

ECA Canoe Polo European Cup - Special Rules (Revised 2022)

1. Organisation

- A. The ECA TD will choose a maximum of 2 tournaments from the host federation nominations.
- B. Selected federations will announce entry dates to European Federations at least 4 months in advance of the competition. Details of entry and location should also be posted on the ECA website.
- C. Only National Teams are allowed to enter the European Cup.
- D. Applications to host a European Cup must come from a National Federation on behalf of the organizing committee. copy should be sent to the ECA Canoe Polo Technical Delegate (ECA TD) eca.td@canoepolo.eu, and be received by the ECA before 1st October in the year previous to the European Cup to be hosted.

2. Date of competition

- A. The series of competitions must take place during one calendar year.
- B. Dates for the competitions will be posted on the ECA website and on the ICF Canoe Polo Calendar.
- C. Competitions will be held at least 3 weeks apart.
- D. The ECA Cup will normally be held in May, June or July.

3. National Representation

- A. Each European Federation is allowed to nominate one national team in the following categories: Women, Men, U21 Men and U21 Women.
- B. Each category of competition will count towards the overall points total if at least 5 nations are taking part.
- C. "B"-teams and non ECA – affiliated Teams are allowed to enter – their results will not count towards the overall total for a nation.
- D. A European Cup can still be played with less nations taking part however their points will not count to the overall total.

4. Invitations and Entries

- A. Invitations are issued to each National Federation.
- B. 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 sent to the ECA TD using the email eca.td@canoepolo.eu

5. Player Eligibility

- A. For player eligibility see ICF Rules Chapter 1 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. The minimum age for a competitor is 15 years.

6. Referee's

- A. Each participating federation must provide one qualified ICF Referee for each category (Men, Women, U21 Men & U21 Women) in which the federation competes.
- B. If a federation enters all four categories the minimum number of ICF qualified referee's they need to provide is reduced to 3.
- C. The Referee only needs to be ICF qualified. They do not have to be from the participating federation.
- D. A new participating federation can ask the ECA TD for an exemption on providing a referee for 2 years.
- E. At the discretion of the chief Referee teams with special circumstances can apply to use a playing referee, the referee must be ICF registered.
- F. If a federation cannot provide the required number of referees they can still participate but only if they pay a fee of 150 € per missing referee.
 - a) This money must be used to cover the costs of finding and using a replacement referee.

- b) It can also be used to provide food and accommodation for referee's who cover the duties of missing referees.
- c) Any monies left over can be used by the ECA TD to further referee training and support within federations affiliated to the ECA.

7. Accreditation of players

- A. Players must present their passport or national identity card and insurance card at the accreditation office for each competition.
- B. Any Player who fails to do so will be declared ineligible for the competition

8. Competition Rules

- A. The competition will be played under the ICF Canoe Polo Rules, with the additional changes detailed below.
- B. Before the start of games all team's equipment will be scrutineered.
 - a) If a team plays a match before being scrutineered and their equipment subsequently fails when checked. The results of any games played before being scrutineered will be recorded as a win to the opposition.
- C. All matches will be played with shot clocks.
- D. There will be no timeout after a goal apart from Semi-final and Final matches.
- E. Where possible Referee's should be from two different federations.
- F. Semi-finals and Finals must be played with line judges.
- G. The Jury will consist of 3 people nominated by the organising committee. The chairman should be either an ICF Canoe Polo Committee member or ECA TD.
- H. The competition committee will consist of 3 ICF referee's in attendance at the tournament. They will be responsible for dealing with protests.
 - a) Within 20 minutes of receiving the protest the chief referee will form the competition committee.
 - b) Referees who were involved with the game being protested cannot be part of the committee. They may be called to give evidence.
- I. If a player or coach receives a Red card in their last game of the tournament the team will be docked 5 points. The "next game" ban will be carried over to the next ECA cup in which they attend.
- J. The European Cup winners will be the team that attends both ECA CUPS and wins the most points in all valid European Cup tournaments.
- K. The following points will be allocated for each ECA cup:
 - a) 1st place = 25 points

- b) 2nd place = 21 points
 - c) 3rd place = 18 Points
 - d) 4th place = 16 Points
 - e) 5th place = 15 Points and so on
- L. If there are teams with the same number of points after all ECA Cup tournaments the winner shall be decided as follows:
- a) Goal difference in all ECA Cup tournaments.
 - b) Total number of goals scored in all ECA Cup tournaments.
 - c) Honourable play (total number of Red cards).
 - d) If the teams are still tied then an additional match must be played.

9. Entry Fee

- A. The entry fee per team (also "B" Teams and teams from out of Europe) is 250 € per tournament. This is paid directly to the tournament organiser.
- B. Teams will only be accredited once the entry fee is paid.

10. Prizes

- A. A winning Federation must return the trophy the following year.
- B. The Competition Organizer would prepare the medals for each player in each category, 10 senior Men, 10 senior Women, 10 Men Under 21 and 10 Women Under 21. The label on the medal must include location, date and the category. It is not mandatory but recommended.

11. Results

- A. A full set of results must be sent by Email to the ECA TD eca.td@canoepolo.eu a copy should also be published on internet/social media.

12. Technical Delegate /Officials

- 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 or host club will cover the travel and full accommodation cost for a technical visit and the competition.
- C. The ECA Chief Referee will nominate a referee to act as chief referee at each event. The final decision will rest with the ECA TD.



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D. A chief scrutineer must be identified for the tournament and approved by the ECA TD.

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