) shall suspend a team from a EUROPA CUP in case of forfeiting a ranking match. Exception may be made.

The LEN Bureau may suspend a team from a EUROPA CUP in case of not complying with the financial liabilities it is responsible for.

All results achieved so far by the team excluded or suspended shall be expunged.

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Organising Federations shall provide:

- Accommodation in F/B and per diem for the appointed LEN delegate/s.
- hotels of a category adequate to the standard of the event and with room rates not exceeding 100 Euro/person/night in F/B (double rooms for the players)
- Transportation according to the LEN Regulations from the nearest airport to the official hotels and back, and from the official hotels to the competition & training venues and back, for the participating Teams, the LEN Delegate/s and the nominated Referees.
- Facilities and equipment according to the LEN regulations.
- All decoration items and marketing support according to the relevant LEN guidelines.
- Sufficient cabled internet connection.



- TV Host broadcasting service including the availability of an international signal as well as streaming service

- Costs related to 4/5 doping control tests.

The participating Federations shall be financially responsible:

- For the accommodation and travel of its National Team

- Accommodation and travel of its nominated referee and for per diem according to the LEN regulations.

LEN shall be financially responsible:

- For the travel of the LEN Delegate/s.

- To provide to the participating Federations (except to the organizing Federation) a travel contribution of 2.500 Euro.

- To provide the following prize money for the Men's Final of the EUROPA CUP and Women's Final of the EUROPA CUP:

1st classified 20.000 Euro

2nd classified 15.000 Euro

3rd classified 5.000 Euro