

# EUROPEAN DEAF CHAMPIONSHIPS GENERAL REGULATIONS



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# European Deaf Championships – Regulations

## 1. General Information

- 1) The European Deaf Championship (hereinafter “EC”) may take place every four (4) years for all sports events, exception is some sports disciplines for youth and juniors after decision of EDSO Executive Committee.
- 2) In no case may the EC be postponed to another year.
- 3) The date which EC is to take place is determined by the host country. The hosting of EC must be proposed to the EDSO Executive Committee the date in which EC is to take place, and the Executive Committee shall inform the Congress.
- 4) The EC can only take place where there are four (4) or more EDSO members’ country. Where there are less than four (4) EDSO members country taking part in the event, the host country shall have the responsibility of terming the sporting event as an international competition or cancelling the event, after consultation with EDSO leadership.
- 5) The EC is the exclusive property of the EDSO. The EDSO may, amongst other things, grant licenses in respect of these Championships.
- 6) Participation in the EC shall be restricted to persons who are:
  - a) deaf, defined as a hearing loss of at least 55dB in the better ear (3 tone frequency average of 500, 1,000 and 2,000 Hertz, ANSI 1969 standard), and
  - b) members and affiliated member of the EDSO.
- 7) Athletes taking part in the EC shall be forbidden from using any hearing aids or cochlear implant aids during competitions.
- 8) There is no age limit for competitors except where stated in the rules of the relevant International Sports Federation.

## 2. Bidding procedure

- 1) Only members of the EDSO are eligible to bid for the ECs in sports that are officially recognised by EDSO.
- 2) An EDSO member applying for the EC event must submit its application (*Appendix One*) to the EDSO Secretariat at least two (2) years prior to the Championship and is subject to approval by the EDSO Executive Committee.
- 3) A bidding application to host EC shall be accompanied by the following:
  - a) Certification of support from the proposed city;
  - b) Certification of support from the National Sport Federation of the applicable sport.
- 4) An application for the EC must contain details as to the:
  - a) location of the EC;
  - b) dates of the EC;
  - c) current price list for hotels (3 various price class), meals and transport for that city.
- 5) The bidder for EC must arrange written agreement with "ECs - Regulations".
- 6) The bidder for EC must arrange for a site visit to the city by the EDSO Representative or EDSO Technical Director (hereinafter TD) in respective sports prior to the Congress at which the bid will be presented. The site visit must take place during the same month in which the proposed EC is to take place. At Congress, the Executive Committee’s decision as to the conferral of the right to host the EC will be presented for ratification.
- 7) In the event that a bid is accepted, the host organiser shall also arrange for a site visit by the EDSO Representative and EDSO Technical Director not less than one year prior to the EC. The visit must take place during the month in which the EC is to take place.

### 3. Organising Committee

- 1) The bidder awarded the EC may appoint an Organising Committee (hereinafter "OC") and delegate to it the responsibility of organising the Championships.
- 2) The OC shall be comprised of persons with management experience (deaf and hearing). The OC shall enter into direct dialogue with the Secretariat by electronic communication facilities.
- 3) The OC may form a centralised Secretariat with telephone/fax and electronic communication facilities. The numbers of these communications should be advertised on the OC's letterheads and web site, if any.
- 4) The OC is responsible for the organisation of the EC and must enter into dialogue with the National and International Sports Federation in regard to obtaining support for the work of the Committee.
- 5) The OC shall seek, whenever appropriate, sanction and support from or European Deaf Sports Federation (hereinafter NDSF), or International Sport Federation (hereinafter ISF). Request to put the EC event in the ISF's Calendar of Event.
- 6) The OC shall ensure that all countries get newsletter with information about the cost of accommodation of three different hotels, meals and transportation services after inspection trip of EDSO representative.
- 7) The EDSO representative should carry out the inspection trip at least a year before the opening of the Championships.

### 4. Visas

If necessary, participating associations must apply for entry visas from the diplomatic mission of the host country well in advance of their trip. Upon request, the host association must assist the visiting associations as much as possible with the visa formalities.

### 5. Reporting

- 1) Progress reports shall be submitted with the Representative of EDSO and the Curator of that tournament before six (6) months, three (3) months and one (1) month leading up to the EC.
- 2) A report detailing the technical organisation of the ECs shall be submitted with the EDSO Congress that is held prior to the conduct of these Championships.
- 3) A final report shall be submitted with EDSO Secretariat during three (3) months after the conduct of EC, and should consists of:
  - a) complete results;
  - b) competition report;
- 4) Operational report;
- 5) Finances (including revenue and expenditure details); and
- 6) Statistical information including the number of competitors, officials and spectators at country, athlete/spectator and gender level shall be presented to the EDSO Secretariat.
- 7) The NDSF, or its OC shall forward to the EDSO within thirty days, a provisional result for the EC, which then will be published by EDSO.

## 6. Formal invitation

- 1) The invitations to take part in the EC must be sent out by the NDSF (or its OC) at least ten (10) months prior to the EC.
- 2) All documents (including invitations, competition lists, entry cards and programs) printed for the EC as well as any promotional products including badges, posters and prizes must carry the logo and/or initials of the EDSO on the front where applicable.
- 3) All posters should be drawn in English language and National language of EC host country and approved by EDSO Representative who is responsible for this event.

## 7. Program

- 1) Representative of EDSO Executive Committee and Technical Director for the respective sports shall approve the final competition schedule at least six (6) months prior to the EC.
- 2) The OC shall consult with the EDSO Secretariat on the proposed dates of the EC. The consultation shall decide on the exact dates of the Championship on the basis of eliminating any potential conflicts with other EDSO recognised sporting events and shall be finalised not less than eighteen (18) months before the EC.
- 3) The official date of the EC shall be the day of opening and the day of closing.
- 4) EC with preliminary registration from at least four (4) countries shall remain on the official program. If the final number of entries less than four (4) participants for a particular event or discipline, this event shall be cancelled.
- 5) In the case of cancellation of any sport event or discipline due to the above rules, the authorised EDSO Representative must notify the affected federations immediately after the deadline for final registration.
- 6) In case of a team sport competitions, this notification must be made immediately after the deadline for the final registration.

## 8. Participation

- 1) An athlete can represent the country according to their national passport.
- 2) Any athlete who decides to represent the country for which they hold an alternative passport must only make this change once. There will also be a two-year waiting period before the athlete can represent the new country.
- 3) The entry form must include the text of the eligibility code, and the following declaration to be signed by the two officials (President and Secretary) of the NDSF.
- 4) No entry form shall be valid unless the above rules have been complied with.
- 5) Only Members of EDSO may register competitors in the ECs.
- 6) Athletes from small countries without strong evidence of ability to establish NDSF may compete ECs pending authorisation from its National Olympic Committee or Sports Department.
- 7) The registration forms for the ECs will be supplied by the EDSO.
- 8) Championships will be cancelled, if the host country is not known eighteen (18) months before the opening of the EC. In case changing of the host takes place at least twelve (12) months before the EC, the EC can be carried out, if other conditions are fulfilled.

## 9. Identity cards

- 1) The NDSF (or its OC) of the ECs must supply an identity card for each participant and official.
- 2) The OC shall verify all athletes' citizenship by checking appropriate documentation (passport or government issued photo identity card) to make sure all points below matches athletes' profile prior to issuing identity card to athletes, previously confirm of the issuance with EDSO Representative.
- 3) The identity card shall contain the following particulars for the individual:
  - a) Title, date and location of the ECs;
  - b) Surname;
  - c) Given name(s);
- 4) Nationality (except where the individual is a member of the EDSO Executive Committee or an EDSO TD);
- 5) Date of Birth (which will be required only of competitors);
- 6) Role (which will be required of officials, for example, manager, trainer, interpreter and any other such individual);
- 7) Photograph (which is no more than 6 months old).
- 8) The NDSF shall ensure that information given to the OC for these to be included on the identity cards is accurate.
- 9) The OC may use alphabet or colour codes on the identity card for identification purposes. Particulars on identity cards cannot be amended without agreement from the OC.

## 10. Control and sanctions

- 1) Participate in ECs allowed only these athletes, who had ICSD ID numbers which approved by ICSD. An athlete, whose audiogram has not been approved by ICSD or has not previously been tested by the ICSD Audiologist, must submit to the ICSD at least three (3) months before the Championships an audiogram that is not more than one year old. This must be arranged prior to participation in any qualifying round or in the Championships.
- 2) The audiogram form for this will be supplied by the ICSD's official website.
- 3) EDSO supports the work of the World Anti-Doping Agency in developing the World Anti-Doping Code and shall follow the most up to date Code.
- 4) EDSO cooperates with ICSD and comply with the regulations of ICSD Anti-Doping Rules, in accordance with the Code, which will apply to the ECs and other relevant international events.
- 5) All expenses for doping tests, taken during the EC shall be covered by the host NDSF or the OC.
- 6) The OC is responsible for providing the infrastructure (including trained personnel, appropriate sample collection facilities, access to WADA Accredited Laboratory) to enable a doping control program to be conducted at the Championships.
- 7) All member nations are responsible for ensuring that their athletes are informed about the ICSD Anti-Doping Rules and its requirements.
- 8) The athletes may be required to take additional hearing tests during the ECs.
- 9) In the case of a fraud on the part of the competitor or a team, the Member Federation in question shall be obliged to pay all expenses and fines as determined by the EC.
- 10) In the event that an EC competitor is disqualified, his/her prize and diploma must be returned to the EDSO. If this is not done, his National Federation in question shall be liable to suspension.

## 11. Sports (General)

- 1) In all sports, must be practiced by at least four (4) EDSO members in order to be eligible for an EC.
- 2) EDSO Representative, in consultation the TD for the sport as per 11.1, shall determine the format and structure of the EC at least one (1) year prior to the Championship.

## 12. Sports (Team)

- 1) The preliminary registration for the qualifying rounds for team sport competitions competition must be made two (2) years prior to the ECs.
- 2) The final registration must be submitted one (1) year before the ECs.
- 3) Only one team per National Federation, except some special circumstances shall be admitted to the ECs.
- 4) The number of teams for the final round of EC, in each sport and gender will, as rules, be up to:

Football (Men)	– 16 teams;
Futsal (Men)	– 16 teams;
Football (Women)	– 12 teams;
Futsal (Women)	– 12 teams;
Volleyball	– 12 teams;
Basketball	– 12 teams;
Handball	– 12 teams;
Water Polo	– 12 teams;
Ice Hockey	– 12 teams;
Beach Volleyball	– there are no restriction, 2 men's and women's teams from each country.

**The number of the team is a guideline. Please refer to each sport's technical regulations.**

- 5) A penalty fee shall be levied for the withdrawal of a team from the ECs qualification and final competition. EDSO Congress shall determine the amount of penalty fee.

## 13. Sports (Individual)

- 1) There shall be no limit on the number of events that an individual athlete may enter.
- 2) A fine will be levied on each non-starting athlete except where there is a presentation of a doctor's declaration that the athlete should not be allowed to participate in the EC.

## 14. Advertising

Participants of the European Deaf Championships must abide by all directives issued by the EDSO EB with regard to the carrying or being attired with items that contain commercial advertising.

- 1) The EDSO may approve the carrying or being attired with items that contain commercial advertising during the European Deaf Championships. The identification of the manufacturer or sponsor shall not appear more than once per item of clothing and equipment.

- 2) Participants may wear competition clothing & shoes that show the traditional distinctive design of the manufacturer or sponsor. The manufacturer or sponsor's name and/or logo may also appear in size that is not greater than a total of 400 cm<sup>2</sup> in both front and back, either as part of the traditional distinctive design pattern or independent of the traditional design pattern.

## **15. Preliminary and Final Registrations**

- 1) A preliminary registration with an indication of the approximate number of athletes confirmed for each event must be submitted at least one (1) year prior to the ECs, and the final registration must be submitted at least six (6) months prior to the ECs.
- 2) Registration list with the names of each athlete and his event entered must be submitted at least one (1) month prior to the opening of the ECs. The submission may be made by e-mail or by facsimile if immediately followed by the official registration form.

### **Team Sports**

- 3) A preliminary player registration with an indication of the approximate number of athletes must be submitted at least one (1) month prior to the ECs, and the final registration must be submitted at least one (1) week prior to the ECs.
- 4) Registration list with the names of each player must be submitted at least one (1) month prior to the opening of the ECs. The submission may be made by e-mail or by facsimile if immediately followed by the official registration form.
- 5) Any player is injured or fall into illness can be replaced from the list of Preliminary registration with any medical evidence or certification from a doctor.
- 6) Final entries received after the closing date shall not be accepted.

## **16. Financial Regulations**

- 1) The NDSF (or its OC) or any agency must offer accommodation facilities and meals at reasonable prices for all NDSF participating in the ECs.
- 2) Each sporting team shall be responsible for the cost of its travel, accommodation and other arrangements.
- 3) A penalty fee to be determined by EDSO Congress shall be imposed when a NDSF withdraws after submitting the final entry list.
- 4) The NDSF (or its OC) must arrange and fund:
  - a) One visit of the EDSO Representative and TD to the site of ECs approximately one (1) year before the Championship;
  - b) One site visit of the EDSO Representative and TD for the period of the EC (two days before starting of the Championship and one day after);
  - c) Travel, accommodation, meals and other expenses of the EDSO Representative and TD should be taken by NDSF or OC
- 5) Where the expenses of the ECs are greater than the income derived, the NDSF (or its OC) shall be fully responsible for making good the difference.

## **17. Prizes, diplomas & posters**

- 1) The proposed design of posters, prizes and diplomas must be submitted with the EDSO Representative for approval no later than one (1) year before the ECs. Posters shall carry the logo of EDSO in a prominent position.
- 2) In all sports and events the first prize will be a gold medal and a diploma, the second prize a silver medal and a diploma, and the third prize a bronze medal and a diploma.



All medals shall have engravings stating type of sport and event for which the medal or diploma shall be conferred.

- 3) In individual and team sport competitions, competitors placed fourth (4th) to sixth (6th) shall receive diplomas.
- 4) The type and format that the prizes will take shall be at the discretion of the NDSF (or its OC). However, prizes must include the wording and/or logo of EDSO in any engraving.
- 5) The diplomas shall carry the logo of both the EDSO and the NDSF (or its OC). The EDSO Representative and the President of the NDSF (or its OC) shall sign these diplomas. Names of competitors shall be printed.
- 6) The NDSF (or its OC) shall forward to the EDSO Museum two specimens of diplomas, and one specimen of prizes, trophies or medals.
- 7) All surplus prizes and diplomas shall be destroyed.

## **18. Protocol**

- 1) The Opening and Closing Ceremony of the ECs must be implemented obligatory according to the European Sport Federation or International Sport Federation rules.
- 2) The symbolic transfer of the EDSO flag at the EC must be observed.
- 3) The official ceremony for the presentation of medals is the sole responsibility of the EDSO representative. A T.O. may be master of the diplomas awarding ceremony.

## **19. Technical meetings**

- 1) The technical meetings of National Deaf sports leaders will be held at least one day before the commencement of the EC, and at least one day before the final day of the Championships.
- 2) The Technical Committee, the Protest Committee, and up to two representatives but at least one shall be deaf from each participating country will attend the technical meetings. The representative must be among the deaf members of NDSF governing body and country's TD.
- 3) During the technical meeting of the OC is assisting in the conduct of recording meeting minutes. Then the representative of the ISF and TD endorse the minutes and send to all member countries within one (1) month after the meeting.

## **20. Authority & Jurisdiction**

- 1) The EDSO Representative shall be the final arbiter on any matter in disputes relating to any aspect of the EC brought forward by the NDSF (or its OC) or any one of the participating NDSF.
- 2) The competition rules for each sport shall be those of the European or International Federations as amended where visual cues are to be used in place of auditory cues.
- 3) The referees, judges, starters and other officials will be selected by the OC from among the most qualified in that country as agreed or directed by the EDSO TD of the respective sport. Where possible, deaf referees to be used.
- 4) The OC shall submit a copy of all referees' qualifications to EDSO Director, at least 14 days before the first technical meeting.
- 5) The NDSF (or its OC) shall bear full responsibility for the appointment and scheduling of referees at the EC. For the team sport competitions for qualifying matches, one independent observer from the EDSO shall be invited to championship or games.
- 6) Protests will not be determined unless the protest was made in writing, in English, and submitted with a ground judge within limited time as established by respective international sport federation after the results of the competition have been declared.

## 21. Technical Regulations

- 1) The TD will establish technical regulations for each sport and, if necessary, for each event on the program of the EC.
- 2) These technical regulations shall be in accordance with the Rules of the ECs held at least six (6) months before the ECs.
- 3) These technical regulations shall be electronically published and sent to all competing teams six (6) months before the ECs.

## 22. Venues

- 1) All competition venues must have electronic scoreboards. They may be either permanent or portable.

## 23. Transport

- 1) **Local Transportation**
  - a) The OC shall ensure that transportation is available between lodgings and venues for all EDSO officials and competitors. The officials and competitors are only provided with transport to and from the venues where they are competing or officiating. Only official members of the competing teams and EDSO Officials may be permitted to use the transportation services of the OC.
  - b) Athletes and officials wishing to use the transportation service to observe sporting events for which they are not registered may, at discretion of the OC, may be charged for using the service.
  - c) This transportation service shall be available for the period from one day prior to the Opening Ceremony up until after the Closing Ceremony of EC. If the OC so desires, it can provide transfers between Airport and competing teams' accommodation.
- 2) **EDSO Representative and TD**
  - a) Transportation must be available for EDSO representative and TD at all time.
  - b) The OC shall provide transportation for the EDSO Representative and TD to attend the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the ECs.
- 3) **Transportation Plan**
  - a) The OC must include in its regular reports to the EDSO Representative, information relating to the Transportation Plan outlining all transport arrangements to enable athletes and officials to commute between venues, hotels and any other relevant location.
  - b) The EDSO Representative may call upon the OC to prepare progress report on Transportation Plan at any time.

## 24. Medical Care and First Aid

- 1) The OC shall be responsible for the provision of adequate medical support (doctors, nurses, dentists and any other medical officer) during the ECs.
- 2) All team doctors, nurses and chiefs of missions shall be informed as soon as possible upon arrival as to the resources and contact details for all medical support services.
- 3) First aid stations shall be available at all competition areas. These shall be adequately staffed with medical and first aid personnel and ambulance facilities for emergencies.
- 4) The services of a nurse shall be available 24 hours a day. There shall be a back-up physician, available, on call.

- 5) Hospital services, consisting of emergency rooms and hospital beds to deal with more serious difficulties shall be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- 6) Necessary facilities where physiotherapists can treat competitors shall be available. There shall be a provision for visiting therapists to treat their own teams.
- 7) Adequate space must be made available in the accommodation for countries wishing to establish their own sports injury and medical clinics.

## **25. Cancellation**

- 1) In event of the NDSF (or its OC) making its own decision to cancel the EC, it must give notice to the EDSO and all NDSF no less than 12 months prior to the event taking place and refund all monies (for example, deposits) paid by all visiting teams.
- 2) In event of the NDSF (or its OC) cancelling the EC less than 12 months prior to the official date of the EC, the OC must refund all monies paid by all visiting teams. The NDSF shall also reimburse all sporting teams for any loss of monies as a result of non-refundable deposits being made for travel uniforms and any other such incidentals. Further, the NDSF should face further penalty to be determined by the EDSO Executive Committee.

## **26. Withdrawal**

- 1) In event of the teams withdraw before the Draw after the FINAL application had been submitted, shall be liable to pay the penalty fee.
- 2) In event of the teams withdraw AFTER the Draw until the FINAL (last match of sports specific match), shall be liable to pay the penalty fee and any other cost to recover the loss by other teams or host.

## **27. Violations**

- 1) In the event of any penalty procedures not covered in these regulations of the above clauses will result in penalty fees issued by the EDSO Executive Committee for any person or the organisation concerned. The decision of the EDSO Executive Committee regarding this matter shall be final.

## **28. Miscellaneous**

- 1) In the event of circumstances not covered in these regulations, the EDSO Constitution and the EDSO bylaws must be complied with or where appropriate, the ISF.

### Reference:

EC: European Deaf Championship  
TD: Technical Director  
OC: Organising Committee  
NDSF: National Deaf Sports Federation  
ISF: International Sports Federation