



ERSO Rulebook

October 1st 2013 – August 31st 2015

According to the decision of the ERSO Member Countries, the FISAC – IRSF 2013-2015 Rulebook (consisting of the World Championship and World Open and Youth Tournament Competition Manuals and the Judging Manual) is accepted as the Rulebook to be used in European competitions between October 1st 2013 and August 31st 2015, but with the following enhancements/modifications:

Judging Manual: Chapter 1 – JUDGES –

Article 2 / Section 2 - Judging requirements of a country

The following text replaces paragraphs 4 to 6 of the text in the FISAC-IRSF rule book:

'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 & Open/Youth Tournaments :

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 & Open/Youth Tournaments :
Chapter 2 – GENERAL INFORMATION – Article 4 – Appeals

The following text replaces the 7th 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 appeals committee. The 100 Euro will only be returned if the appeal is upheld.’

Open/Youth Tournaments:
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 the age division 12-14. 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).

Teams competing in the European Open Tournament must have at least one Skipper aged 15 or over (e.g. for the 2015 competitions, born in 2001 or before)..

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

Open Tournament:
Chapter 1 – THE COMPETITIONS – Article 3 / Section 3 TEAMS

The following text overrules the text in paragraphs 1 and 2

‘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.’

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 2015 competitions, born in 2001 or before).’

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

Competition	Age Divisions	Team		Individual	
		Male, Female, Mixed		Male, Female	
Events		SR Speed 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 OR 3 x Teams in ALL Events + 2 x Teams PER Event	3 x Teams	5 x Individuals in ALL Events OR 4 x Individuals in ALL Events + 1 x Individuals PER Event OR 3 x Individuals in ALL Events + 2 x Individuals PER Event	
European Championships	15+ *				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 2015 competition, born in 2001 or before).					

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