



## **ECA Canoe Polo European Cup - Special Rules (Revised 2015)**

### **1. Organisation**

- a. The ECA will nominate a maximum of 3 tournaments from hosting federations to organize the European Cup. These federations send the announcement to all European Federations at least 4 month in advance of the competition, and shall publish the announcement on the ECA website.
- b. Entry in the European Cup is allowed for national teams.
- c. Applications to host the European Cup must come from the National Federation on behalf of the organizing club to the ECA with a copy to the ECA Canoe Polo Technical Delegate (ECA CPTD), and be received by the ECA before 1<sup>st</sup> October of the year previous to the European Cup to be hosted.

### **2. Date of competition**

- a. The Competitions take part during one year. The date for the competitions will be posted on the ECA website and the ICF Canoe Polo Calendar.

### **3. National Representation**

- a. Each European Federation is allowed to nominate one national team in the Class Women, Men, U21 Men and U 21 Women.
- b. The European Cup will be played if there is an entry of minimum 5 Teams in each class.
- c. Also "B"-teams and non EU-Teams are allowed to enter - if possible and out of ranking

### **4. Invitations and Entries**

- a. Invitations are issued to each National Federation to enter their Team representatives.
- b. These entry forms must be returned by the closing date with the appropriate entry fee for the teams who will represent their federation.
- c. All entries to the hosting federation must come from each National Federation with the appropriate Federation stamp and signed by their National Canoe Polo Chairperson.

- d. Teams not fulfilling these requirements will have their entry forms returned and will be deemed ineligible to participate.
- e. A copy of all entries must be send to the ECA CPTD.

### **5. Player Eligibility**

- a. The players eligibility see ICF Rules Chapter I Point 3
- b. A player may compete in more than one category in all tournaments of the European Cup
- c. Mixed teams are not permitted
- d. A player must have the minimum age of 15 years
- e. Each participating federation must provide one qualified ICF Referee for each category (Men, Women, U21 Men & U21 Women) a federation competes.

Notes:

- 1. If a federation cannot provide a referee or referees they can still participate but only if they pay a fee of **250 €** per referee together with the entry fee to the organisation of each tournament in which the Referee is missing. This money must be used for referee affaires.
- 2. The Referee only needs to be ICF qualified. They do not have to be from the participating federation.
- 3. A new participating federation can ask the ECA TD for Canoe Polo to be free of this point "e" for two years.

### **6. Accreditation of players**

- a. Players must present their passport and insurance card at the accreditation for each competition.
- b. Players who fail to do so will be declared ineligible for the competition

### **7. Competition Rules**

- a. The competition runs under the ICF Canoe Polo Rules.
- b. All matches will be played with shot clocks
- c. Out of the semi finals and finals there is no time-out after a goal.
- d. The referees should be from two different federations
- e. The semi finals and finals have to be played with linesmen
- f. Only tournaments which exactly follow these rules can be a "Cup" tournament.
- g. There has to be a Jury with 3 people, the chairman of the Jury should be a ICF Canoe Polo Committee member
- h. The European Cup winners will be the team that gets the most points in all declared European Cup tournaments.
- i. Teams get in each Cup tournament the following points:  
1<sup>st</sup> place = 25 points

2<sup>nd</sup> place = 21 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> place = 18 Points  
4<sup>th</sup> place = 16 Points  
5<sup>th</sup> place = 15 Points and so on

- j. If there are teams with the same points after all Cup tournaments, first the total goal difference, second the most total numbers of goals decide. If those are also equal, there has to be an extra game.

## **8. Entry Fee**

- a. The entry fee per team (also "B" Teams and teams from out of Europe) for each tournament is 150€ paid with the entry fees to each tournament.
- b. Teams only can be accredited if the entry fee is paid.

## **9. Prizes**

- a. Money prizes will be awarded for first, second and third in each category after the last tournament
- b. 50 € from each teams entry fee and tournament will be used as prize money
- c. The winning team of each category will receive 50% of the available prize money, the second 30% and the third 20%
- d. The organisation has to play the hymn of the winning federation in each class.
- e. There will be a challenge cup in each class for the first. After five times winning the trophy stays at the federation. Every winning federation has to bring the trophy in the next year with the name of the federation and the year on an 8 cm x 2 cm label.

## **10. Results**

- a. A full set of results has to be sent per Email to the ECA CPTD and has to be published in the web
- b. All the money for the prize money of each tournament has to be published in the web and has to be transferred to the ECA CPTD

## **11. Technical Delegate**

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

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