



21st European Club Championships Linz, Austria 25 - 27 September 2008



INVITATION

ORGANISATION

Venue: Union Sportcenter, Julius Raab Strasse 6-8, 4040 Linz, Austria
Glass court in a tent next to the venue

Officials:

ESF Technical Director: Martin Wren
Championship Director: Michael Khan
Championship Referee: Andy Holland

The Championships Adjudicating Panel (CAP) will be chaired by the ESF Technical Director who will appoint at least 2 other members of the Panel at least 30 days before the Start Date from event organisers or Team Managers with ECC experience who are expected to attend the event. The CAP shall be responsible for final decisions on all appeals during the Championships.

If a member of the CAP is from an MNA that is involved in or associated with an appeal, then the ESF Technical Director shall co-opt a neutral person for that appeal from the Championships Committee or one of the Team Managers in attendance.

Rules:

The Championships will be run in accordance with the latest version of the Rules Governing the European Club Championships which are available on the ESF website:

www.europeansquash.com

Contact address for information:

Austrian Squash Rackets Association
c/o Danube Freizeitanlagen GmbH
Franzosengraben 2
1030 Vienna, Austria

Phone: +43-660-481-5948

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E-mail: office@squash.or.at

SCHEDULE

Matches will start on Thursday, 25 September, at 10:00 hrs and finish on Saturday, 27 September, by the end of the afternoon. The prize-giving ceremony will follow the Finals.

If the entry in either the Men's or the Women's event is more than 16 teams, some teams will have to play on the evening of Wednesday, 24 September 2008, in which case the Start Date will be brought forward to 24 September and all teams will be advised as soon as possible.

The format of the Championships will be determined by the number of entries received. Teams should expect to play up to six matches to determine a full final order.

The Managers' Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 24 September, at 18.30 hrs.

The Finals Party will be held on Saturday, 25 September, at 20:30 hrs at the trendy "Landgraf Lounge Bar" in the centre of Linz.

ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORT

The tournament hotel rooms have twin beds, bath/shower, toilet.

The hotel is within walking distance of the club.

Teams will be met at Linz International Airport or Linz Central Railway Station.

Each team will be required to pay a **standard package fee** of €400 per person (player, manager, official, supporter), which will cover four nights hotel accommodation (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday), all meals from Wednesday dinner to Sunday breakfast and the Finals Party on Saturday plus transportation and free admission to all matches. For single rooms, there will be an extra charge of €25 per night.

Teams which do not want to take the standard package must pay a **basic package fee** of €95 per person. This includes free admission to all matches and the Finals Party but does not cover transportation, food or accommodation.

25% of the total Standard Package Fee must be paid in Euro to the account shown in the section **“Payment”** by Wednesday, 25 June 2008. The rest of the Standard Package Fee (75%) or all of the Basic Package Fee must be paid in Euro to the same account by Wednesday, 6 August 2008.

ENTRY FEE

The Entry Fee for a Men's Team (four players) is €185.

The Entry Fee for a Women's Team (three players) is €130.

ENTRIES CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE 2008

Entry forms to be returned to:

with copy to:

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LATE ENTRIES AND WITHDRAWALS

Late entries may be accepted with the approval of the ESF Technical Director only if the schedule allows.

26 June – 25 July: Entry Fee is doubled per team

After 25 July: Entry Fee is trebled per team

Teams withdrawing after the Closing Date shall pay the following penalty fees (in addition to the Entry Fee):

Withdrawal before 25 July: 1 times the Entry Fee

Withdrawal between 26 July and 25 August: 2 times the Entry Fee

Withdrawal after 25 August: 3 times the Entry Fee

PAYMENT

Payments, exclusive of all bank charges (your bank and ours), must be made in accordance with the following information.

Entry Fees must be paid to ESF by the due date.

Package Fees must be paid to the Host Association by the due date(s).

Entry fees:

Must be paid to ESF by 25 June 2008 by direct bank transfer to the following account:

Account name: European Squash Federation
Account no: 10433001
IBAN: GB69 BOFS 1220 1010 4330 01
SWIFT/IBAN BIC: BOFSGB21EUL
Bank: Bank of Scotland (Business Banking), PO Box 25044, Princes House, 50 West Campbell Street, Glasgow, G2 6YJ, Scotland.

Package Fees:

Must be paid to the tournament organiser by direct bank transfer to the following account:

Account name: Oesterreichischer Squash Rackets Verband
Account no: 30000010450
IBAN: AT94 20111 30000010450
Bank-code: 20111
SWIFT: GIBAATWW
Bank: Erste Bank, Graben 21, 1010 Wien

Please make sure that ALL bank charges are paid by you.

25% of Standard Package fees must be paid to the tournament organiser by Wednesday, 25 June. The remaining 75% of Standard Package fees must be paid by Wednesday, 6 August.

100% of Basic Package fees (for teams not taking the Standard Package) must be paid to the tournament organiser by Wednesday, 6 August.

SQUASH BALLS

The Dunlop Pro ball will be used.

REFEREES

Teams will be expected to assist with refereeing and marking of matches.

ELIGIBILITY

Rule C.1:

Competing teams shall be those men's and women's teams who are the National Club Champions (or runners-up) as defined by the MNAs' own rules and nominated by them, from the qualifying season.

The qualifying season shall be the twelve months period immediately preceding the Start Date of the Championships. In addition, the holders of the Championships together with the Host Club's men's and women's teams are eligible to enter the Championships through their MNA(s). Where more than one team is entered from any one country, they shall be placed in different Pools where possible.

In the event that the National Club Champion (or Runner-up) is the Holder of the ESF Club Championship or the Host Club, then the Club that finished next in the National Championship may enter with the approval of the ESF Technical Director.

NB: MNAs are required to state on the Entry Form how their National Champions are decided (for example, winner of national knock-out tournament/national league).

Rule C.2:

Any team reporting to the Championships with less than four **eligible** men or three **eligible** women will not be allowed to take part in the Championships.

Clubs entering the Championships shall list all players in their squads on the pro forma provided with the Entry Form, showing PSA/WISPA/National rankings where available as at the Closing Date for Entries with associated “bands” and “points” as defined in the tables below. Players who are not members of PSA/WISPA but have held a PSA/WISPA ranking in the preceding 12 months prior to the Closing Date shall be “banded” as shown, except that if any player is nominated in a squad and nationally ranked at the Closing Date above any PSA/WISPA member, then he/she will be given the same notional “band” and “points” as the player nominated immediately below him/her.

Men’s team: maximum 60 points per team in any Tie		
Band	Ranking	Points
A	1-20	30
B	21-50	20
C	51-100	15
D	101-150 or any ex-PSA member that had PSA ranking <151 in past 12 months	10
E	Other	5
Women’s team: maximum 40 points per team in any Tie		
Band	Ranking	Points
A	1-10	20
B	11-30	15
C	31-75 or any ex-WISPA member that had WISPA ranking <76 in past 12 months	10
D	Other	5

Rule C.3:

A player shall be eligible to represent only one Club in these Championships (excluding national qualifying competitions) **and only** if:

- a. he/she is eligible to represent a Country in the European Team Championships **and**
- b. he/she has played for the Club in the qualifying competition on **two** or more occasions.

Rule 3a may be waived for **one** player in the team; and Rule 3b may be waived for **one** player in the squad, provided that the player is of lower strength than all other members of the squad and provided that the player has represented the Club in inter-Club competition on at least two occasions in the past 12 months.

Rule C.4:

In all cases where a player's eligibility is in doubt, it is obligatory upon the MNA for which the player wishes to play, to prove eligibility to the satisfaction of the ESF Officers before the Start Date.

SEEDING

In accordance with Rule G2, the Seeding Panel will seed: Men’s Squads based on the order of their players with the 4 highest “bands” that together do not exceed 60 “points”; and Women’s Squads based on the order of their players with the 3 highest “bands” that together do not exceed 40 “points”.

NOTIFICATION OF DRAWS AND MATCH SCHEDULES

The Seeding and Draw will be issued 21 days before the Start Date, in accordance with Rule G3. There is no right of appeal against seeding or draw.

A summary timetable is reproduced below.

30 days before the Start Date (27 August 2008)	Squad orders must be lodged with the Championships Director with player "bands" and "points"
21 days before the Start Date (4 September 2008)	ESF Office will publish the draws
9 days before the Start Date (16 September 2008)	Changes to squads may be lodged with the Championships Director
7 days before the Start Date (18 September 2008)	Championships Director will publish all squad orders
5 days before the Start Date (20 September 2008)	Objections to squad orders and player eligibility must be lodged with the Championships Director
By 22:00 hrs on the day before the Start Date	Championships Director will announce the final decision of the CAP. There is no right of appeal
By 22:00 hrs on the day before the Start Date	Championships Director will publish daily playing orders of matches for both events (see Rule M1)

The format and planned playing times will be advised as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - CONTACT DETAILS

The offices for both the ESF and the Austrian Squash Rackets Association moved to new premises in May 2008, after the entry form was first sent out. This copy of the invitation has been amended to include the new contact details for both organisations:

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Please make sure that all documents are sent to the correct address.

An acknowledgement of receipt will be sent for all documentation. If an acknowledgement has not been received within 7 days, the sender should check that the documents have been received.

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MEN'S ENTRY FORM AND TEAM NOMINATION

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THE ENTRY WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED IF SIGNED BY THE CLUB & THE MEMBER NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AND THE ENTRY FEE IS PAID.

Club
Address
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Phone
Fax
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Website

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION _____

The club team is the

- NATIONAL CHAMPION
 NATIONAL RUNNER-UP

as determined by (please specify qualifying event) _____

- ECC TITLEHOLDER
 ECC HOST CLUB

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE 2008

MEN'S ENTRY FORM AND TEAM NOMINATION

The anticipated playing order will be (BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE)

	First Name	Last Name	Nationality	PSA Ranking at 01.06.08	National Ranking
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					

I/we have read the ESF RULES governing the European Club Championships and the conditions on the Invitation and the Club's team will abide by them. We confirm that the above players are eligible under Rule C3.a and b.

I/we will advise the Championships Director of the arrival times of the players at least seven days prior to the start date.

Please book rooms for the following number of players, officials and supporters.

Nights	Wed 24 Sept	Thurs 25 Sept	Fri 26 Sept	Sat 27 Sept
Number of people (twin rooms) @ €100 per person per night				
Number of people (single rooms) @ €125 per person per night				

The cost of the Standard Package to cover accommodation, local transport and meals will be forwarded to:

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FOR THE CLUB	
NAME _____	DATE ____/____/2008
POSITION HELD _____	SIGNATURE _____
MEMBER NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	
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WOMEN'S ENTRY FORM AND TEAM NOMINATION

The anticipated playing order will be (BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE)

	First Name	Last Name	Nationality	WISPA Ranking at 01.06.08	National Ranking
1					
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5					

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