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20th – 27th June 2022 in Limoges/France

Invitation to Enter Preliminary Round

The Fédération Sportive de la Police Nationale (FSPN) was entrusted by the Union Sportive des Polices d'Europe (USPE) with the organisation of the 9th USPE European Police Championship (EPC) Basketball Men from 20th to 27th June 2022 in Limoges/France.

The following regulations are issued for the Preliminary Round of the 9th USPE EPC Basketball Men 2022 to qualify for the Final Round.

They have been adopted on the basis of the Statutes, Rules and Regulations, Competition Rules and Anti-Doping-Regulations of the USPE.

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1. General organiser

Union Sportive des Polices d'Europe (USPE)

2. Classification/Organiser/Groups

The following 13 USPE member countries have registered to participate:

Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands and United Kingdom.

The USPE Technical Commission decided to have the qualification as follows:

- France as the host of the Final Round is directly qualified.
- To have a Preliminary Round with 3 groups and respectively 3 teams, Greece as first-placed, Lithuania as second-placed and Belgium as fourth-placed of the last EPC Basketball Men 2017 are also directly qualified.

The organisers of the Preliminary Rounds were drawn as the head of the group. All others have been drawn in two stages afterwards:

- 1st the member country
- 2nd the group and the number.

The draw took place during the 2nd ordinary Meeting of the USPE Technical Commission in Prague on 7th October 2021 with the following result:

Group A	
15 th to 18 th February 2022 Székesfehérvár/Hungary	
A1	Hungary
A2	Iceland
A3	Monaco

Group B	
20 th to 22 nd April 2022 Selm/Germany	
B1	Germany
B2	United Kingdom
B3	Ireland

Group C	
28 th February to 2 nd March 2022 Esch-Alzette/Luxembourg	
C1	Luxembourg
C2	Italy
C3	Netherlands

Qualified for the Final Round:

The winner of each group and the second-best Team are qualified for the Final Round.

If a team is not present at the Preliminary Round or cancel the participation after the publication of the General Invitation to Enter has been proceeded, the two remaining teams have to play twice against each other. Both matches will be scored.

Classification in each group:

1. Match points

- Match won 2 points
- Match lost 0 points

2. In the event of each team winning one game, then the team with the better points difference wins the group. If this does not separate the teams, then points scored decide, then points conceded and then points scored/points conceded.

3. **Date**

The Preliminary Rounds will be held in the following periods:

Group A:	Székesfehérvár/Hungary	15 th to 18 th February 2022
Group B:	Selm/Germany	20 th to 22 nd April 2022
Group C:	Esch-Alzette/Luxembourg	28 th February to 2 nd March 2022

4. **Invitation to Enter**

The provisions of the USPE Competition Rules, paragraph 2.3, shall apply.

Each organiser of a Preliminary Round is requested to send the necessary information for the Preliminary Round to the USPE Office.

After that the USPE Office will prepare the "Invitation to Enter" for each Preliminary Round.

The USPE Office will send the "Invitation to Enter" to the participating countries of each group just in time.

5. Venue

Each organiser is responsible for the competition area. The competition area has to fit the provisions of the USPE Competition Rules.

6. Accommodation/Travel Information/Visa procedure

6.1 Accommodation

The accommodation will be provided by the organiser of the respective Preliminary Round. The USPE Technical Delegate/USPE Official in charge shall arrive one day prior to the teams to check the venue.

6.2 Travel information

The organiser will provide the shuttle from the preferred airport or railway station according to the travelling details of the delegations. Teams arriving by their own car/bus are requested to go directly to the hotel.

6.2 Shuttle service

The organiser will provide shuttle services during this USPE EPC. The exact schedules will be given to delegations on arrival day.

6.3 Visa procedure

Delegations which need a VISA are requested to contact the organiser in time.

7. Safety Requirements

The host has to make sure that all safety requirements are met according to the rules of the respective sport discipline.

The host has to ensure that a medical first aid responder will be present at the competitions.

The host is responsible for a safety and security analysis of the risks during the USPE EPC to determine the necessary precautions and measures.

8. Insurance

Everyone involved in the USPE EPC Basketball Men (including the Preliminary Round) is responsible for his/her own insurance cover. The participating member countries are responsible for and undertake to

conclude all necessary and adequate insurance cover (e.g. accident and health insurance) for their whole delegation members at their own expense for the whole duration of this USPE EPC. Claims for damages against the USPE are expressly excluded.

9. **Competition rules**

The provisions of the USPE Competition Rules, paragraph 4.1 shall apply.

9.1 USPE Competition Rules – Basketball 4.1

4.4.1 The rules and regulations laid down by the Fédération Internationale de Basketball (International Basketball Federation; FIBA) shall apply, unless otherwise stipulated below or provided for in the respective Invitation to Enter.

4.1.2 Each EPC shall comprise Preliminary Rounds and a Final Round.

Preparation and organisation of the Preliminary Rounds depend on the number of engaged teams. Subject to rule 1.3.1, at least six teams take part in the Final Round. The number of participating teams is set by the USPE Technical Commission and is guided among other things to the total number of enrolled teams. The team of the organising member union is qualified directly.

In the Preliminary Round, each team shall be allowed to enter up to 12 players as well as up to three attendants. In the Final Round, each team shall be allowed to enter up to 12 players as well as up to four attendants.

4.1.3 The USPE Technical Commission decides about the organisational framework of the Preliminary Rounds and the rules and regulations applicable to the Final Round 18 months before the start of the Final Round. The list of players will be closed during the technical meeting. No changes will be allowed after the technical meeting.

The Preliminary Rounds should to be concluded not later than four months prior to the start of the Final Round.

4.1.4 In the Final Round when there are four teams in each group: In the event of two teams ending up with level match points in the group matches the final rankings will be obtained by comparing their performances exhibited when directly competing against each other.

4.1.5 In the Final Round when there are three teams in each group: In the event of each team winning one game, then the team with the better

points difference wins the group. If this does not separate the teams, then points scored decide, then points conceded and then points scored/points conceded (points scored/points conceded). The second place is given to the winner of the game between the remaining two teams.

9.2 Participants

According to item 4.1.2 of the USPE Competition Rules in the Preliminary Round, each member union shall be allowed to enter up to 12 players as well as up to three attendants.

The list of the players is closed during the accreditation. No changes will be allowed after.

9.3 Equipment

The official ball for the Preliminary Rounds and the Final Round will be: Spalding "TF-1000 Legacy".

Teams must have a minimum of 2 sets of shirts and:

- All teams shall wear uniform sportswear displaying the emblems of their individual member union.
- The first team named in the schedule shall wear light-coloured shirts (preferably white).
- The second team named in the schedule shall wear dark-coloured shirts.
- However, if the 2 teams agree, they may interchange the colours of the shirts.
- The jerseys of the players of the Preliminary Round must have numbers according to the international rules.
- Every player has to play with the same number during the whole Preliminary Round of the USPE EPC Basketball Men 2022.

9.4 Official Training

Official training will be arranged on the 1st day with 60 minutes for each team in the competition area.

10. Referees

The provisions of the USPE Competition Rules, item 2.4, shall apply.

The organiser is in charge of ensuring that there are sufficient numbers of referees. The minimum standard for the referees is the highest national level. Exceptions to this must be approved by the competent member of the Technical Commission in charge for the respective sport and the USPE Secretary General.

The minimum number of referees for a Preliminary Round are 4. Furthermore, 2 referees are required for the mark table. If the venue does not have an electronic scoreboard, it is necessary to have two manual scoreboards. Line Referees are not mandatory. The scores have to be on official FIBA sheets or official sheets of the national Basketball Federation.

11. Schedule

Each organiser is in charge to select even Schedule A or Schedule B. There must be a minimum break of 5 hours between the matches (ending/beginning).

Schedule A	Schedule B
Day 1 Arrival of the delegations, training control and accreditation, technical meeting	Day 1 Arrival of the delegations, training control and accreditation, technical meeting
Day 2 9:00 Opening Ceremony 10:30 Match A-C 17:30 Match C-B Social Dinner for all participants	Day 2 12:00 Opening Ceremony 13:30 Match A-C
Day 3 09:30 Match A-B Departure	Day 3 09:30 Match C-B 16:30 Match A-B Social Dinner for all participants
	Day 4 Departure

12. Jury of Appeal

The provisions of the USPE Rules and Regulations, Article R 19, shall apply.

The appeal jury is installed at each European Police Championship.

It is responsible for all appeals concerning the organisation and the regular course of events of the championship in question.

It is comprised of:

1. USPE President General Luc Smeyers or his appointed deputy as chairperson,
2. USPE Secretary General Andreas Röhner or his appointed deputy,
3. USPE Technical Delegate Massimo Re.

In the case where the Jury of Appeal cannot reach consensus, the vote of the chairperson shall be final.

All appeals have to be made in writing by the delegate or one of the attendants of the member union in question within one hour of the posting or publication of the results unless the respective international sport rules specify different.

The delegate or one of the attendants of the member union has to enclose an appeal fee with the appeal in order for the appeal to be valid. The deposited sum will be refunded to its owner if the appeal proves to be justified. If the appeal is rejected the sum deposited shall be retained by the USPE. The appeal fee will be a total of 100,00 €, paid in cash.

13. Eligibility to start

The provisions of the Statutes, the Rules and Regulations, the Competition Rules as well as the Anti-Doping Regulations of the USPE shall apply. They have to satisfy the provisions set out in Article 23 of the USPE Statutes.

The participation in USPE Championships and Preliminary Rounds is restricted to athletes, who

1. meet the starting requirements of their international union,
2. belong to a national sports organisation that is a member of the USPE,
3. actually is a member of police organisation/force at the time of the championship or
4. are police students at a public police academy,
5. have reached the age of 18 at the time of the championships or the Preliminary Rounds,
6. have signed the Anti-Doping Declaration and
7. submit the USPE Declaration of Participation signed by the respective President/Secretary General to the competent member of the Technical Commission.

The police are a set of all bodies and institutions in charge of maintenance of public law and order (administrative police and crime investigation departments).

Military police, members of the military, members of the fire brigades and civil servants that do not belong to the police are excluded from the European Police Championships and the Preliminary Rounds.

Competitors suspended from sports contests by the USPE or by the respective sports association due to having violated the relevant doping regulations are not eligible to enter.

14. Accreditation/Verification of eligibility to enter

For verification of a person's eligibility, the police ID and passport or national ID-card (including a photo) must be presented to the Delegate of the USPE. In case of a document deficiency, the permission to start may be refused.

According to the USPE Statutes, all participating countries must present the USPE Declaration of Participation for each athlete who will participate, signed by the respective President or Secretary General.

Without the Declaration, the participation in the Preliminary Round is not possible!

The competent member of the USPE Technical Commission, Mr. Massimo Re, will supervise the verification during the accreditation.

To assist and speed up the accreditation process, all teams must complete the Declaration of Participation Form prior to arrival.

15. Anti-Doping

According to the USPE Statutes, all participating countries must present the USPE Anti-Doping Declaration for each athlete who will participate, signed by the respective President or Secretary General.

Without this Declaration, participation in the Preliminary Round is not possible!

Please note the data protection notices for the Anti-Doping Declaration:

https://www.uspe.org/AntidopingDokumente/Data_protection_notices_USPE_Anti_Doping_Declaration.pdf

Each athlete can apply for TUE, i.e. permission to use, for therapeutic purposes, substances or methods contained in the list of prohibited substances or methods where use would otherwise be prohibited.

Please note the data protection notices for the TUE Application Form:

https://www.uspe.org/AntidopingDokumente/Template_USPE_TUE_Application_Form.pdf.

More information are available on the USPE Website under: www.uspe.org.

16. Financial provisions

16.1 Travelling expenses

Each member union will pay for its own travelling expenses.

16.2 Board and lodging

- USPE Technical Delegate/USPE Observer
The organiser will pay for the expenses incurred by the USPE Technical Delegate/USPE Observer.
- Delegate
The organiser will pay for the expenses incurred by the delegate (Article R 11 of the USPE Rules and Regulations) of the participating member union.
- Team
For every other participant (athlete/attendant) 50,00 € per person/per night must be paid to the organiser (Article R 14/3 of the Rules and Regulations).
- Guests
In case a member country intends to be accompanied by guests and the organiser is able to provide the respective accommodation, each guest has to pay the actual costs incurred by themselves. The hotel will send the respective invoices in time.

16.3 Registration fee

Prior to a championship, each participating country has to pay a registration fee to the General Treasurer of the USPE. This fee has to be paid before the opening of the championship.

The registration fee per team is 500,00 €. The USPE General Treasurer will send the respective invoices in time.

17. Restriction of personality rights

The corresponding agreement (art. 6, par. 1 lit, and art. 7 European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)) of all participants (athletes, delegates, attendants) allowing the use of personal data during the competition, during the preparation for the competition, as well as after the competition and follow-up documentation of the competition in pictures and video sequences as PR procedures, for example by the USPE, has been obtained by the participating member country and is at hand in the original.

All needed documents referring to Data protection are available to download on the USPE Website:

https://www.uspe.org/data_protection.php.

It is the responsibility of the participating member country to ensure that every participant from their member country has consented to the GDPR agreement and the original consent document should be held by the member country.

18. Downloads

All needed documents are available to download on the USPE Website under:

<https://www.uspe.org/downloadcenter.php>.

It is in the responsibility of all participating countries to present all needed documents to the responsible USPE Technical Delegate for Basketball, Mr. Massimo Re, during the accreditation.

19. Disclaimer

The USPE and the hosts shall not assume any liability in the event of accidents, theft and other events of damage or loss.

The disclaimer shall be recognised upon registration for the event.

20. Corona measures

With regard to the Covid-19 pandemic, the organiser of a Preliminary Round will draw up an appropriate hygiene concept adapted to the current situation and the applicable regulations of the Federal Government of the organising country as well as the organising City.

The participants will be informed about the corresponding measures in due time with "Form 5 – Covid-19 Declaration".

21. Notes

One contestant per team must wear **the police uniform** of their respective country at the opening ceremony.

As to the Social Dinner all participants are requested to attend adequately dressed to suit the occasion.

All teams shall wear uniform sportswear displaying the emblem of their individual member union.

Signed in the original

Andreas Röhner
USPE Secretary General