



IMPLEMENTING RULES

**for competitions organized by the International Federation
Icestocksport (IFI) as well as for national elite sports**

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Abbreviations:

- WLS = Winter outsole
- DfB = Implementing regulations
- VGO = Association Court Rules
- DZP = Transit Destinations
- IER = International curling rules
- ISpO = International Game Regulations



1. General

These regulations govern the conduct of all IFI competitions. They concern the stipulations not contained in the current **International Curling Rules (IER)** and the **International Rules of the Game (ISpO)** and will be updated in each case according to the resolutions of the Congress.

1.1 Sweeps

1.1.1 European Championships (European Championships)

European Championships are held every 2 years between the World Championships.

World Championships (WC)

World Championships are held every 4 years. The World Championships will take place for women, men, juniors (U23 male) and junior women U23 (target competition - individual and team ranking) and the European Championships also for youth (U16 and U19). European Championships in the individual classes will only be held if at least 4 nations per league participate. The women's and men's World Championships will take place together for all competitions. The European Championships for women and men (except for distance competitions) as well as the World Championships and the European Championships for juniors and youth will each be held together. A "big European Championship" of all these classes is possible if the playing fields and schedule allow it. The European Championships of the distance competitions for all classes in which they are held will be held jointly.

The following competitions will be held:

a) For **Women**

Team game, target competition as individual competition and team competition, distance competition as individual competition and team competition.

b) For **Men**

Team game, target competition as individual competition and team competition, distance competition as individual competition and team competition.

c) For **women and men**

Target competition Team Mixed, distance competition Team Mixed.

d) For **youth U16 and U19 as well as juniors U23**

Team game, target competition as individual competition and team competition, distance competition as individual competition and team competition.

e) For **Juniors U23**

Target competition as an individual competition and team competition.

1.1.2 European Championships U16

The Euro-Grand-Prix U16 is held annually as follows:

- a) Team game, target competition as individual competition and team competition, team ranking mixed. Extra ranking for U16 female in the target competition with at least 5 participants.

1.1.3 European Cup Women and Men in the Long Distance Competition on Summer Tracks

The European Cup is held annually as follows:
Individual competition and team ranking

1.1.4 European Cup Women and Men in Team Play for Club Teams

The European Cup is held annually as a team.

1.1.5 Venue

All competitions, with the exception of the distance competitions, are held in ice rinks on **artificial ice**. The distance competitions (except for the European Cup) will generally take place on **natural ice**; the World Championships and European Championships can also be scheduled on artificial ice (high-speed ring).



1.1.6 Riefeneis

Riefeneis must be produced in accordance with the guidelines "Efficient artificial ice preparation for ice sports , point 2, 2018 edition". For this purpose, a hydraulically adjustable grooved harrow, which is attached to the ice processing machine, is to be used for all IFI competitions. Ice making must be discussed on a case-by-case basis before each competition between a responsible technician of the IFI and the responsible ice master. The target fields for the finals (team match, target competition) are to be coloured according to the pattern (see Appendix 1).

1.2 Tenders

1.2.1 The invitations to tender for the IFI competitions must: **5 weeks at the latest** before the date of the event. They are written by the Vice President for Sport together with the IFI President and sent to all national federations by the IFI office. The calls for proposals and all important schedules can also be found on the IFI homepage at <https://www.icestock.sport> Retrieve.

1.2.2 At the official training times announced in the announcement, stick bodies and winter outsoles (WLS for the nations that have requested them at the time of entry) will be provided by the IFI.

1.3 Eligibility to start

The following are eligible to start per national federation:

1.3.1 in Team game

1 team each for women and men, youth (U16 and U19) and juniors U23

1.3.2 in Target competition

The right to start in the individual competition at the European Championships / World Championships for women and men will be determined on the basis of the result of the team ranking of the previous European Championships / World Championships as follows:

Rank 1 - 8 three participants

Rank 9 -20 two participants

All other national federations have one participant each

At the European Championships / World Championships, a team of 4 can be registered for the team ranking of women, men and mixed. 4 players each in the youth U16 and U19, juniors U23 and a team of 4 each for the team ranking U16, U19, U23 male and U23 female.

For the youth and junior competitions listed under 1.3.1 and 1.3.2, players are also eligible to start. For the target poles, the class-appropriate outsoles must be used. A participation of U23 female players in the male U23 team goal team is not possible.

1.3.3 in Long distance competition

4 players each for women and men, youth U16, U19, juniors U23 and juniors U23. If the number of starters is divided into group A and group B, the number of starters will be adjusted (see **point 5.1.2**)

1.3.4 in the European Cup of the distance competition on summer tracks for women and men

6 players per national association

1.3.5 in European Cup for club teams

Up to 4 teams per nation.

The host nation receives the following for the European Cups for women and men for club teams **an additional starting place** is given to the organizing club / association.

If the number of participants exceeds 28 men or 24 women, the number of participants will be reduced to 3 teams per nation.

With the number of 29 and 25 respectively, the additional starting place for the organizer is omitted. In addition to this number, there will be an additional starting place for the organizer, but the individual nations will be reduced to 3 starters.

1.3.6 Conditions of participation of a nation

An association of nations may participate in a World Cup or European Championship once before it is admitted to the IFI. However, he must first recognize the regulations applicable to the member nations and have submitted the application for IFI membership.



1.3.7 at Illness

In team play, a sixth player may be used if an illness of two players is proven by an IFI doctor. The additional player may be nominated up to one hour before the start of the competition at the latest. In the target (individual and team) and distance competition, a substitute player can be nominated at least one hour before the start of the competition.

1.4 Schedule

1.4.1 The European Championships, with the exception of the long distance competitions and the World Championships, must be held from mid-February to mid-March.

The European Championships for the distance competitions and the European Cup for the distance competition are to be held by 5 March at the latest.

The date for the European Cup for men's club teams is the last weekend in November; for the ladies, the 3rd weekend in November is set.

1.4.2 The schedule is to be drawn up in such a way that the competitions of the World Championships and European Championships must be completed on Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. After each competition, the award ceremony is to be held immediately.

1.4.3 All changes of an organisational nature during the IFI competitions must be handed over in writing to all participating national federations by the competition director against signature.

1.4.4 Protocol for the opening ceremonies and award ceremony for IFI competitions

Opening:

- Entry of the nations with flag bearer and IFI organizer flag
- IFI-Festfanfare
- Welcome of the national associations
- Ceremonial speeches and supporting programme (state / municipality / sports associations / IFI)
- Oath of the Active
- Official opening by the President of the IFI
- Parade of the Nations

Victory ceremony:

- All medal ranks (medals) immediately after the competition on the ice (fanfares and national anthems)
- IFI-Festfanfare
- Welcome of the active and official
- Ceremonial speeches and supporting programme (state / municipality / sports authorities)
- Ceremonial address by the IFI President
- Award ceremony (individual and team competitions)
- After the last award ceremony, the IFI organizer flag is collected
- Farewell to the national associations

1.5 Draw

1.5.1 Start number allocation

The starting numbers for all participants will be raffled off by the competition director after their registration. In the individual competitions, starting numbers will be drawn for the individual nations. In the starting order, the nation with the highest bib number is followed by the nation with bib number 1 (first in Group 2), and so on.

Each nation determines the order of its active members (allocation to the individual groups) itself. This must be determined before the draw.

1.5.2 Contingents

If a nation does not provide the full contingent for the individual competitions, it must determine in which group the participants will start before the draw. If no determination is made, the participants will be scheduled continuously from group 1 onwards.

1.5.3 Stick body in the team competitions

The stick bodies provided by the IFI for the team competitions (with the exception of the cups) will be distributed to the individual lanes.



1.6 Premises and facilities

The organiser of IFI competitions should make provision for the following:

1.6.1 Premises

- Residence of the athletes, separated by nation
- IFI-Präsident
- IFI officials, competition directors and referees
- Press
- Accreditation
- Medical service (facilities in accordance with the requirements in DIN 18036 for ice sports facilities)
- Sports equipment testing
- Issue and storage of winter outsoles and pole bodies
- Evaluation
- Doping control

1.6.2 Facilities

- Standing devices (according to Figs. 15.1 and 15.2 of IER-11. Edition) - but only the base plate after 15.2 (Congress Resolution 2020)
- Result boards on each hole
- Appropriate lighting (min. 250 lux)
- Wireless microphone with adapted loudspeaker system
- Internet, fax and telephone connection for press and IFI officials

1.6.3 Acoustics

Furthermore, the organiser must ensure that spectators do not use loud, especially pneumatic fanfares at all IFI events.

1.7 Sports equipment testing

- 1.7.1 The sports equipment inspection (final inspection) is the task of the TK. The members are appointed in good time to the examination committee, which consists of the Vice President for Sport, the Head of the Examination Centre and other competent members.



Hint:

Attention is drawn to the fact that the material submitted for examination must already be pre-checked by an A referee of the respective national association. A test report on this must be submitted at the final inspection. The WLS are ordered according to the lfd. No. of the test report in a clean and dry condition. For international and highest national competitions, a phase-out period of 15 years applies to pole bodies and winter outsoles (see annual sports equipment list last paragraph).

- 1.7.2 At the World Championships and European Championships, own winter outsoles may be used in team play in all classes. If this is the case, up to a maximum of 20 WLS per team may be presented cleaned for material control. These must be marked. If necessary, winter outsoles are provided by the IFI. However, requirements must already be made at the time of entry. All players are allowed to submit up to 2 sticks for testing.
- 1.7.3 In the target competitions, you may use your own stick bodies and winter outsoles. They must be submitted to the examination board. For all participants in the target competitions, 2 stems and 8 WLS will be tested. If required, stick bodies and winter outsoles are provided by IFI.
- 1.7.4 If sports equipment parts are discarded during the inspection (final inspection), a maximum of
- 2 winter outsoles per team and 2 winter outsoles per individual player
 - 2 sticks per team, 1 stick per individual player.
- If a stick body does not meet the test criteria, the player must use a stick body provided by the IFI.
- 1.7.5 At the European Cup for women and men in team play, own sports equipment may be used. (1.7.1, 1.7.2 and 1.7.4 also apply)



1.8 Referee

- 1.8.1 For the IFI competitions, the SR organization, the federation of nations selected by the Vice President for Sport, proposes referees. From this proposal, the Vice President for Sport selects.
- 1.8.2 The organising federation of nations is not to be designated for the use of a referee.

1.9 Advertising

This regulation applies to all IFI competitions, except for club teams of the European Cup for women and men.

- 1.9.1 As advertising at the finals of the World Cup and European Championship, advertising riders are intended as a demarcation behind the 4 playing fields provided by the IFI.
- 1.9.2 Advertising on the match clothing:
 - a) Advertising on the player's outerwear is permitted, whereby the national emblem and the name of the athlete may be attached to the front on the left and a maximum of 3 main sponsors may be attached to the right.
 - b) The back and both upper arms of the playing clothing serve as further advertising spaces. In addition, there is the possibility of attaching advertising to a trouser leg. A maximum of 2 sponsors may be attached to these garments.
 - c) A maximum of 1 sponsor is allowed on a headgear.
 - d) All sponsor advertisements of any kind may not exceed the size of the total advertising area of **625 cm² (equivalent to size A4)**.
 - e) When using playing clothing with advertising, the national emblem must not be larger than 80 cm² and must be at a clear distance from the advertising space.
 - f) The name of the player or nation may also be attached to the back of the uniform. The height of the letters must not exceed 10 cm.
 - g) Advertising is only allowed on jerseys, trousers, sweaters, anorak and headgear.
 - h) Players who wear irregular playing clothes may not be admitted to the competition.
 - i) Advertising on race numbers is only permitted within the meaning of these regulations. The size of the advertising space on race numbers is based either on paragraphs (a), (b), (c) or (e) and may not exceed the dimensions specified therein.
- 1.9.3 Advertising on the stick body:
 - a) Advertising on the body of the stick is permitted.
 - b) The half of the surface of the stick body opposite the official seals may be used for advertising purposes. It should be noted that nicotine, alcohol, immorality and obscene terms may not be advertised.
 - c) Advertising material may only be painted on or used as PVC stickers.

1.10 Results

- 1.10.1 Result lists of all IFI competitions must be given to the individual national federations.

1.11 IER elite sport – supplementary regulations

The classification of top-class sport is regulated by decision in the national federations, but these regulations must be complied with in all IFI competitions.

1.11.1 Prohibition

Before and during the competition/rounds (incl. break), alcohol is prohibited for all players (including substitutes) of the participating teams, this also applies to all coaches and officials of the competition management at or in the immediate vicinity of the sports facility. In the event of a violation, the player concerned may no longer play on that matchday. Supervisors and officials of the competition management are no longer allowed to actively participate in or lead the competition on this match day.



1.11.2 Smoking ban

Smoking may only take place in the designated areas. It is important to ensure that these areas are not set up within sight of the playing area. A check of the location will be carried out by the competition director in advance.

1.11.3 Upper Body Clothing

IER Rule 321 - Supplement:

Wearing sports shorts of the same color within the team is mandatory. In case of non-compliance, see note under IER Rule 321.

1.11.4 Substitute

IER Rule 407 Supplement:

The substitute player can be used in all finals at any time (during the turn) after registration with the referee. No trial attempts are permitted after substitution. The player may take 1 stick body, 1 outsole and 1 handle. A maximum of 1 substitution may take place per game (6 hairpin bends).

1.11.5 Winter Outsoles

IER Rule 309 Amendment:

The use of the WLS IFI No. 22 "yellow-green" is not allowed in the men's team game.

1.11.6 Summer Outsoles

IER Rule 308 Addendum:

The use of SLS IFI No. 16 "blue-purple" is not permitted in the women's team match competition in the Champions League.

 **Note on points 1.11.3 to 1.11.6:**

These regulations only apply to the finals of the World Cup/European Championship and the European Cup

2. Team Match World Cup, European Championship

2.1 Performance

2.1.1 Group division

The World Championships and European Championships will take place in 2 groups in all classes, if at least 12 teams participate. If the number of teams is even, they will be divided evenly between groups A and B. In the event of an odd number, one more team will play in Group A than in Group B.

In each group, each team plays against each other in a first and second round, which are played as single rounds. The results of both rounds are summed up. Ranks 1 - 4 of Group A qualify for the finals (**Page Play-Off**).

The winner of Group B is "B - World Champion" or "B - European Champion" and will play in Group A at the next World Cup or European Championship.

The further group composition results from the rankings of the previous World Cup or European Championship (Group A, then Group B)

2.1.2 Multiple Rounds - Scoring

The first and second rounds (multiple rounds) result in the competition. Rule 405 of the IER only applies to the last round. In the individual rounds, the teams must play the 3rd game at the latest, so that this round is scored for them. In the event of an early elimination from the competition, all games will be removed from the ranking.

2.1.3 Youth and Juniors

In the youth U16 and U19 as well as the juniors U23, the European or World Champion will be determined in a quadruple round if 4 nations (= 4 teams) participate. From 5 participating nations (= 5 teams), the European or World Champion will be determined in a preliminary and second round with subsequent finals in the "Page Play-Off System" (only 1 game each) simultaneously for all classes on the cross tracks.



2.1.4 Pay-Play-Off-System

The finals for women and men are held in the "page play-off system". The first four of the first and second rounds continue to play in the page play-off system (2 games each = 2 x 6 hairpin bends). The third and fourth-placed teams will play the elimination game, the first and second-placed teams will play qualification 1. The loser of the elimination match is the first team to be eliminated from the page play-offs and takes fourth place in the final standings. The winner of the elimination match will play against the loser of qualification 1 in qualifying game 2 for a place in the grand final, while the winner of qualification 1 will already be determined as the first finalist. The loser of qualification 2 takes third place in the final standings. The winner plays in the final against the directly qualified team in the grand final for the championship title.

If the score is tied (same number of stick points achieved) after the 2nd game, it continues with overtime in TIE-BREAK mode (attempts on the middle target rings) according to IER Figure 20.2 TIE-BREAK for finals. In each case, 1 attempt by the 4 players is carried out alternately on the marked middle target rings.

The total sum of the points achieved by all 4 players of a team decides the victory. In the event of a tie, only 1 player (one after the other freely selectable) will play for the victory until it is determined.

The choice of play in the finals / extra time and the choice of the track side is made by the team with the better placed team from the preliminary round (= lower start number).

2.1.5 Coaching-Zone

At European and World Championships in women's and men's team play, a "coaching zone" is created in the "page play-off system", which is located behind the inrun threshold and the triangular board (advertising rider). In this coaching zone, 1 coach and the substitute player per team may be present. The team captain can request a time-out of max. 1 minute for his/her coach during the first and second legs before a try by his own team.

2.1.6 Early termination of finals

A team that is behind can ask the referee to end the game early without penalty measures in the second leg of all finals.

2.2 Material preparation

2.2.1 Position of the stick bodies: (1.7.1 & 1.7.2 to note)

Only the stick bodies provided by the manufacturers of the IFI may be used; only factory and type stick bodies are used on each lane. The pole bodies will be drawn to the individual lanes and remain on them.

Both in youth and juniors as well as in women and men, stick bodies with a weight of approx. **3,700 g (IFI type L)**.

2.2.2 Position of the winter outsoles:

When playing as a team at the World Cup and European Championships, you may use your own winter outsoles (WLS). On request, up to a maximum of 12 WLS per team can be provided by the IFI, so that further own outsoles (until the number 20 is reached) may be used. If winter outsoles are requested by the IFI, this must be done as part of the registration form. The regulation applies to all divisions.

2.2.3 Receipt and return of the sports bag with WLS must be confirmed in writing on a handover or return protocol.

2.2.4 The winter outsoles must be returned in perfect and cleaned condition. If damage has occurred, it must be reported when returning. If winter outsoles are not returned, it must be assumed that they have been changed in violation of the rules.

In this case, a decision can be made in accordance with IER Rule 803.

2.2.5 If a piece of sports equipment that is not provided or not marked by the responsible examination board is used, 2 game points will be deducted from the team concerned.

2.2.6 In the final rounds, the stick bodies of a team are retained on a track in all games.



3. Target competition, individual ranking - World Championships, European Championships

3.1 Performance

3.1.1 Sweep

For all classes, the 4 rounds with 6 attempts per player will be held on one lane. Each player has 8 minutes of warm-up time on this track for trial attempts, which are not counted under any circumstances. In the preliminary round (double round), up to 12 players are played simultaneously on 12 holes.

The 2nd round (preliminary round) will start at the same time. Each of the two rounds lasts a maximum of 18 minutes. Attempts after the time limits will not be counted.

Youth and Juniors

The final, for which the 12 best placed teams of the preliminary round qualify, will be played as a double round for everyone at the same time. The 2nd round will start at the same time. Each of the two rounds lasts a maximum of 18 minutes. Attempts after the time limits will not be counted. The starting numbers correspond to the ranks of the preliminary round. The final result results from the sum of the final results of the preliminary round and final.

Ladies and Gentlemen

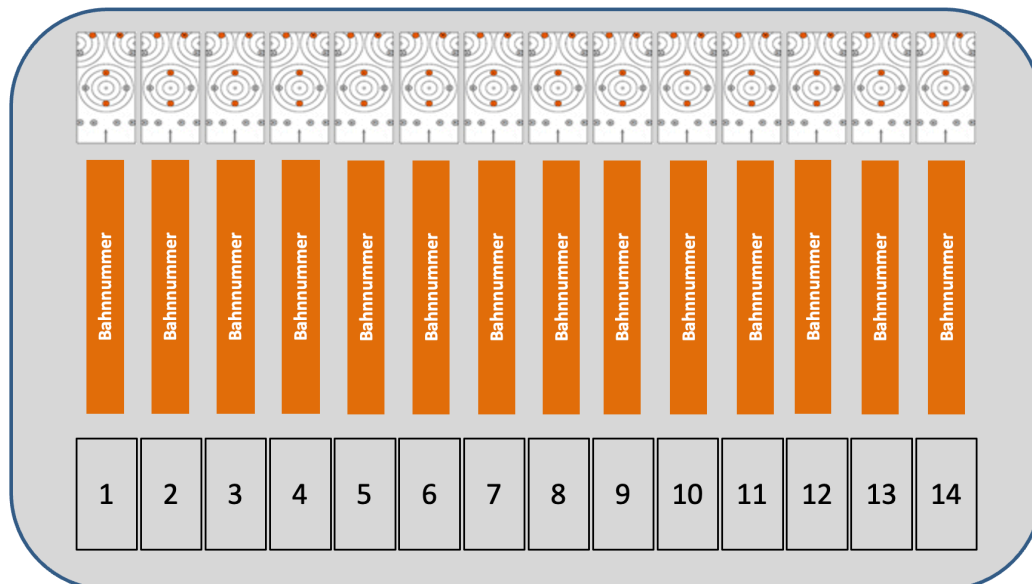
The final, for which the 16 best placed teams of the preliminary round qualify, will be played in head to head mode. The starting numbers correspond to the ranks of the preliminary round.

The final result is based on the results of the preliminary round and head to head final.

The lane division must be made for the individual start numbers of the final rounds as shown below:

In the final rounds occupied with start number:

5/12	4/13		8/9		1/16	7/10		2/15		6/11	3/14	1/8 Head to Head
11	9	7	5	3	1	2	4	6	8	10	12	Team Soul Mix
11	9	7	5	3	1	2	4	6	8	10	12	Team Goal



3.1.2 Returners

Each player may provide someone to return the sticks during the entire competition. However, this must not be the next player(s) in this competition (violation will result in disqualification).

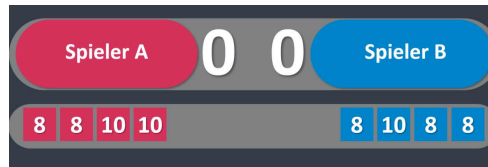


3.1.3 Target Competition Head to Head (Final)

Requirements on site:

- On each of the 8 competition lanes it is necessary to be able to attach the names of the players.
- On each of the 8 competition lanes, a large red and a blue board are required to write the total points about the disciplines won (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10) and the possibility to write the currently achieved points per discipline.

see example:



1. Right to start

For the competition in the course of the World Cup, the top 16 players of the preliminary round are eligible to start.

2. Warm-up

Before his competition, each player has the opportunity to warm up on a training track (specially marked in the hall). After the warm-up on the training track, both players will have the opportunity to take turns making 8 attempts on the competition track.

3. Mode

a. Draw

The 16 qualified players will be seeded in the 1/8 final as follows.

Rank 1 vs. Rank 16, Rank 2 vs. Rank 15, Rank 3 vs. Rank 14, from the preliminary round.

Due to the pairings in the round of sixteen, the further tournament bracket will also be determined. Furthermore, the players with the low starting number will receive the right of choice to the order in which the experiment is submitted. (The lower starting number corresponds to the better placement of the preliminary round).

b. Mode

For each of the four rounds (measure middle, stick, measure back, combi), two round points (DZP) can be scored. In concrete terms, this means that if player A plays 40 points and player B 38 points in the medium measurement experiments, player A receives 2 passage points. In the event of a tie, both players receive 1 passage points. The player(s) who reaches the necessary passage points first wins the match.

If there is a tie after the maximum rounds to be played, for example 4:4, the total points (sum of all four rounds) decide on victory or defeat. This regulation counteracts premature abandonment within one run. However, if there is also a tie in the total points, it goes to the **tie-break ring mass**, where the players take turns giving up an attempt in the middle target rings until a decision can be made.

In addition, the respective rounds will be shortened from 6 to 4 attempts per round, as described below.

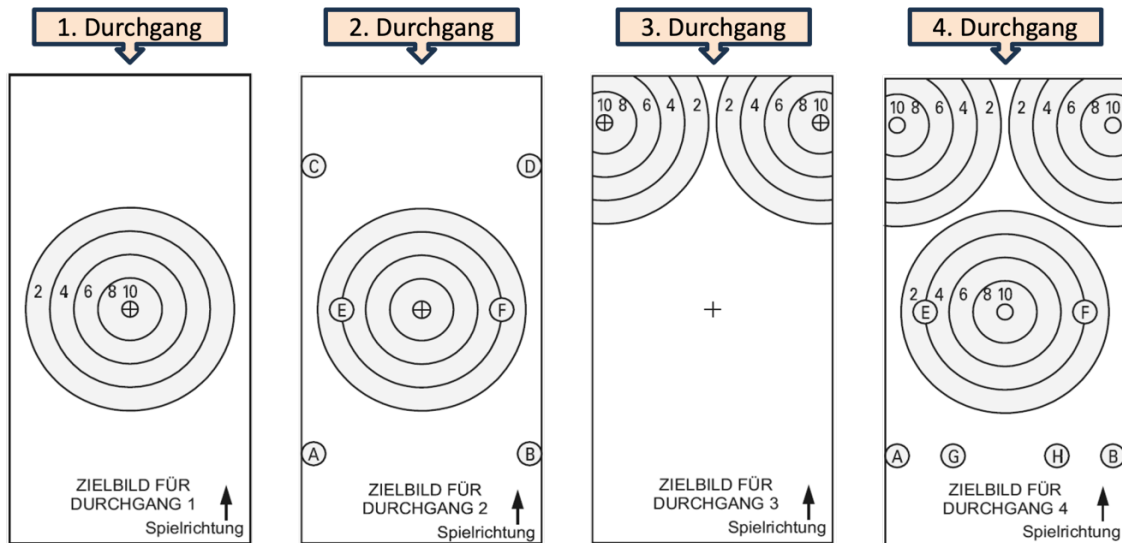
1st round: 4 attempts each in the middle target rings

2nd round: 1 attempt each on A / B / C / D

3rd round: 2 attempts each on the rear target rings

4th round: 1 attempt each on G / H / E / F

Diagram for the rounds in head to head mode



c. Examples:

Example 1: Decision after the 4 rounds

player reaches the necessary passage points after the four rounds. In this case, the total points have no meaning. In this example, Player A wins the match.

Passage	Player A	DZP A	Player B	DZP B
Measure center	40 points	2	38 points	0
Stick	35 points	2	30 points	0
Dimension at the back	40 points	2	36 points	0
Station wagon	20 points	2	18 points	0
Sum of Transit Points	8		0	

Example 2: Splitting points in one round

Player A and B share the points of the first round, with A winning the other three rounds. After the 4 rounds, player A leads 7:1 and wins the match.

Passage	Player A	DZP A	Player B	DZP B
Measure center	38 points	1	38 points	1
Stick	40 points	2	35 points	0
Dimension at the back	40 points	2	36 points	0
Station wagon	20 points	2	18 points	0
Sum of Transit Points	7		1	



Example 3: Draw after the 7 (9) rounds, total points decide

Players A and B each win three (four) of the seven (nine) rounds, which leads to a tie of 7:7 (9:9) in the transition points. Here, the total points now decide which player wins the match. Since player B scores a total of 220 points, he or she receives another 2 points and wins the match. If the total points were also equal, there would be a **tie-break ring mass**, where both players always take turns to give up an attempt into the middle target rings until a decision can be made.

Passage	Player A	DZP A	Player B	DZP B
Measure center	40 points	2	38 points	0
Stick	40 points	2	35 points	0
Dimension at the back	30 points	0	36 points	2
Station wagon	20 points	2	18 points	0
Measure center	38 points	0	40 points	2
Stick	30 points	0	35 points	2
Dimension at the back	18 points	1	18 points	1
Sum of Passage Points:		7		7
Total points	216 points	0	220 points	2
Total Passage Points after Consideration of Total Points		7		9

4. Bracket

Round of 16

The players of the round of 16 pairings take turns playing on the same lane (4 attempts per round), whereby the better starting number has the right to choose whether he/she or the opponent(s) starts all rounds. The winner is the player who first reaches seven passage points.

Quarterfinal

The 8 players (winners of the round of 16) of the quarter-final pairings play alternately (4 attempts per round), with the better starting number having the right to choose whether he/she or the opponent(s) starts all rounds. The winner is the player who first reaches seven passage points.

Semifinal

The players of the semi-final pairings take turns playing on the same lane (4 attempts per round), with the better starting number having the right to choose whether he/she or the opponent(s) starts. The winner is the player who first reaches seven passage points. The two losers of the semi-finals jointly take 3rd place (bronze) in the final result.

Finale

The players of the final take turns playing on the same lane (4 attempts per round), with the better starting number having the right to choose whether he/she or the opponent(s) starts. The winner is the player who first reaches seven passage points.

3.2 Material preparation

Position of the pole bodies: **(1.7.1 & 1.7.2 must be observed)**

Own stick bodies may be used; See 1.7.3.

However, if necessary, the stick bodies provided by the manufacturers of the IFI can also be used.

The target poles (including the outsoles) are provided by the IFI



4. Target competition, team ranking - World Championships, European Championships

4.1 Performance

The four players of each nation are used one after the other on a track (consecutively according to the start numbers). Each player has six trial attempts for his/her round, which are not scored under any circumstances, and immediately afterwards plays his/her round twice on this round. However, no more than twelve holes may be played at the same time. The groups are divided according to the result of the last European Championship or World Cup, with the best-placed nation receiving the lowest starting number. Newly added nations will be drawn by lot. Each player may provide someone to return the sticks during the entire competition. However, the return player may not be the next next player in this competition. **In case of violation, disqualification will result.**

4.2 Implementation Team Mixed

The points scored in the women's target team ranking (from the results list of the current World Championships/European Championships) plus the points scored in the men's target team ranking (from the results list of the current World Championships/European Championships) result in a ranking for participation in the target team mixed competition (ranks 1-12). In the event of a tie, the results of the 4th round are used, if there is also a tie, then 3rd round etc. 12 teams play in a double round for the title and are ranked according to the points scored. In the event of a tie, the results of the 4th round are used, if there is also a tie, then 3rd round etc.

The starting order of the players in the individual rounds must be announced in writing to the WBL by 18:00 the day before.

Players are only to be nominated from the registered squad of the current World Championships/European Championships for the team competition and the target competition.

4.3 Material preparation

Point 3.2 applies in its entirety



5. Long distance competition, individual and team ranking - World Championships, European Championships

5.1 Performance

5.1.1 The U16, U19 and U23 classes determine the 6 finalists in this order in a preliminary round with 5 rounds. Furthermore, the team ranking of the World Championships or European Championships is created from these results. After the end of the preliminary rounds, the final rounds take place in the same order of the classes.

5.1.2 This will be followed by the women's and men's classes.

In the event of a participation of 9 or more nations, 2 groups, A and B, will be formed according to the result of the last World Cup/European Championship.

Group A:

3 seeded nations (rank 1 - 3 of the last European Championship/World Cup), 2 promoted nations (direct promoters), 2 individual players (direct promoters) who do not come from the promoted nations = 22 players. Direct promoters are determined from the B World Championship of the same year

Group B:

The remaining nations will generally receive at least one starting place. The two relegated teams from the last A-World Championship will receive the right to register one team (4 starters).

The nations of the best two individual players (starting with the A World Championship) will also each receive a starting right for a complete team in the B World Championship. The following two singles players of the last World Championship (who do not belong to a team, only singles) acquire the right for their nation to register three starters.

Group B determines the "B-World Champion or "B-European Champion" in the team and individual rankings. The best 2 nations advance to the immediately following A-World Championship.

In addition, there are the 2 best individual players from the B-WM/EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP who do not belong to the promotion nations. The B-World Championship will be played in 3 rounds. Group A will play for the World Cup or European Championship title with 5 nations and 2 individual players (= 22 players), the team ranking and qualification for the final with 12 participants. The qualification for the final participation and thus the team ranking will be played in 3 rounds.

In the final, ranks 9 to 12 are eliminated after 3 rounds, ranks 1 to 8 play for the title in the remaining 2 rounds. If there is no division into A and B groups, the team ranking will take place in five rounds. From the team ranking, the best 12 qualify for the final, which will be held analogously to that of the A-EM/WCH.

5.1.3 Start number allocation

The starting numbers are to be assigned in such a way that the best placed player of the preliminary round has the last attempt in the 1st round. No distances will be taken from the preliminary round. If it is not possible to hold the final round, the results of the preliminary round also apply to the individual ranking. This applies to all divisions.

5.1.4 Weather or technical problems

A cancellation or postponement of the European Championships due to weather conditions or technical problems on the artificial ice rink must be made 72 hours before the start of the competition. If the athletes have already arrived, they can switch to other sports facilities and also to other sports surfaces. By the next date, the competition must be held at both the European Championships and the World Championships in any case. In both cases, the decision on this is only up to the competition manager.

5.1.5 Transgress

Crossing or touching the front boundary line is not allowed and the attempt is invalid. If the attempt is valid (white flag), the player can also leave the clearance area via the side boundary lines.

5.1.6 WM / EM - Mixed

From each nation, 1 team can register for the World Championships with the names of the mixed pairing (female and male players). From the results list of the preliminary rounds women and men, a ranking of the registered mixed teams will be created. The best distances from the preliminary round of the women and the men are added together and form the result of this team. The teams are sorted in descending order according to their total distances.



The best team from each nation will receive a starting place in the final. A maximum of 8 teams can start in the final.

Only 1 team can be registered for the World Cup.

For the European Championships, each nation can register 2 mixed teams.

If there are fewer than 8 teams from the nations in the ranking at the European Championships, up to 8 mixed teams will start after the placement from the above list filled with the second teams. For the World Championships/European Championships, each nation that has registered one/two teams (1 woman and 1 man) for the mixed distance competition must announce the names of its players for the mixed team before the respective distance competitions qualification men group A, men group B and women (possibly also Serie A and Serie B). The distance results of these named players from the qualifiers will be used as the basis for the creation of the ranking of the teams. Up to 30 minutes before the start of the mixed distance competition, the nations can change the names of the players of the qualified teams, which does not affect the previously created ranking list for the pairings.



Hint:

For nations that only have players from the B group, a compensation coefficient is determined, which is calculated by the distances of the Serie B medal winners who have also played in the A group afterwards.

Example:

In Group B, Player 1 reaches the distance of 120 m and Player 2 the distance of 118 m – total: 238 m.

In Group A, Player 1 (from Group B) reaches 100 m and Player 2 (from Group B) 98 m – total: 198 m.

*This results in a compensatory coefficient of **0.832** ($198 \text{ m} : 238 \text{ m} = 0.832$).*

This results in a compensatory coefficient of 0.832 for the distances from Group B. The distances of group B are multiplied by 0.832.

For all players who played in both groups, however, only the distance from the A group counts.

The final will be played in knockout mode. The first round of a pairing starts with the team that is ranked worse in the preliminary round. Both (woman and man) give up their attempt. Then the second team makes its two attempts. The team with the shorter total distance starts the 2nd round in the pairing. The team with the better total distance of one of the two rounds wins the duel.

The pairings are determined by the rankings of the above-mentioned rankings.

Game 1: 4th place against 5th place

Game 2: 3rd place against 6th place

Game 3: 2nd place against 7th place

Game 4: 1st place against 8th place

A new order will be created from the winners of games 1 – 4 based on the respective best distances achieved in the game. From this list, the pairings of the semi-finals are determined.

Halbfinale 1: 2nd place against 3rd place

Halbfinale 2: 1st place against 4th place

The losing teams of the two semi-finals together take 3rd place (bronze) in the final standings.

The two winning teams will play for 1st and 2nd place (gold and silver).

The eliminated teams will be ranked 5-8 in the final according to their distances.

5.2 Material preparation

5.2.1 For the **U16 and women's league** the organiser shall provide a pupil stick body of type E and a stick body of type P for all other classes.

The performer must keep one reserve stick body in readiness at a time.

5.2.2 The **winter and summer outsoles** are provided by the IFI.

Only handles that have been checked and marked at the competition venue may be used on your own material.

5.2.3 **Playback site**

A standing device according to IER Fig. 14 (bottom page 93).



6. Distance competition, individual and team competition, European Cup on summer tracks

6.1 Performance

6.1.1 European Cup Women and Men

In a preliminary round with 3 rounds, the final round participants are determined. Furthermore, the European Cup winner in the team ranking will be determined from these results. The best 8 players from the preliminary round qualify for the final. The final will be played in a knockout system, with each player making 2 attempts and the best player being scored. The pairings are determined by the rankings from the preliminary round. In a pairing, the player with a lower ranking in the preliminary round starts. The second player then gives up his attempt. The player with the shorter attempt starts the 2nd round in the pairing.

- Game 1: 4th place against 5th place
- Game 2: 3rd place against 6th place
- Game 3: 2nd place against 7th place
- Game 4: 1st place against 8th place

A new order will be created from the winners of games 1-4 based on the respective best distances achieved in the game. From this list, the pairings of the semi-finals are drawn:

- Halbfinale 1: 2nd place against 3rd place
- Halbfinale 2: 1st place against 4th place

The losers of the two semi-finals will jointly take 3rd place (bronze) in the final standings.

The two winners will play for 1st and 2nd place. The winner of the final match receives the title of European Cup winner. The eliminated players will be seeded 5th-8th in the final according to their distances.

The provisions of point 5.1.3 also apply to the individual ranking.

6.1.2 Europacup-Mixed

2 teams from each nation can register for the EC with the names of the mixed pairing (female and male players).

From the result list of the preliminary rounds women and men, a ranking of the registered mixed pairings will be created. The best team from each nation will receive a starting place in the final. A maximum of 8 teams can start in the final. If less than 8 nations have mixed teams in the ranking, the second mixed teams will be filled after the placement from the above list. For the European Cup, each nation that has registered one/two teams (1 woman and 1 man) for the mixed distance competition must announce the names of its players for the mixed team before the respective distance competitions qualification men and women. The distance results of these named players from the qualifiers will be used as the basis for the creation of the ranking of the teams. Up to 30 minutes before the start of the mixed distance competition, the nations can change the names of the players of the qualified teams, which does not affect the previously created ranking list for the pairings.

The final will be played in knockout mode. The first round of a pairing starts with the team that is ranked worse in the preliminary round. Both (woman and man) give up their attempt. Then the second team makes its two attempts. The team with the shorter total distance starts the 2nd round in the pairing. The team with the better total distance of one of the two rounds wins the duel.

The pairings are determined by the rankings of the above-mentioned rankings.

- Game 1: 4th place against 5th place
- Game 2: 3rd place against 6th place
- Game 3: 2nd place against 7th place
- Game 4: 1st place against 8th place

A new order will be created from the winners of games 1 - 4 based on the respective best distances achieved in the game. From this list, the pairings of the semi-finals are determined.

- Halbfinale 1: 2nd place against 3rd place
- Halbfinale 2: 1st place against 4th place

The losing teams of the two semi-finals together take 3rd place (bronze) in the final standings.

The two winning teams will play for 1st and 2nd place (gold and silver).

The eliminated teams will be ranked 5th - 8th in the final according to their distances.



6.1.3 Medals Team Ranking

Medals will be awarded for the team ranking to the 3 ranked players of the teams ranked 1 - 3.

6.1.4 Result lists

There are 3 result lists – one for the preliminary round, one for the final round and one for the mixed competition.

6.2 Material preparation

Points 5.2.1 to 5.2.3 apply in their entirety.

7. Rapid Competition, Individual and Team Ranking - World Championships, European Championships

(is not to be included in the event program for the time being)

8. Team Match - European Cup for Club Teams

The right to start is set out in point 1.3.5.

8.1 Tournament mode women and men

From a number of participants of 13 teams, 2 groups, A and B, are formed. Prior to the group draw, each participating nation must announce its teams in writing. For the nation with 5 teams, 3 teams will be drawn by name from Group A, the remaining two will play in Group B. For the nations with 4 teams, 2 teams will be drawn by name from Group A, the other two will play in Group B. For nations with 3 teams, 1 team from Group A and the 2nd team from Group B will be drawn for the first nation determined by lot. For the next nation with 3 teams, the 2 teams for Group A will be drawn first and the 3rd team in Group B. For nations with 2 or 1 team, the same procedure is followed.

This will be followed by the raffle of the starting numbers; Teams of a nation have to play the first game against each other (or according to the schedule in the case of 3 teams).

1st matchday - preliminary round

In groups A and B, each team plays against each other. The top eight of each group qualify for the final round. For the match in the final round (knockout round), a joint ranking of groups A and B will be created. All starting numbers result from the results in the two groups and will be retained until the end. Start number 1 is the group leader with the "better result", start number 2 is the other group leader, start number 3 is the group second with the "better result", etc. For the "better result" among the equal-placed teams in the two groups, the game points achieved, the quotient, the difference and the draw (in this order) are used. If a team is not scored in the basic round, all other teams in this group receive an additional game point for the starting number determination in the intermediate round.

Matchday 2 - Final round

The final round will be played in a knockout system. The teams ranked 1st to 8th will be seeded. Afterwards, 2 pots will be formed, with those teams that ranked 9th to 12th in the preliminary round forming pot 1 and the teams ranked 13th to 16th in pot 2. The pairings for the first knockout round are as follows:

The teams in ranks 1 to 4 draw from pot 2 in this order, the teams in ranks 5 to 8 draw their opponents from pot 1. All final rounds will be decided in 2 games. In the event of a draw in the round of 16 and quarter-finals and match points are tied, the stock points are used, if there is also a tie, the better placement in the basic round decides. This corresponds to the start number. If there is a tie in the semi-finals and finals, the stock points are used, if there is also equality here, the game is played analogously to 2.1.4 (penultimate paragraph).

3. Passing

In the final, the team with the lower starting number has the choice of the pass. In the 2nd game, the pass is changed. The losers from the eighth (ranks 9-16) and quarterfinals (ranks 5-8) will be ranked according to their start numbers (lower start number) from the preliminary round.

Those teams that have not finished 1st - 16th after the preliminary round will determine the rankings from 17th place in a tournament (special single round for the IFI trophy) (see also Appendix 2).

8.2 Sports equipment testing



Every piece of sports equipment for the European Cup for women and men must be checked by a licensed curling referee before it can be used in the competition. Points 1.7.1, 1.7.2, 1.7.4 and 1.7.5 of the DfB also apply to the European Cup for women and men. Competition directors and referees check the sports equipment before and during the competition at the European Cup for women and men. Necessary regulatory measures are taken in accordance with the IER and ISpO or VGO of the IFI.

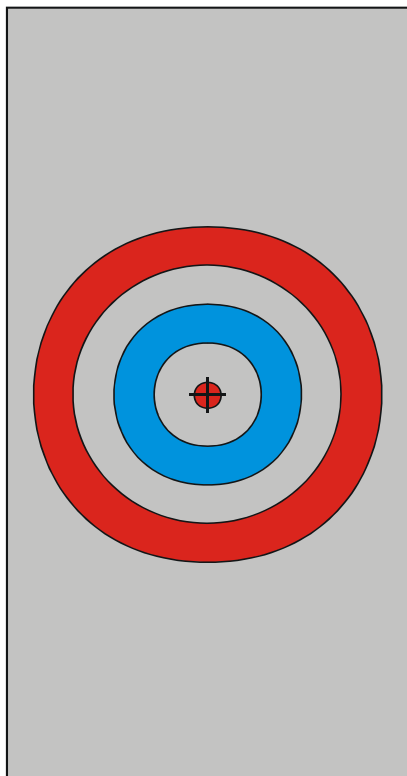
 *Note: In the competition, 4 stick bodies from the same manufacturer with the same design must be used.*

9. Team match for national teams of the Africa and America Cup of Nations

These are carried out every 2 years. The format of the event will be determined by the President of the IFI together with the Vice President for Sport according to the number of participating national federations.

Appendix 1:

Example of colored target fields



Garmisch

Target field for the endgame lanes



Coloured target fields at the European Championships in



Coloured target field at the European Championships in Regensburg



Appendix 2:

(As of: 10.12.2022)

