



ERSO Rulebook

October 1st 2015 – August 31st 2017

According to the decision of the ERSO Member Countries, the FISAC – IRSF 2015-2016 Rulebook (consisting of the World Championship Competition Manual and the Judging Manual) is accepted as the Rulebook to be used in European competitions between October 1st 2015 and August 31st 2017, but with the following enhancements/modifications:

Judging Manual:

Chapter 1 – JUDGES – Article 2 / Section 2 - Judging requirements of a country

The following text replaces the two bullet points in the 2nd paragraph of the text in the FISAC-IRSF rule book:

- One fully qualified FISAC-IRSF level 4 judge per two teams or 3 individual skippers
- One half qualified FISAC-IRSF level 4 judge per team or 1.5 individual skippers (rounded up to a whole number)

The following text replaces Article 2 / Section 2, paragraphs 5 onwards 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 Competition Manual:

Chapter 1 – THE COMPETITIONS –

Article 1 / Section 2 – The 2016 Competitions

The following text replaces the complete text in Article 1 / Section 2 of the FISAC-IRSF rule book:

Article 1 / Section 2 – The 2017 Competitions

The 2017 event will include the following competitions:

- The European **Open Tournament** (Team only)
- The European **Youth Tournament** (Team and Masters for 12-14 year old skippers)
- The European **Championships** (Team and Masters for skippers aged 15+)

This rulebook refers to the European Championships, the Youth Tournament and the Open Tournament.

Article 2 / Section 6 – Age Divisions

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

The National Organization must verify the ages of all their competitors. There is a two year disqualification period for all skippers / coaches for submitting false information.

There will be one age division for the European Championships, 15 old years and over. Skippers must normally be born in 2002 or before. Only **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 2017 competitions, born in 2003 or before). No other age exceptions will be allowed for the European Championships.

For the European Open Team Tournament, at least one skipper **per event** needs to be 15 years old or over (born in 2002 or earlier). Other skippers can be younger, but need to be at least 12 years old (born in 2005 or earlier).

There will be one age division for the European Youth Tournament: 12 to 14 years old (skippers born in 2003, 2004 or 2005). No age exceptions are allowed.

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

Article 2 / Section 7 – Constraint

The following text replaces the complete text of this section in the FISAC-IRSF rule book:

A skipper that belongs to a team competing in an overall competition is not allowed to compete in another team, even if this team does not take part in an overall competition or even belongs to another age category (example: team members a, b, c, d – a and b compete in SR Pair Freestyle in this overall team – c and d are not allowed to compete in SR Pair Freestyle in another team). Team members that compete in any event in the European Team Championships are not allowed to compete in any event in the European Team Tournament and vice versa.

Please note: The 2nd and 3rd paragraphs of Chapter 1 / Article 2 / Section 7 of the FISAC-IRSF Competition Manual are removed in the European Rule Book. Consequently it is allowed (as was previously the case) that competitors in Masters events in one competition (e.g. European Championships) may also compete in Team events of another competition (e.g. European open Tournament) and vice versa.

Article 3 – World Cup

This Article is not relevant for the European event.

Article 4 / Section 2 - European Masters Championships

The following text in the FISAC-IRSF rule book will be removed:

The Triple Under event is a separate competition for Skippers of 15 years of age or older (born in 2001 or before). A country may send two (2) male and two (2) female skippers to compete in this competition. This event is NOT compulsory for skippers who wish to be considered for an overall placing in the Masters competition.

and replaced by:

The Triple Under event is a separate competition for Skippers of 15 years of age or older (born in 2002 or before). A country may send **three (3)** male and **three (3)** female skippers to compete in this competition. This event is NOT compulsory for skippers who wish to be considered for an overall placing in the Masters competition.

Article 5 / Section 3 – Open Team Tournament

The following text in the FISAC-IRSF rule book will be removed:

One additional team per event per gender category may also be sent from each participating country. If such a team participates in all events, it will also be ranked in the Overall team competition. Otherwise the additional teams will only be ranked in the individual event(s) in which they compete.

Consequently only a maximum of 3 teams per gender category and country may compete in each event of the European Open Team Tournament.

Article 6 / Section 2 – Youth Masters Tournament

The following text in the FISAC-IRSF rule book will be removed:

One additional competitor per event per gender category may also be sent from each participating country. If one competitor participates in all 3 Masters events (Speed 30 seconds, Speed 3 minutes and Freestyle), he/she will also be ranked in the Overall Masters competition. Otherwise the additional competitors will only be ranked in the individual event(s) in which they compete.

and replaced by:

Two additional competitors per event per gender category may also be sent from each participating country. If such a competitor participates in all 3 Masters events (Speed 30 seconds, Speed 3 minutes and Freestyle), he/she will also be ranked in the Overall Masters competition. Otherwise the additional competitors will only be ranked in the individual event(s) in which they compete.

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The following Competition Structure Overview replaces the table in the FISAC-IRSF Competition Manual:

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

Competition	Age Divisions	Team	Individual	
Gender Categories		Male, Female, Open #	Male, Female	
Events		SR Speed Relay DD Speed Relay SR Pair Freestyle SR Team Freestyle DD Single Freestyle DD Pair Freestyle	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	5 x Individuals in ALL Events OR 4 x Individuals in ALL Events + 1 x Individual PER Event OR	
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)		

Gender limitations in Open teams: At least one skipper from both genders (male and female) must compete in EACH Event.

* 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 2017 competition, born in 2003 or before).

** Age limitation in European Open Tournament Team events: At least one 15 year old or older skipper (born in 2002 or before) must compete in every team event for which the team is registered. All other skippers must be 12 years old or older in the competition year. **No exceptions.**

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.’

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