

EDF Tournaments Guide

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1. Summary

EDF Tournaments currently include:

- European Championships (*commonly "Euros"*)
- Regional Championships:
 - Western European Championships (*commonly "WEC"*)
 - Northern European Championships (*commonly "NEC"*)
 - Central European Championships (*commonly "CEC"*)
 - Eastern European Championships (*commonly "EEC"*)
- Junior European Championships (*commonly "JEC"*)

Additionally, EDF is part of WDBF, which hosts the World Dodgeball Championships.

2. Frequency

All EDF tournaments are held every two years.

European Championships and Junior Championships are held in the odd years.

Regional Championships are held in the even years.

WDBF holds the World Championships every two years, in the even years.

3. Timeframe

Euros can take place at any time of the year.

JEC must take place during the summer (June-August), when kids are more likely to be off school.

Regional Championships need to take place at least 3 months away from the World Championships.

4. Attendance

All EDF full member nations can attend Euros and JEC.

All EDF full member nations can attend the Regional Championships of their own division, as regulated in a specific separate EDF document.

5. Categories

European and Regional Championships feature three categories: mixed, women's and men's.

Junior Championships feature four categories: Under15 Girls, Under15 Boys, Under18 Girls and Under18 Boys.

In adult competitions, a player who is eligible to play in two categories (mixed + gendered) is allowed to do so; in junior competition, a player who is eligible in to play in two categories (kids turning 15 in the year of event) can only be fielded in either the Under15 or the Under18 category.

6. Ball-types

Euros are played in both cloth and foam formats. Currently there is one single event with both ball-types featured, but in the future, it is possible to have two separate events.

JECs and Regional Championships are currently competitions only for the cloth format.

Shall foam dodgeball increase its presence in Europe, considerations about foam regionals and junior competitions will take place.

7. Teams

All full member nations have the right to register one team per category in all EDF events.

This currently means 6 teams (having both foam and cloth) at Euros, 3 teams at the regional tournament of their division, 4 teams at JECs.

At Regional Championships and Junior Championships, full member nations are allowed to have more than one team per category – their acceptance is however not guaranteed but depends on specific regulations EDF follows to achieve the best possible tournament format and schedule.

At the European Championships, it is not allowed to have more than one team per category.

8. Eligibility

EDF eligibility rules, as stated in a specific separate document, apply to all EDF tournaments.

The aforementioned document regulates eligibility both in terms of national representation and age limits, with regards both to adult and junior competitions.

9. Applications

Member nations can apply to host an EDF event by submitting the “Host Application Form”.

Deadlines to send applications are always on December 31st:

- in the odd years, for JEC taking place two years later (*31.12.2027 deadline > JEC 2029*)
- in the even years, for Regional Championships taking place two years later and for Euros taking place three years later (*31.12.2026 deadline > Regionals 2028 + Euros 2029*)

EDF can communicate different deadlines due to specific circumstances.

10. Selection

EDF Competition Department oversees all the applications and checks their appropriateness.

Shall there be only one valid applicant for a specific event, the Department, with the approval of EDF President, can directly appoint them as host if their application is deemed valid.

When having multiple valid applications for the same tournament, EDF Competition Department presents all of them to EDF Council, which then proceeds to a selection based on simple majority.

For Regional Championships, member nations are encouraged to first find a solution internally, discussing together and then having EDF intervene only for final approval, or to settle disputes.

11. Fees

All EDF tournaments have an entry fee, to guarantee the successful delivery of the event, as ratified by EDF Congress. Only teams who have paid the fees are allowed to participate in the event.

The tournament fee for Euros is 300€ per team (not nation).

The tournament fee for JEC and Regional Competitions is 200€ per team (not nation).

Discounts are available, as detailed in the point below.

12. Discounts

EDF Congress has agreed to introduce a system that allows nations to get discounted fees depending on their GDP per capita (Gross Domestic Product).

Every year, on August the 1st, EDF will share via email a list of member nations ranked by GDP per capita, as reported by World Bank data for the most recent year available; the EDF list indicates the fees to be applied to each nation for competitions in the following year.

As the list features 50 countries/independent regions that have at some point in the past represented themselves in international sporting competitions within Europe, there will be three tiers of fees: one with the Top 20 positions, one with the Middle 10 positions, and one with the Bottom 20 (or more) positions. Discounts and final fees are as follows:

Category	Position	Percentage	EUROS	REGIONAL	JEC
A	Top 20	100%	EUR 300,-	EUR 200,-	EUR 200,-
B	Middle 10	80%	EUR 240,-	EUR 160,-	EUR 160,-
C	Bottom 20	60%	EUR 180,-	EUR 120,-	EUR 120,-

13. References

All EDF regulations and policies apply, for all EDF tournaments.

Examples of EDF documents to always consider when applying for, or hosting a tournament include, but are not limited to:

- **Event Requirements**
- **Host Application Form**
- **Regional Tournament Regulations**
- **Rules and Regulations**
- **Scheduling**
- **Seeding**
- **Eligibility**

All EDF documents can be found on EDF website www.dodgeballeurope.org.