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## **4. European Deaf Bowling Championships**

### **4.2. Age limitations**

4.2.1. There is no age limitation for the EC

### **4.3. Participants**

4.3.1. Each EDSO member federation may enter maximum six men and six women in each of the championship.

### **4.4. Events**

#### **4.4.1 The following events are included in the EC**

- a) Singles, 6 games
- b) Doubles, 6 games
- c) Trios, 6 games
- d) Team, 6 games
- e) All Event, consisting of the above 24 games
- f) Masters as specified in 4.4.6 and 4.4.7

#### **4.4.2 Specifications for the Singles event**

- a) The Singles event will be played in one block of six games
- b) The four highest positioned in the event qualification are qualified for the Semi Finals, seeded as 1-4 according to the final standing of the event qualification
- c) The athletes in the Semi Finals will be matched as the 1st seeded athlete vs. the 4th seeded athlete and the 2nd seeded athlete vs. the 3rd seeded athlete
- d) The Semi Finals are one game matches. The two highest seeded athletes will decide on which lane (left or right) to begin
- e) The winners of the Semi Finals are qualified for the Final, while the highest seeded of the losing athletes will be positioned 3 in the results list and the lowest seeded of the losing athletes will be positioned 4 in the results list
- f) The Final is a one game match. The highest seeded athlete will decide on which lane (left or right) to begin

#### **4.4.3 Specifications for the Doubles event**

- a) The Doubles event qualification will be played in one block of six games
- b) Change of athletes in a double is not permitted during the event
- c) Line-up changes are not permitted during a block

d) The four highest positioned in the event qualification are qualified for the Semi Finals, seeded as 1-4 according to the final standing of the event qualification

e) The doubles in the Semi Finals will be matched as the 1st seeded double vs. the 4th seeded double and the 2nd seeded double vs. the 3rd seeded double

f) The Semi Finals are one game matches. The two highest seeded doubles will decide on which lane (left or right) to begin

g) The winners of the Semi Finals are qualified for the Final, while the highest seeded of the losing doubles will be positioned 3 in the results list and the lowest seeded of the losing doubles will be positioned 4 in the results list

h) The Final is a one game match. The highest seeded double will decide on which lane (left or right) to begin

#### **4.4.4 Specifications for the Trios event**

a) The Trios event qualification will be played in two blocks of three games

b) Change of athletes in a trio is not permitted during the event

c) Line-up changes are not permitted during a block

d) The four highest positioned in the event qualification are qualified for the Semi Finals, seeded as 1-4 according to the final standing of the event qualification

e) The teams in the Semi Finals will be matched as the 1st seeded trio vs. the 4th seeded trio and the 2nd seeded trio vs. the 3rd seeded trio

f) The Semi Finals are one game matches. The two highest seeded trios will decide on which lane (left or right) to begin

g) The winners of the Semi Finals are qualified for the Final, while the highest seeded of the losing teams will be positioned 3 in the results list and the lowest seeded of the losing teams will be positioned 4 in the results list

h) The Final is a one game match. The highest seeded team will decide on which lane (left or right) to begin

#### **4.4.5 Specifications for the Team event**

a) The Team event qualification will be played in two blocks of three games

b) In the team event a team may change one athlete at the start of the second block

c) Line-up changes are not permitted during a block

d) The four highest positioned in the Team event qualification are qualified for the Semi Finals, seeded as 1-4 according to the final standing of the Team event qualification

e) The teams in the Semi Finals will be matched as the 1st seeded team vs. the 4th seeded team and the 2nd seeded team vs. the 3rd seeded team

f) The Semi Finals are one game matches. The two highest seeded teams will decide on which lane (left or right) to begin

g) The winners of the Semi Finals are qualified for the Final, while the highest seeded of the losing teams will be positioned 3 in the results list and the lowest seeded of the losing teams will be positioned 4 in the results list

h) Prior to the start of the final the teams are allowed to change one athlete. Earliest at the beginning of the 9th frame of the Semi Finals, the 6th athlete of the teams may start practising on the lanes specially allocated for practice

i) The Final is a one game match. The highest seeded team will decide on which lane (left or right) to begin

#### **4.4.6 Specifications for the matches of the Masters event**

a) The 24 highest positioned athletes in the final all event standing are qualified for the masters event, seeded as 1-24 in all steps of the masters event according to their position in the final all event standing

b) In all steps of the masters event there will head to head matches, where the highest seeded athletes will be matched against the lowest seeded athlete

c) Each match will consist of 2 or 3 games. If the same athlete is the winner of the first two games, the 3rd game will not be played

d) Each match will be played on one pair of lanes

e) Each game in a match will be played with the dual lane style of play

f) In each match the highest seeded athlete is deciding whether he wants to begin the first game on the left or right lane. In the second game the order of athletes will be opposite to the first game and in a possible third game the order of athletes will be the same as in the first game

g) In case of withdrawals from any match in the masters event, the athlete without opponent will be declared the winner of the match

#### **4.4.7 The steps of the Masters event**

a) There will be 8 matches in the Masters event Step 1, including the athletes seeded 9-24. The winners of the 8 matches will continue to the Masters event Step 2

b) There will be 8 matches in the Masters event Step 2, including the athletes seeded 1-8 plus the 8 winners of the Masters event Step 1. The winners of the 8 matches will continue to the Masters event Step 3

c) There will be 4 matches in the Masters event Step 3, including the 8 winners of the Masters event Step 2. The winners of the 4 matches will continue to the Masters event Step 4

d) There will be 2 matches in the Masters event Step 4, including the 4 winners of the Masters event Step 3. The winners of the 2 matches will continue to the Masters event Step 5

e) There will be 1 match in the Masters event Step 5, including the 2 winners of the Masters event Step 4. The winner of the match is the European Deaf Masters Champion

#### **4.4.8 The final positioning**

- a) The winner of the match in the Masters event Step 5 will be positioned as number 1 and the loser of this match as number 2
- b) The losers of the matches in the Masters event Step 4 will be positioned in the interval 3-4 according to their seeding before the Masters event
- c) The losers of the matches in the Masters event Step 3 will be positioned in the interval 5-8 according to their seeding before the Masters event
- d) The losers of the matches in the Masters event Step 2 will be positioned in the interval 9-16 according to their seeding before the Masters event
- e) The losers of the matches in the Masters event Step 1 will be positioned in the interval 17-24 according to their seeding before the Masters event
- f) The remaining athletes will be positioned 25-NN according to their scores in the All Event standing

#### **4.4.9 Lane assignments in the Masters event**

- a) Lanes are dressed before Step 1 and before Step 3 of the Masters event
- b) When the same pair of lanes, for TV purposes are in use for both Semi Finals and the Final (Masters Step 4 and Step 5), the lanes will be redressed before each match
- c) The Championship Committee will perform an impartial draw for matches to be assigned to lanes in Step 1 of the Masters event
- d) In Step 2 of the Masters event, the winners of the matches in Step 1 will move two pair of lanes to the right inside the same 8 pair of lanes in use
- e) Unless the same pair of lanes is in use for more than one match, there will be seven different pair of lanes in use for Step 3, Step 4 and Step 5 of the Masters event
- f) The Championship Committee will, to avoid situations where athletes are playing at the same pair of lanes in following steps, decide the lane assignment of matches in Step 3, Step 4 and Step 5 of the Masters event