

European Dodgeball Federation Regional Tournament Regulations

Central European Championships (CEC)
Northern European Championships (NEC)

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This document is applicable to the national associations and federations who are members of the EDF.

1. General Categorization

1.1 In 2019, due also to new nations taking part and the absence of NEC, we've reached an unbalanced number of teams in each competition, adding up to a previous split which was not perfectly geographic-oriented.

1.2 EDF goal from 2020 is to re-balance those numbers evening up the number of potential participants now that both NEC and CEC will take place.

1.3 Current EDF members and potential ones are now officially split mainly on geographic and historic grounds, resulting in closer blocks of nations which should not originate prohibitive transfers. Starting from the year 2020 this will be the division for regional tournaments:

Central European Championships / 13 nations:

Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Georgia, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey

Northern European Championships / 10 nations:

Belgium, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Sweden, Wales

1.4 Nations who have not competed yet in either of these tournaments will have the chance for their first appearance to choose which one to attend, thus encouraging emerging nations to take part in EDF tournaments without excessive travel costs on their first experience.

Said nations currently are: Bulgaria, Georgia, Hungary, Spain, Turkey;

this will obviously extend to any other additional national teams in the future. The list above is not definitive and will be subject to future changes whenever needed.

2. Tournament Details

2.1 Regional tournaments are conceived to be smaller than Euros, and should not be seen as an 'equal' alternative.

2.2 The goal of NEC and CEC is to bring in new nations and new players without excessive costs both for participants and hosts. Therefore, it is recommended to extend these tournaments for no longer than 2 days, reducing costs and assuring more presence. In two days of play, on a standard venue accommodating 4 courts, it's possible to have tournaments for three categories featuring all regional teams, therefore allowing all nations to play with one team per category without exclusions.

2.3 The hosts will have the chance to set limits for the maximum number of teams allowed, depending on their needs as expressed above, but that must never lead to the exclusion of a nation in their respective regional tournament.

2.4 It is also obviously possible to have categories with more teams than just one per regional nation, but the decision is left to the hosts, depending mainly on court availability and the general schedule of the tournament.

2.5 As aforementioned, the purpose is to give the chance to play on an international level to as many players as possible; therefore, nations will have the chance to register second or even third teams, depending on availability. This choice must be in accordance to the hosts requirements, but is encouraged when there are no sensible scheduling limits and especially if the presence of one additional team will lead to a more balanced tournament format and group division.

2.6 In order to determine which teams will be granted to play, the priority criteria in place is the following:

- 1. Regional teams** (nations are always granted the chance to register 1 team per category in their regional tournament)
- 2. New teams** (teams which never played CEC or NEC before; if they ask to attend, this must also be granted)
- 3. Second regional teams** (in case of limited spots available, priority goes to the host nation)
- 4. Eventual second teams of new nations**
- 5. Third regional teams**
- 6. Teams of the other regional tournament** (tournaments are regional. This case should be seen as a 'wild card' if the hosts need or want more attendance and said nations advance a request to play. Now that both CEC and NEC will regularly take place, teams are encouraged to focus mainly on their respective regional tournament)

2.7 Generally EDF Scheduling and Seeding Regulations apply. However, Scheduling always depends on the final number of participants, the number of courts, and the time available at the venue.

Therefore, EDF competition department will coordinate the registration process in accordance with the host. EDF competition department will coordinate the making of the schedule in accordance with the host. The overall goal in scheduling for regional tournaments is to give all teams a reasonable amount of games within the available time, regardless of their results in the group phase.