



EuroCup for Club Teams 2011/12 Qualifying Tournament

The EPA EuroCup for Club Team Competition is a tournament to find the top 4 teams. These 4 teams will then play off in a separate event (see rules for final), the overall winning club will represent the EPA at the Confédération de Européenne Pétanque (CEP) 2012 EuroCup for Club Teams competition.

RULES

1. Entry

- 1.1 All Clubs registered with the EPA by the 31st May 2011 which has a minimum of six EPA members, of which one must be of the opposite gender to the other five, will be eligible to take part and will automatically be entered in the draw. The winning club progressing through to the European stage must be registered with the EPA for the calendar year of the European Championship
- 1.2 Each club is allowed one team only.
- 1.3 Clubs that did not participate in the EuroCup competition in 2009/10 and 2010/11 have not been included in the draw.

2. Players

- 2.1 All players must hold a valid EPA licence registered with the club they are representing for the duration of the Tournament.
- 2.2 Players can only play for one club in any year.
- 2.3 Any Club fielding a player(s) other than the EPA members registered to their club will be penalised by forfeiting all games in which that player(s) took part.

3. Structure

- 3.1 The Draw will be conducted by the EPA Management Committee.
- 3.2 Each team will be drawn into a knockout grid based on 128 teams for the first 3 rounds.
- 3.3 Rounds 1, 2 & 3 will be drawn (where possible) geographically so as to limit the travel requirements.
- 3.4 Round 4 onwards will be re-drawn Nationally.
- 3.5 In Round 4 the 16 teams will be drawn into one of 4 group heats each consisting of 4 teams
- 3.6 The required dates by which each round must be completed are: Round 1 October 31st, 2011, Round 2 November 30th 2011, Round 3 January 31st 2012, Round 4 February 28th 2012
- 3.7 The Finals day will be held at a suitable venue in March 2012 after which the overall winner will be invited to represent the EPA at the CEP 2012 tournament.

4. Matches

- 4.1 For the first 3 rounds the “Home” Club Team is responsible for liaising with their opponents and agreeing a mutual convenient time and date to play
- 4.2 For the first 3 rounds the actual date of the fixture must be communicated to the EPA Competition Organiser by the 15th day of the month in which the match must take place.
- 4.3 In the event of a club withdrawing or declining to play then their opponents will win by a walkover.
- 4.4 In the event of clubs not being able to agree a date the EPA Management Committee will arbitrate, their decision will be without appeal.
- 4.5 An umpire may be appointed by the Umpires Commission for any round of the competition.
- 4.6 The Home Club is responsible for the organisation on the day and for sending the home and away scorecards to be received by the EPA’s appointed organiser within 7 days but each team is responsible for ensuring that the correct details are on the scorecard before they sign it.
- 4.7 The EPA Management Committee will decide the venues and dates for the 4th round and the finals

5. Form of Play

- 5.1 This EPA event is played according to the rules established by the CEP Board of Directors and adopted by the EPA.
- 5.2 For each match, each team may consist of six, seven or eight players. Teams of six players must include at least one player of the opposite gender to the remainder of the team; Teams of seven and eight players must include at least two players of the opposite gender to the remainder of the team. The Teams form into one (1) open triple, one (1) mixed triple, two (2) open doubles and one (1) mixed double. Each match consists of five games played over two (2) rounds.
- 5.3 In the first round two triple games will be played, when the corresponding team combinations of both the teams meet i.e. open v open, mixed v mixed.
- 5.4 In the second round three doubles games will be played when the corresponding team combinations of both the teams meet i.e. open v open, mixed v mixed.
- 5.5 The teams are awarded 1 match point for each game won. Each club meeting may therefore end in 5-0, 4-1, or 3-2.

6. Round 4

- 6.1 The 16 teams qualifying to Round 4 will be allocated to one of 4 groups as determined by the draw. Each group will consist of 4 teams
- 6.2 Each team will play against each other in a Round Robin format within each Group.
- 6.3 The form of play will be consistent with that of 5.2 to 5.5 above
- 6.4 The teams must play all of their games, as their average score may prove important in a case of equal results

- 6.5 The players (male and female) of the same Club must be clothed in matching strip and wear the Club badge, of the Club that they represent, on the front of their shirt.
- 6.6 In the event of a tie the following formula will be applied to decide the result:
- Number of Wins
 - Match Point between the tied teams
 - Points Difference between the tied teams
 - Points Difference between all the teams in the group
- 6.7 The winning team from each of the four groups will go through to the Finals

7. Finals

- 7.1 The Finals of the EPA EuroCup will be between the top 4 clubs from the EPA EuroCup Qualifier
- 7.2 All participants must have played for their club in at least one game in any of the qualifying rounds (1-4) of this EPA EuroCup
- 7.3 The form of play will be consistent with that of 6.2 to 6.7 above

8 Conventions

- 8.1 Clubs are responsible for their own travelling costs.
- 8.2 Host (Home) clubs will provide refreshments as appropriate, refreshments can vary depending on facilities. Hosts need to ensure that their visitors know what the refreshment arrangements are and of any costs.
- 8.3 If teams travelling long distances need overnight accommodation hosts clubs should do all they can to facilitate arrangements.

9. Rules

- 9.1 All games will be subject to the Official Rules of the Game of Pétanque and EPA Competition Rules of which these form a part.