



TECHNICAL REGULATIONS EUC RUGBY 7's

The tournament will be organised according to the current technical regulations of the International Rugby Board.

1. GENERAL

1.1 *Competition*

the Rugby Union 7-a-side European University Championship (EUC) for Men.

1.2 *Delegation*

- a) A delegation will consist of a maximum of 12 players.
- b) Each delegation may include a maximum of 3 officials. It must assign Head of Delegation according to EUC regulations.
- c) Delegations taking part must, at their own cost, provide one referee, where possible with IRB recognition. In the case of countries with more than one participant, one referee is sufficient. Delegations that do not fulfil this obligation must pay 1000 EUR to the host. Accommodation and food for referees is to be provided.

2. COMPETITION FORMAT

2.1. *Number of teams*

This will be a 16 team tournament. However, if there are more entries of suitable quality from different countries, the EUSA Organising Committee (OC) will reserve the right to increase the competition to a maximum of 24 teams.

2.2 *Structure*

- a) The format of the competition will be decided by the OC taking into account the number of teams entered.
- b) In a 16 team tournament, there will be 4 pools of 4 teams, who will each play one another in a round-robin system, with knockouts in championship and plate competitions organised in accordance with IRB regulations. The round robin matches will be played on Day One, with the Knockout rounds on Day Two.

2.3 *Ranking*

In the first year of the tournament, the OC will determine seedings. In following years, it will be based upon the previous year's results.

3 SEEDING/DRAW

- 3.1** Date and venue of draw will be determined by the Technical Delegate in close cooperation with the OC. The draw must be presided over by a member of the EUSA Executive Committee or the Technical delegate.



- 3.2.** The seeding for the tournament will be done according to the following rules-
- Pool A: University of the Host City. In case of absence, the Champion of the host country.
- Pools B, C and D: According to the EUSA ranking list (results of the previous two EUC's). Other placings will be determined by a free draw. If there is more than one team from a country, only the highest ranked will be seeded. Where possible, teams from the same country will be placed in different pools.

4 TECHNICAL ISSUES

4.1. *Playing time*

According to IRB regulations for 7-a side rugby, EXCEPT that the championship and plate finals will be 7 minutes each way, as in the pool and knockout stages.

4.2. *Venues (competition and practice)*

The following facilities are required for a 16 team competition-

- 2 playing fields
- 1 practice area
- 1 warm-up area close to the main pitches
- A suitable playing field for practice must be provided 1 day prior to the competition.

4.3. *Requirements regarding equipment*

The venue and all equipment (balls etc) must meet IRB standards

5 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE, REFEREES and OFFICIALS

5.1. *Technical Committee*

The Technical Committee will be nominated before the first meeting with team officials according to EUSA regulations. The Technical Committee will nominate referees for the matches.

5.2. *Referees and Officials*

Any referees provided by the host country must be accredited at national level. Officials (timekeepers, secretaries and other officials) must be prepared for their functions.

5.3. *Handling of Protests*

Non-technical protests will be handled according to EUSA regulations. Technical protests and offences will be handled by the OC according to IRB regulations.