



ERSO Rulebook

October 1st 2011 – August 31st 2013

According to the decision of the ERSO Member Countries, the FISAC – IRSF 2011-2012 Rulebook (consisting of the World Championship and World Youth Tournament Competition Manuals and the Judging Manual) is accepted as the Rulebook to be used in European competitions between October 1st 2011 and August 31st 2013, but with the following enhancements/modifications:

Judging Manual: Chapter 1 – JUDGES –

Article 1 - Terminology

The following text replaces the text in the FISAC-IRSF rule book:

When referring to a judge in this rule book, it is referring to a fully qualified Level 4 Judge. This means qualified to judge in the 4 events in the Masters, the 7 events in the Team Competition, for all styles of freestyle judging.

It is also permissible to combine two or more judges, each with Level 4 qualifications to judge in different areas, to equal one fully qualified Level 4 Judge. An example of this is - one judge qualified at Level 4 for a) only may combine with another judge qualified at Level 4 for b) only and with a third judge qualified at Level 4 for c) and d) only. The result of this combination of judges is one fully qualified Level 4 FISAC-IRSF Judge.

A judge only qualified in one of the following elements:

- a) Diff SR
- b) Diff DD
- c) Req Elements SR and DD
- d) Presentation

is considered $\frac{1}{4}$ of a Level 4 Judge. A judge having a valid certificate for at least two of these elements is considered as $\frac{1}{2}$ of a Level 4 Judge.

Combining two $\frac{1}{2}$ level 4 Judges only gives one fully qualified judge if all judges' elements are covered by those two judges. Combining two $\frac{1}{4}$ level 4 Judges only gives one half qualified judge if at least two of the four Judges' elements are covered by those two judges.

After passing the exam, each individual judge is expected to train himself / herself regularly and to be familiar with the updates on rules, competitions and the skills list.

Judging Manual: Chapter 1 – JUDGES –

Article 2 / Section 2 - Judging requirements of a country

The following text replaces the text in the FISAC-IRSF rule book:

'When registering one or more teams and/or individual skippers to participate in one or more competitions, each country is required to register accompanying judges for the respective competition day(s). The required number of judges (according to the above mentioned definition) on **each** competition day, on which the country is participating, is as follows:

- One fully qualified FISAC-IRSF level 4 judge per two teams or three individual skippers
or
- One half qualified FISAC-IRSF level 4 judge per team or 1.5 individual skippers (rounded up to a whole number)

To ensure that there is a reasonable balance of judges between countries, the maximum number of fully qualified judges that a country needs to provide per competition day is normally limited to six, independent of how many teams or individual skippers are competing on the day in question.

Each judge can commit to more than one day of judging. Each country that registers is required to submit a judge registration form before the final registration deadline in which the qualifications for each judge being registered, together with the days on which each judge is available, must be specified.

If a country fails to fulfill their responsibility then a 400 Euro fine for each missing judge will be imposed by ERSO on that country. ERSO will supply all countries with a list of certified judges. A country is not allowed to send judges from other countries to judge for their own country without permission from ERSO.

Countries that are competing for the first time do not have to supply any judges, but are required to actively participate in any judges course and in any judges exam that takes place during the event, in order to gain FISAC-IRSF level 4 qualified judges for the next international competition.'

World Championships & Youth Tournament :
Chapter 1 – THE COMPETITIONS –
Article 2 / Section 5 - Criteria for a competition category
The following text replaces the text in the FISAC-IRSF rule book:

‘MASTERS

If there are less than four (4) skippers from a minimum of three (3) countries in one of the two gender categories competing in an event, this gender category is defined to be “insufficient” and the scores of the skippers in both gender categories will also be ranked together in order to decide whether medals can be awarded to the skippers in the insufficient gender category.

Based on this combined ranking, the best skipper from the insufficient category can only win a gold medal in an event if he/she scores the same or a better ranking than the gold winning skipper in the other gender category. The second best skipper from the insufficient category can only win a silver medal in an event if he/she scores the same or a better ranking than the silver winning skipper in the other gender category. The third best skipper from the insufficient category can only win a bronze medal in an individual event if he/she scores the same or a better ranking than the bronze winning skipper in the other gender category.

Only one skipper will be awarded each medal type (gold, silver or bronze) unless there is a true tie in that event caused by both skippers having identical scores. The same principle is used to determine the overall insufficient category medal winners.

Any skipper in this situation must be notified well in advance of the medal ceremony.

TEAMS

If there are less than four (4) teams competing from a minimum of three (3) countries in a gender category in the Team Championships, then this category is defined “an insufficient category” and the scores achieved by these teams in each event will be ranked together with the teams of the next appropriate category in order to decide whether medals can be awarded to the teams in the insufficient gender category. The next appropriate category for male teams is normally mixed teams. If, however, insufficient mixed teams are competing, the next appropriate category is then female teams. The next appropriate category for mixed teams is female teams.

Based on this combined ranking, the best team from the insufficient category can only win a gold medal in an event if they score the same or a better ranking than the gold winning team in the next appropriate category. The second best team from the insufficient category can only win a silver medal in an event if they score the same or a better ranking than the silver winning team in the next appropriate category. The third best team from the insufficient category can only win a bronze medal in an event if they score the same or a better ranking than the bronze winning team in the next appropriate category. The same principle is used to determine the overall insufficient category medal winners.

Only one team will be awarded each medal type (gold, silver or bronze) unless there is a true tie in that event caused by both teams having identical scores.’

Any team/skipper in this situation must be notified well in advance of the medal ceremony.

World Championships & Youth Tournament :
Chapter 2 – GENERAL INFORMATION – Article 4 – Appeals
The following text replaces the 6th paragraph of this Article :

‘Should an unsatisfactory response be given, a written appeal is to be submitted to the Tournament Director with a deposit of 100 Euro within one (1) hour of the official results being announced, published, or handed out to all countries. He/she will then submit the written appeal to the appeal committee. The 100 Euro will only be returned if the appeal is upheld.

Youth Tournament:
Chapter 1 – THE COMPETITIONS – Article 2 / Section 6 – Age Divisions (TEAMS)
The following text replaces the 2nd and 3rd paragraphs :

‘In Europe the Youth Tournament will have only two age divisions: 12-14 and 15+. The registration regulations for the 12-14 age division will remain as described in chapter 1, article 3, section 3 of the FISAC-IRSF Rulebook (e.g. per gender category 3 teams overall plus 2 additional teams per event).

Due to the unlimited upper age restriction of the 15+ age division, the following competition names will now be used:

- "European Youth Tournament" for the 12-14 age division
- "European Open Tournament" for the 15+ age division

There will be **no European Open Tournament (15+) Masters** competitions for individual skippers.’

Chapter 1 – THE COMPETITIONS – Article 3 / Section 3 TEAMS

The following text overrules the text in the 2nd paragraph

‘For the **European Open Tournament** each country may only register a maximum of **3 teams** in each gender category to compete in all 6 events of the Team Tournament. As an exception, teams may choose to compete only in the 3 Single Rope events or only in the 3 Double Dutch events.

The Double Dutch Pair Speed event (2 x 60 Sec.) will remain as a separate competition in the Youth and Open Tournament for which each country may register a maximum of 3 teams per gender category in each of the two age divisions 12-14 and 15+.’

World Championships:

Chapter 1 – THE COMPETITIONS Article 2 / Section 6 – Age Divisions (TEAMS)

The following text enhances this section:

‘**One** under age skipper per team, who is not more than one year younger than the otherwise youngest allowed skipper, shall be allowed to compete in the European Team Championships (e.g. for the 2013 competitions, born in 1999 or before).’

Summary of Competition Types with Events, Age Divisions and Number of Participants allowed.

Competition	Age Divisions	Team		Individual	
Gender Categories		Male, Female, Mixed		Male, Female	
Events		SR Speed + Double Under Relay DD Speed Relay SR Pair Freestyle SR Team Freestyle DD Single Freestyle DD Pair Freestyle	2 x 60 Seconds DD Pair Speed	30 seconds Speed 3 Minutes Duration Freestyle	Triple Unders
European Youth Tournament	12-14	5 x Teams in ALL Events OR 4 x Teams in ALL Events + 1 x Team PER Event	3 x Teams	5 x Individuals in ALL Events OR 4 x Individuals in ALL Events + 1 x Individuals PER Event	
European Championships	15+ *	3 x Teams in ALL Events + 2 x Teams PER Event		3 x Individuals in ALL Events + 2 x Individuals PER Event	3 x Individuals
European Open Tournament	15+	3 x Teams in ALL Events (participation in only 3 x SR or 3 x DD events is allowed as an exception)			

* **Exception for European Team Championships**, one under age skipper per team, who is not more than one year younger than the otherwise youngest allowed skipper, shall be allowed to compete (e.g. for the 2013 competition, born in 1999 or before).

General Information

As from 2013, the European Masters Championships (EM) and the European Team Championships (EC) will be held together as one event in the summer (July/August) every two years (on the odd years between the World Championships, which are held on the even years).

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