

2021

EPBF European Championships Youth TOURNAMENT PROTOCOL



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Website

The official EPBF website for the European Youth Championships is www.epbf.com/tournaments/european-championships. The website is activated and therefore it is possible for your athletes to update their profile via the website if needed. During the event, the normal services will be provided such as live scoring, flowcharts, athlete information and news items.

Live stream

Live stream coverage of all tables is offered for the athletes with a price of 70 € for a year pass. Matches on live stream could start up to 10 minutes before scheduled time.

Opening ceremony

Opening ceremony information will be given during the accreditation.

Closing Banquet

The EPBF will organise Closing banquet at the final day of the European Championships, 08.08., in case Covid-19 restrictions allow it to happen according to the Slovenian Government active measures. More information will be announced at the Team Leader meeting.

Award Ceremony

The Award Ceremony usually takes place after the final matches but is also subject to change. All award times and awards order will be given to the official Team leader at the TL meeting and again prior to the start of the Semi-finals of the respected discipline.

The medallists should be in their official uniform, including coaches in the Team event. The medallist must not bring with them or wear to the podium any symbol of a religious or political nature. A penalty will be imposed if these rules are violated. A medallist who does not attend the ceremony without good reason may lose the right to their medal. A penalty will be imposed, according to the Fine & Penalty Catalogue if these rules are violated.

Information boxes inside the venue

All information will be sent out to all announced team leaders via a virtual cloud folder. For this purpose, we will need official email address for the duration of the EC.

As before, information sent will be the same; Information from Members, EPBF Sanctioned events, Flowcharts, Side events info, all other information for Team Leaders.

TEAM-LEADER MEETINGS, DRAWS, OFFICIALS AND EQUIPEMENT

General TL Meeting	31.07.2021 @ 19:00h
Draw 14/1	31.07.2021 @ During TL Meeting
Draw 10ball	31.07.2021 @ During TL Meeting
Draw Teams	02.08.2021 @ 16:00h
Draw 8-Ball	02.08.2021@ 16:00h
Draw 9-Ball	02.08.2021@ 16:00H

OFFICIALS

Sports Director	Tommi Lamminaho (FIN)
Tournament Leader	Ed de Jonge (NED)
Head Referee	Roman Mirahmedov (CZE)

EQUIPEMENT

Tables	Dynamic III Match Table
Pockets	Corner (11cm +/- 1.5%) Middle (12.5cm +/- 1.5%)
Balls	Aramith – Duramith Tournament Pro Tv
Cloth	Iwan Simonis 860 Tournament Blue

ADDITIONAL BREAK RULES / SCORING / PRACTICE / TABLE

Straight pool Triangles will be used for racking.

- ✓ Accidentally picked up balls will be treated as unsportsmanlike conduct.
- ✓ The scorekeeping will be done with the computers. Athletes will have blank papers to keep track about the match.

10-ball Tapping will be used for racking.

- ✓ Break box will be used where cue-ball is outside the box.
- ✓ Alternate break.

8-ball Tapping will be used for racking.

- ✓ Alternate break.

9-ball Tapping will be used for racking.

- ✓ 9 ball on the spot.
- ✓ Alternate break.
- ✓ Three-point rule.

Additionally

Athletes are not allowed to rerack after the referee; they can ask for 1 change and then they must accept the balls. Athlete touching a rack after referee will be penalized with GREEN CARD

Practice time

On each day of the event, if possible, athletes will be called out 20 minutes before scheduled time, and 30 minutes before first round. All extra practice sessions will be announced at the event. All athletes must be in the venue 30 minutes prior to scheduled time.

Athletes Table

Each athlete has the responsibility to remove anything that they brought to the table, including the likes of talcum powder, drinks, paper, etc. Rubbish bins will be provided close to the tables and the athlete must remove their own rubbish & leave their table as they received it. Talcum powder must be placed on a mat or cloth and removed along with all other items brought to the table.

Scoring

The current on-screen score and breaking order on the laptop is leading. If an athlete does not agree with this score, he/she should inform a referee before the start of his/her inning. The play will be suspended, and the issue will be solved before the match continues.

Anti-doping control - There might be anti-doping testing during the event

RACES

Division	14/1	10-ball	8-ball	9-ball
Girls	-	5	5	6
U17	75	6	6	7
U19	100	7	7	8

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

UNIFORM

The playing uniform must meet the level of the competition and be clean, proper and in good condition.

Uniform: In order to restore responsibility of athletes for their uniform, fair conditions for all athletes, basic hygiene conditions and smooth running of events, the EPBF is setting amended Uniform control procedure starting at the European Championships in 2021. This procedure does not change any relevant rules on the uniform, the aim is to make control smooth and effective.

From 2022 each National Federation must submit their official country uniform design and specification to the Sport director for a review 2 months prior to the accreditation day. Each National Federation may announce up to two playing uniforms. For the period of 2021, registration of uniforms is recommended but not mandatory.

The uniform consists of the shirt and the trousers for the match and jacket for the award ceremony as an option.

These uniforms will be the only allowed uniform apparel for athletes for announced event. The Sports Director will approve the uniform if all requirements are fulfilled as in the regulations below. The approval will be valid until such time that NF chooses to submit another design or EPBF changes uniform specifications. The NF may change design prior to any event. The EPBF may change uniform specifications at any time, however all design approvals active at the time of such change will be valid for at least 6 months after the change or at least 2 years since their original approval, depending on which happens later.

The playing uniform must meet the level of the competition and be clean, proper and in good condition.

Advertising is allowed only on the shirt. It must respect the practical provisions of the EPBF. The advertising cannot mention political, denominational or sport organizations other than the EPBF, the WPA, member National Federations, their organizations, and affiliated clubs. It is not permitted to make the promotion of tobacco, alcohol, any prohibited substances during the match listed in the doping code, of any product, property, or service contrary to the morals and to the good customs.

National emblem: the name of the nation must be displayed on the back of the playing shirt. An emblem in the form of the national banner, or the official emblem of the nation may be displayed on the front left side of the shirt at the chest level.

Shirts can be of any design providing it has a collar, short sleeve or long sleeve and any colour. Extra clothing if the area is cool can be worn on top of the shirt in the form of a jumper/sweater or a National Federation tracksuit top but none of these are permitted with a hood attached. It is also allowed to wear undershirt as long as it is matching the shirt. Shirts must be tucked inside trousers and must be long enough that when stretching over the table, no body skin should be visible. For Women, shirts can be outside trousers, but no body skin should be visible.

It is not allowed to wear T-shirts or extra clothing on top of the shirt in the form of a jumper/sweater or a National Federation tracksuit.

Trousers: Black Dress trousers that are clean and in good condition are to be used. Trousers must cover your entire backside and must fit around your waist and a belt should be worn, NO half trousers regardless of the design. Please see the links provided for clarity. For women, also a black skirt or divided skirt is allowed.

It is not allowed to wear trousers with studs/chains, side pockets, below the thigh of the leg,

jeans and denim/blue jeans or corduroy material, which have been fashioned in a "jeans style".

Shoes can either be dress shoes or sports shoes. Dress shoes can be of any colour and must be made of leather. Sports shoes must be of a Dark colour and made of leather or leather-like material.

It is not allowed to wear Sneakers, sandals.

Other: No headgear, or headphones other than on recognized grounds with written medical reasons from a qualified doctor, shall be worn without the prior permission of the SD following a written application from the athlete.

Team events: In the team events, all athletes of one and the same team must wear their shirts which are identical both with colour and design.

Uniform control

The Official conducting the control will receive the approved uniforms per nation prior to the event and each athlete will be checked according to the specifications.

Each athlete is obliged to go through the uniform control before their match. A specific zone is dedicated for that purpose.

Only after the athlete receives the approval from the control delegate, the athlete may enter the venue for practice.

Athletes who fail to comply will forfeit their place in the competition.

In exceptional circumstances, the SD may permit an athlete to compete in violation of the uniform.

In all EPBF Events the Uniform of any participating athlete shall be subject to the SD's approval. Any unacceptable Uniform must be changed before that Athlete can participate in any introductions, match play, interviews, or presentations.

Any Athlete refusing to meet with requirements in respect of the Uniform could be liable to forfeit that respective match and or be penalized for uniform violation as described in paragraph 7.8.

WALK-OVER

Athletes must be in the venue 30 minutes prior to the scheduled match time ready to play.

If an athlete is late for his appointed match the following procedure will be enforced:

- after 5 minutes: First call on the microphone and one rack (8, 9 and 10-ball) or 15 points (14.1) to the opponent.
- after 10 minutes: Second call and one rack or 15 points to the opponent; - after 14 minutes: Final "one minute" warning call and one rack or 15 points to the opponent.
- after 15 minutes: Loss of match by forfeit.

Should this happen in the winner's bracket of a DKO system, he will be placed in the loser's bracket. Otherwise, such an athlete is disqualified.

Should both athletes in one and the same match in the winner's bracket arrive too late, both athletes will be disqualified since both cannot use the one and only existing spot in the loser's bracket.

SHOT CLOCK / TIME LIMIT

In order to better control the schedule of an event, each match can be given a certain time limit. A shot clock can be implemented at any time. The decision lies with the discretion of the tournament leader.

After enforcing the shot clock, the time for each shot (with the exemption of the second shot after racking, see below) is 35 seconds, with a warning after 25 seconds. Each athlete will be allowed one 25-second extension during each rack.

The time for the second shot after the racking of the balls will be 60 seconds with a warning after 50 seconds and no option for extension.

The second shot after racking means the shot immediately following the break shot in 8, 9 and 10-ball. In 14.1 this is the first shot after the opening shot without a breaking violation and each second shot after re-racking the pocketed balls.

The shot clock will be started when all balls come to rest, including spinning balls and (when applicable) the cue-ball is available to the athlete. The shot clock will end when the cue tip strikes the cue ball to initiate a stroke or the when athlete's time expires from the shot clock. If an athlete runs out of time, it will be a standard foul.

Mandatory shot-clock will be used at all semi-finals and finals from match start, except in Team event.

MOBILE PHONES

Active players are not allowed to use their mobile phone during the match. Mobile phones must be turned off or in silent mode and may not lie on the table or in any other visible spot. In situations where a player has already been asked once to put away his/her mobile phone, a second violation will be considered as unsportsmanlike conduct.

Penalties when a mobile is used, or phone rings or vibrates:

First offence:

- ✓ 8, 9 and 10-ball: play will be suspended, one rack will be awarded to the opponent and the active player will start/continue his/her inning.
- ✓ 14.1: 15 points are awarded to the opponent.

If the offence happens during the innings of the non-offending player, the non-offending player will announce their decision at the end of their inning: the incoming (offending player) must accept the table according to the rules of the game (e. g. accept position, have ball in hand behind the head string, etc.) or perform an opening break.

If the offence happens during the inning of the offending player, the non-offending player announces their decision immediately and can either accept the table according to the rules of the game or the non-offending player has the option to choose which player will perform an opening break.

Second violation of this rule results in loss of match.

TIME OUT

One (1) time-out for each athlete is allowed per match, the length of the time-out is five (5) minutes. Athletes can take the time out only after informing the referee (in 14.1) and make sure the referee marks the table for suspended play. In disciplines 8-ball, 10-ball and 9-ball players must mark the table at the computer themselves.

The time out at 8-ball, 9-ball and 10-ball can be taken between racks, when play is suspended; the athlete can use his right for a time-out only before any break shot is executed. The Time out opponent must remain seated as during normal play, if he decides to use his time-out in the same time no further time out will be allowed.

In 14.1, the time out begins between racks; and the athlete at the table may continue his inning should the opponent decide to take his time out. If the non-shooter takes a time out, he must make sure there is a referee to supervise the table during his absence; otherwise, he has no right to protest any misplay by the athlete at the table.

The athlete taking the time out should remember that his actions must be within the spirit of the game and if he acts otherwise, he is subject to a penalty under the Unsportsmanlike Conduct.

Reasons for an imposed penalty are taking time out other than in between the racks, smoking or drinking alcohol during the time-out and late return after a time-out, practice or using mobile phone during time out.

Penalties for such violations are as follows (yellow card);

- ✓ In Straight pool 15 points are awarded to the opponent.
 - If the offence happens during the innings of the non-offending player, the non-offending player will announce their decision at the end of their inning: the incoming (offending player) must accept the table according to the rules of the game (e. g. accept position, have ball in hand behind the head string, etc.) or perform an opening break.
 - If the offence happens during the inning of the offending player, the non-offending player announces their decision immediately and can either accept the table according to the rules of the game or the non-offending player has the option to choose which player will perform an opening break.
- ✓ In 8-ball, 9-ball and 10-ball, a game/frame (current and/or next) is awarded to the opponent and the active player will start/continue his/her inning.
- ✓ Should an athlete violate this rule a second time, the athlete will be disqualified from the discipline and/or event (2nd yellow card or higher).

CONSUMMATION OF ALCOHOL AND SMOKING

Players are not allowed to smoke or drink alcohol during EC.

Both offences are penalized according the Fine & Penalty Catalogue from Sports Regulations:

Alcohol or drug taking during the Youth EC and participating in any form of gambling	up to Disqualification from the event	Disqualification from the event	EPBF Youth Sports Director
Smoking during the Youth EC	Fine up to € 500,00 up to Disqualification from the event	Disqualification from the event	EPBF Youth Sports Director

TEAM EVENT

The Youth male team consists of a minimum of three (3) and maximum of five (5) athletes. The disciplines played in the team competition are 8-ball, 9-ball, and 10-ball.

A Youth male team match consists of three (3) individual matches that are to be played by three (3) different athletes for each team. It is possible for a team to participate with only two athletes but in such a case; the third match will be forfeited. In the team competition, the races that are valid for individual competitions in the double knock-out will be used.

As soon as a team has won two from the three individual matches, the match is deemed to be completed and the on-going third match will be stopped. Whoever is leading when the match is stopped will be deemed to have won this match. Should the match be tied, the winning team will be appointed the win of the tied match.

In an U19 or an U17 team, a girl from the correct age group can be entered alongside the male youth players.

A Nation sending athletes in the under U17 division can only register an U17 athlete to participate in the U19 team event if there are only two (2), U19 athletes or if there is four (4), or more athletes in their U17 team. Three (3) athletes in U17 division at the EC cannot be sacrificed in the U17 teams to represent the U19 teams.

The Youth female team consist of two (2) athletes and a maximum of four (4). The disciplines played in the team competition are 8-ball and 9-ball.

The team consists of two (2) individual matches that are to be played by two (2) different athletes for each team. If the match results in a tie, a shoot-out will be played according to following rules:

Both athletes in each team have three (3) attempts to pot the 8-ball (the 8-ball is on the foot spot and cue ball is on the head spot). The team with the most pocketed balls wins the shoot-out.

If the match remains a tie, each athlete from each team will have one (1) shot each to determine the winner. This is repeated until a result has been reached, either 1-0,2-0 or 2-1.

The athlete who finishes first with their match should remember that their actions must be within the spirit of the game and if they act otherwise, they are subject to a penalty under the Unsportsmanlike Conduct.

Penalties for such violations are as follows:

- One point is awarded to the opponent team.
 - Should an athlete violate this rule a second time, the athlete will be disqualified from the discipline and/or event. (Red card)
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COACHING

It is permitted for an athlete to receive advice from a coach during a time out. It is up to the referee and tournament management to set additional limits on this. The coach should not approach the table. If the referee decides that the coach is interfering with or disrupting the match, he may direct the coach to stay away from the match.

RANDOM RACK

The rack in 10-ball and 9-ball should be built randomly, with exception of the 1-ball, which should always be on top and the 9-ball/10-ball, that is to be put in the centre of the rack. It is not allowed to routinely put specific balls in a specific location. Both athletes agreeing on this is irrelevant.

PENALTY SYSTEM

At the European Championships the following Penalty System will be in place.

CARD		PENALTY	DESCRIPTION
GREEN Card		WARNING	three (3) Green cards make Yellow
YELLOW Card		LOSS OF RACK	Yellow + Green or Yellow + Yellow make Red
RED Card		LOSS OF MATCH	Red + Green or Red + Yellow Or Red + Red make Black
BLACK Card		DISQUALIFICATION	from Discipline or Event
			If disqualification is only from discipline, athlete is on Yellow card after Black

Green Card

Green Card Penalties are warnings for misbehaviour. Each Athlete may have up to 2 Green cards before the penalty.

Green card penalties are given for:

- Taking Time Out without informing referee or pressing correct button.
- Using mobile phone during Time Out
- Electronic device warning
- Touching balls after a referee
- Misuse of equipment
- Patern racking



Yellow Card

Yellow card means one rack to the opponent (15 points in Straight Pool) (current and/or next).

Yellow card penalties are given for:

- Late return from the Time Out
- Practicing during the Time Out
- Smoking using of snus or snuf or electronic cigarette or drinking alcohol during Time Out
- Electronic device ringing during a match
- Any other unsportsmanlike conduct of more serious offense



Red Card

Red card means loss of match for the offending athlete.

Red card penalties are given for:

- Destroying equipment for tournament or in the venue/hotel
- Any other unsportsmanlike conduct of very serious offense



Black Card

Black card means loss of match for the offending athlete.

Black card penalties are given for:

- Destroying equipment for tournament or in the venue/hotel
- Alcohol taking or smoking during EC for youth divisions
- Unsportsmanlike conduct towards officials, athletes or guests
- Serious unsportsmanlike conduct



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

There have been additional changes in the EPBF Sports Regulations regarding European Championships. We would like to advise you to check them prior to the arrival on the European Championships.
