

3.5.1 Regulations for the Nations Cup (general class)



1. Preface

According to the decisions of WMF bodies, Nations Cup is recommended to be held each year.

- 1.1 In years in which the European Championships are held, the Nations Cup is recommended to be held by the organizer of the Championships. If held, it must be held at the same venue than the Championships.
- 1.2 In years in which the World Championships are held in Europe, the Nations Cup is recommended to be held by the organizer of the Championships. If held, it must be held at the same venue than the Championships.
- 1.3 In years in which World Games or World Championships are held outside Europe, the Nations Cup can be offered for tender by WMF Technical Committee.
- 1.4 In years in which the venue of WC, EC or World Games will not host the Nations Cup for some reason, the Nations Cup can be offered for tender by WMF Technical Committee.
- 1.5 The final decision if a Championships organizer will hold a Nations Cup at the same venue as well, has to be agreed in the signed Championships contract.

2. Type of competition: team competition

2.1 Teams are seeded based on finishing positions at the previous year's WC / EC (nation ranking). Two groups are formed, equal in terms of numbers and strength. The nation ranking is calculated from the previous year's WC / EC as follows:

1st team rank female and male counts 5 nation points each.

2nd team rank 3 points, 3rd rank 2 points, 4th rank 1 point.

Points of female and male of each nation are added together.

Between nations with identical total points the ranking will be done by drawing of lots.

2.1.1 Seeded in Group A: nation ranking 1+4 of the last WC / EC
Seeded in Group B: nation ranking 2+3 of the last WC / EC

2.1.2 Active members' 2nd teams are placed in the separate group of their 1st teams. (E.g. the 2nd teams of Seeds 1 and 4 are placed in group B.)

2.1.3 3rd teams will be allocated to groups in accordance with 2.1.1 and 4th teams in accordance with 2.1.2.

2.1.4 Other teams will be allocated to groups by drawing of lots.

2.2 Preliminary Rounds:

2.2.1 The number of rounds depends on the number of players. However, a maximum of 6 rounds will be played on 1st competition day. The tournament will be interrupted 18.00 on the 1st day, if the 6 rounds are not finished by then. If the tournament is interrupted on the 1st day, play on 2nd day will begin with the resumption of the interrupted round. If the tournament is not interrupted on the 1st day, play on second day begins with a shot gun start.

2.2.2 The preliminary rounds end on 2nd competition day latest at 11:00.

2.2.3 Points are awarded to teams after every round, based on their results in relation to other teams in their group.

for every win the team gets	2 points
for every tie break the team gets	1 point
for every defeat the team gets	0 points

Example:

<u>1. Round</u>		<u>2. Round</u>		<u>3. Round</u>		<u>Total</u>		
A	79	10	C	78	10	A	239	26
B	81	8	B	80	8	B	242	24
C	83	5	A	81	6	E	248	15
D	83	5	E	85	4	D	252	12
E	85	2	D	87	1	F	253	10
F	88	0	F	87	1	C	259	3

In the event of teams being tied on the same number of points, places will be determined by the total number of strokes taken.

2.3 Final Rounds

2.3.1 The teams placed 1st and 2nd in each group qualify for the semi-finals. The teams placed 3rd and 4th qualify to play-off for ranks 5 – 8.

2.3.2 The final rounds are played on a knock-out basis over 36 holes (i.e., one round on course A and one round on course B).

2.3.3 For the finals, pairings will be made up of two players, as set out below. Pairings 1 will be followed immediately by Pairing 2, etc.

Pairing 1	1 st player, team 1	1 st player, team 2
Pairing 2	2 nd player, team 2	2 nd player, team 1
Pairing 3	3 rd player, team 1	3 rd player, team 2
Pairing 4	4 th player, team 2	4 th player, team 1

After 18 holes (i.e. at the change of the playing system), in all pairings the playing order will be reversed.

2.3.4 Play-off for places 5-8

Match 1:		3 rd group A vs. 4 th group B
Match 2:		4 th group A vs. 3 rd group B
Match 3:	for 5 th place	winner match 1 vs. winner match 2
Match 4:	for 7 th place	loser match 1 vs. loser match 2

2.3.5 Semi-final

Match 5:		1 st group A vs. 2 nd group B
Match 6:		2 nd group A vs. 1 st group B

2.3.6 Final

Match 7:	for 3 rd place	loser match 5 vs. loser match 6
Match 8:	for 1 st place	winner match 5 vs. winner match 6

3. Determinations of standings in the event of the competition being abandoned

3.1 Abandonment during the preliminary rounds:

Team ranking for place 1 - 4:

From each group the two teams with currently highest points are ranked according to their strokes on all sequences of full 36 holes, which are completed by all teams (reason: in groups with different numbers of teams (i.e. 7 and 8 teams) the teams can win different numbers of points each round and are not comparable by points).

Team ranking for place 5 - 8:
analogous place 1 - 4

Further rankings:

All teams from place 5 down in each group are put in one pot and ranked according to their total strokes on all sequences of full 36 holes, which are completed by all teams.

3.2 Abandonment during semi-finals:

In case of abandonment before all teams could finish the first 18 lanes:

The 4 teams will be ranked according to their total stroke scores in preliminary rounds, worst possible place for each of these teams is rank 4. (analogous places 5 – 8)

In case of abandonment, when all teams have already finished at least 18 but not 36 lanes:

Ranking according to the results of the first 18 lanes of the semi-final under consideration of three-player special rule if applied. (analogous places 5 – 8)

3.3 Abandonment following the semi-finals:

Winner is that winner of the two semi-finals, who has the lower number of strokes at semi-final. Places 3, 5 and 7 will be ranked analogous.

3.4 Abandonment during the final

Final positions are determined according to the scores of all lanes, which are completed by both players in the pairings (and likewise the scores in the play-off matches for 3rd, 5th and 7th places) at the time the competition is abandoned.

4. Entitlement to play:

4.1 All active members of the WMF are entitled to play, provided that they have met their obligations to the WMF. Each national association is entitled to enter the following teams:

4.1.1 Per nation maximum 4 teams with 4 players each.
(Exception: General class – without female and male kids).
Each team has to include one female and one male player (i.e. teams must be mixed).

4.1.2 Active members without a team have permission to take part with up to 3 individual players during preliminary rounds. The maximum number of players per active member is 16.

4.2 On application the WMF Executive Committee can approve the participation of nations, that are not yet active members of the WMF.

5. **Tournament date:** Whitsuntide every year.
6. **Days played:** Saturday and Sunday.
7. **Closing date for entries:** 31st March.
8. **Entries with names:** By 12:00 on the Thursday before the tournament
9. **Draw for groups of players:** By 14:00 on the Thursday before the tournament a draw will be made to allocate the groups.
10. **Opening ceremony:** Friday before the tournament at 07:30 p.m.
11. **Closing ceremony:** Sunday evening after tournament 08:00 p.m.
12. **Prizes:** Medals and trophies for the first 3 teams.
13. **Participation fees:** EUR 30 per player, coach and official.
The participation fees include a free entrance and meal at the opening and closing ceremonies for all participants.
The participation fees are to be paid to the account of WMF latest 31st March.
For delayed registrations the participation fee is 125 % of the fees above.
14. **Practicing fees:** EUR 3 / day / player
Payable on Thursday before the tournament to the organizer (see tournament schedule).
15. **Closing of courses:**

The courses are to be closed full day to the public as of the Thursday before the tournament.
16. **Referees:**

Referees are appointed by WMF Technical committee right in time before the tournament and supplemented by the members of the Technical Committee who are present.