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18th USPE European Police Championship Football Men

21st to 28th July 2023 in Newcastle/United Kingdom

Invitation to Enter

Police Sport UK (PSUK) was entrusted by the Union Sportive des Polices d'Europe (USPE) with the organisation of the 18th USPE European Police Championship (EPC) Football Men from 21st to 28th July 2023 in Newcastle/United Kingdom.

The following regulations are issued for the 18th USPE EPC Football Men 2023.

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. Organiser

Police Sport UK (PSUK)

- President: Matt Jukes
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- Local Organiser: Brad Howe
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3. Date

Arrival: 21st July 2023

Departure: 28th July 2023

4. Venue

The competition takes place at

- Venue: Northumbria University, Newcastle
- Web: <https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/>

5. Accommodation/Travelling

All participants, delegates and guests will be accommodated in:

- Hotel: Northumbria University
- Web: <https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/>

The meals for the teams will start with dinner on 21st July 2023 and end with breakfast on 28th July 2023. The schedule will be specified in the information "Welcome" upon arrival.

6. Travel Information / Visa procedure

6.1 Travel information

The organiser will provide transport from Newcastle Airport and from Newcastle Central 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 the stay.

6.3 Visa procedure

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

7. Safety Requirements

The organiser will ensure that all safety requirements are met according to the rules of the respective sports discipline. The organiser will ensure that a medical first aid will be present at the Final Round. The organiser is responsible for a safety and security analysis of the risks during this EPC to determine the necessary precautions and measures.

8. Insurance

Everyone involved in the USPE EPC Football Men 2023 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 the USPE EPC. Claims for damages against the USPE are expressly excluded.

9. Competition rules

The provisions of the USPE Competition Rules, paragraph 4.2 shall apply.

4.2.1 The rules and regulations laid down by the Union des Associations Européennes de Football (UEFA) shall apply, unless otherwise stipulated below or provided for in the Invitation to Enter.

4.2.2 The EPC comprises 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 determined among other things by the total number of enrolled teams. The team of the organising member union is qualified directly.

4.2.2.1 Preliminary Round

Each team may enter up to 15 players and three attendants in the Preliminary Rounds.

Substitution: The substitution of four players in the Preliminary Round per team is permitted in the course of the match. A player who has been substituted may take no further part in the same match.

4.2.2.2 Final Rounds

Each team may enter up to 18 players and four attendants for the Final Round.

Substitution: The substitution of five players per team is permitted in the course of the match. A player who has been substituted may take no further part in the same match.

4.2.3 The USPE Technical Commission determines the organisational framework of the Preliminary Rounds and the rules and regulations applicable to the Final Round. The Preliminary Rounds should be concluded no later than four months prior to the start of the Final Round.

4.2.4 If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of all the matches in their group, the following criteria will be used to determine the rankings in the order given:

1. goal difference in the match between the teams in question (if two teams finish equal on points)
2. number of goals scored in the matches between the teams in question (if more than two teams finish equal on points)
3. goal difference in all the group matches
4. number of goals scored in the group matches
5. fair play conduct of the teams (Final Round)
6. drawing of lots

If two teams which have the same number of points, the same number of goals scored and conceded play their last group match against each other and are still equal at the end of that match, the ranking of the two teams in question will be determined by kicks from the penalty mark, provided no other teams within the group have the same number of points on completion of all group matches. Should more than two teams have the same number of points, the criteria (1. to 6.) listed above will apply.

4.2.5 If the result stands as a draw in a preliminary match (Qualification for the Final Round), in a placement match, in the semi-finals or in the final, the winner shall be determined by kicks from the penalty mark.

4.2.6 The Jury of Appeal is responsible for the implementation of disciplinary actions.

Cautions and pending yellow-card suspensions expire after the Preliminary Round.

Cards received in the Final Round will apply throughout the championship. Cautions and pending yellow-card suspensions from the Final Round expire after the championship.

The following sanctions apply:

- 2 yellow cards in different matches
= ban for the next match;
- 2 yellow cards in one match (=1 red card)
= ban for the next match;
- 3 yellow cards in different matches
= ban for the next match
- 1 direct red card (normal violations)
= ban for the next match;

10. Event

10.1 Draw and mode of the Qualification Matches

The following 16 USPE member countries announced their participation:

- Austria
- Bulgaria
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Monaco
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Slovak Republic
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom

USPE Secretary General Andreas Röhner, the USPE Technical Delegate for Football, Mr. Ole Jacobsen, and the whole USPE Technical Commission decided that United Kingdom as the host are directly qualified for the Final Round, and the remaining 15 countries have to play Qualification Rounds.

10.2 Draw and mode of the 1st Qualification Round

The draw for the 1st Qualification Round took place during the 3rd USPE EPC Football Women 2022 in Trondheim/Norway on 17th June 2022.

Based on the announced numbers of participating countries, for financial reasons (avoid as many countries as possible to play more than one Qualification Match) upon previous results and for fair play it is decided that a 1st Qualification Round must be played to qualify for the 2nd Qualification Round.



The following five countries:

- Austria
- Denmark
- Hungary
- Monaco
- Norway

have not qualified for the last two Final Rounds.

From the five countries mentioned above, the two teams that have to play the 1st Qualification Round were determined by draw.

The three countries that have not been drawn are automatically qualified for the 2nd Qualification Round.

The draw took place according to the following mode:

- First lot is the match number: A1 (play home) or B1 (play away).
- Second lot is the name of the country.

The following result was drawn:



Draw for 1st Qualification Round of the 18th USPE European Police Championship Football Men 2023

17th June 2022 Trondheim/Norway



Match		Home (A)		Away (B)
1	A1	 Austria	B1	 Monaco



The winner of Match 1 is qualified for the 2nd Qualification Round.

The team winning Match 1 at home play away in the 2nd Qualification Round. The team winning Match 1 away play at home in the 2nd Qualification Round.

The Qualification Match of the 1st Qualification Round must be played until 30th September 2022.

Exceptions must be decided by the USPE Secretary General and the responsible USPE Technical Delegate.

The host is requested to get in contact with the guest team to arrange the date of the match.

The USPE Office must be informed of the date/venue for the match, so that the USPE can send an observer.

The host is responsible for the accommodation of the teams and the USPE observer according to the USPE rules.

10.3 Draw and mode of the 2nd Qualification Round

The draw for the 2nd Qualification Round took also place during the 3rd USPE EPC Football Women 2022 in Trondheim/Norway on 17th June 2022.

Based on the results of the last two USPE EPC Football Men, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic and Germany could not draw each other in the 2nd Qualification Round. These three countries were drawn first to the Qualification Matches of the 2nd Qualification Round.

The team winning Match 1 cannot play against Bulgaria, the Czech Republic and Germany and was drawn in the second step to the Qualification Matches of the 2nd Qualification Round.

After that, the remaining countries were drawn in the third step.

The draw took place according to the following mode:

- First lot is the match number: A2 to A8 and B2 to B8.
A numbers play at home and B numbers play away.
- Second lot is the name of the country.



The following result was drawn:



Draw for 2nd Qualification Round of the 18th USPE European Police Championship Football Men 2023

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Match	Home (A)		Away (B)	
6	A6	 Greece	B6	 Germany
7	A7	 Bulgaria	B7	 Slovak Republic
8	A8	 France	B8	 Netherlands



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Match	Home (A)		Away (B)	
2	A2	 Czech Republic	B2	 Finland
3	A3	 Denmark	B3	 Austria Monaco
4	A4	 Norway	B4	 Ireland
5	A5	 Switzerland	B5	 Hungary

The winners of Matches 2 to 8 are qualified for the Final Round.

The Qualification Matches of the 2nd Qualification Round must be played from 1st October 2022 to 21st March 2023.

Exceptions must be decided by the USPE Secretary General and the responsible USPE Technical Delegate.



The host is requested to get in contact with the guest team to arrange the date of the match.

The USPE Office must be informed of the date/venue for the match, so that the USPE can send an observer.

The host is responsible for the accommodation of the teams and the USPE observer according to the USPE rules.

10.4 Draw and mode of the Final Round

The draw for the Final Round will take place after all Qualification Matches.

The Final Round will be played in a group stage considered of two groups of four teams each playing against each other in their group. After the group stage, the first two teams of each group will play crossover in the Semi-Finals for the Bronze Final and Final.

The two teams placed 3rd will play for 5th place. The two teams placed 4th will play for 7th place.

United Kingdom as the host is seeded as A1. If the reigning champion will qualify for the Final Round they will be seeded as B1.

	Group A		Group B
A1	United Kingdom	B1	n.n.
A2	n.n.	B2	n.n.
A3	n.n.	B3	n.n.
A4	n.n.	B4	n.n.

10.5 Competition area

The Matches for the Final Round will be played at:

Northumbria University, Newcastle.

10.6 Participants

10.6.1 Participants in the Qualification Matches

Each team may enter up to 15 players and three attendants in the Preliminary Rounds.

The substitution of four players in the Preliminary Round per team is permitted in the course of the match. A player who has been substituted may take no further part in the same match.

The list of the players is closed during the Technical Meeting. No changes will be allowed afterwards.

10.6.2 Participants in the Final Round

Each team may enter up to 18 players and four attendants for the Final Round.

The substitution of five players per team is permitted in the course of the match. A player who has been substituted may take no further part in the same match.

The list of the players is closed during the Technical Meeting. No changes will be allowed afterwards.

10.7 Sport equipment

Official ball for the Final Round: "PUMA Tournament FIFA".
The balls will be provided by the organiser.

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

The shirts of the players must have numbers according to the international rules. Every Player has to play with the same number in all matches in the Final Round of this EPC.

For the Final Round each team will have to envisage two sets of shirts of various colours. During the control, the team leader of delegations will have to indicate their set A and B of the shirts.
In the event of similar colours at the time of a match, the team named second must change their shirt.

10.8 Official Training

The Official training will be arranged on 21st July 2023.

10.9 Decorations and honours

The winner of the Final Round of an EPC is "European Police Champion".

Medals:

Teams taking first, second and third places are awarded with prize medals.

Other prizes

The organiser will honour:

- best goalkeeper
- best goal scorer
- most valuable player
- fair play

11. Referees

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

The organiser is in charge of ensuring a sufficient number of referees. The minimum standard for referees is the highest national level. Exceptions must be approved by the responsible member of the USPE Technical Commission in charge for the respective sport and the USPE Secretary General.

Each country qualified for the Final Round must provide a referee. In case of non-compliance, the respective country has to pay an additional registration fee in the amount of 500,00 Euro to the USPE. This fee will be transferred to the organiser to pay a substitute referee.

The USPE is working to continue the USPE Referees Project.

12. Provisional Timetable

Friday, 21st July 2023

During the day	Arrival, Accreditation, Training (60 minutes for each team at University - depends on the arrival of the teams)
18:00 – 19:30	Dinner
20:00	Opening Ceremony
21:30	Technical Meeting

Saturday, 22nd July 2023

13:30 -	xxx - xxx, field 1
13:30 -	xxx - xxx, field 2
16:30 -	xxx - xxx, field 1
16:30 -	xxx - xxx, field 2
18:30 - 20:30	Dinner

Sunday, 23rd July 2023

13:30 -	xxx - xxx, field 1
13:30 -	xxx - xxx, field 2
16:30 -	xxx - xxx, field 1
16:30 -	xxx - xxx, field 2
18:30 - 20:30	Dinner

Monday, 24th July 2023

13:30 -	xxx - xxx, field 1
13:30 -	xxx - xxx, field 2
16:30 -	xxx - xxx, field 1
16:30 -	xxx - xxx, field 2
18:30 - 20:30	Dinner
in the evening	Delegates Programm

Tuesday, 25th July 2023

Rest day.

The organiser will provide a VIP and cultural program.

Opportunity to use the hotel facilities for regeneration.

Wednesday, 26th July 2023

10:00	Semi-Final 1	1 st Group B – 2 nd Group A
10:00	Semi-Final 2	1 st Group A – 2 nd Group B
16:00	Match for 7 th place	4 th Group A – 4 th Group B
16:00	Match for 5 th place	3 rd Group A – 3 rd Group B

Thursday, 27th July 2023

10:00	Bronze Final	Looser SF1 – Looser SF2
15:00	Final	Winner SF1 – Winner SF2
xx – xx	Award Ceremony and Closing Ceremony	
xx	Gala Dinner	

Friday, 28th July 2023

Departure

The final timetable including the schedule for lunch and dinner will be provided to the delegations upon accreditation.

13. Jury of Appeal

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

The Jury of Appeal 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 Secretary General Andreas Röhner or his appointed deputy as chairperson
2. the responsible USPE Technical Delegate, Mr. Ole Jacobsen
3. tbc, England Football Association
4. Ian E. Campbell, from Police Sport UK

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.

14. 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.

15. 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 this Declaration, the participation in the USPE EPC is not possible!

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

To assist and ensure a smooth accreditation process, all teams must complete the Declaration of Participation Form prior to arrival.

16. Anti-Doping

Doping tests (total of eight) will be conducted during this EPC with the current WADA list of prohibited substances being applicable (www.wada-ama.org).

According to the USPE Statutes, all participating athletes must present the self-signed USPE Anti-Doping Declaration.

Without this Declaration, the participation in the USPE EPC 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: www.uspe.org.

17. Financial provisions

17.1 Travelling expenses

Each member union will pay for its own travelling expenses.

17.2 Board and lodging

- 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 USPE 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 offer a special rate to guests for accommodation. Costs regarding food will be announced in due course.

The organiser will send the respective invoices in time.

Each Team and guest is obligated to indicate a billing address (e-mail) to the organiser of this EPC. According to Form 3 invoice and the bank details will be sent by the host. This fee has to be paid no later than 1st June 2023.

17.3 Registration fee

Prior to a championship, each participating country has to pay a registration fee in the amount of 500,00 € to the USPE before the opening of the championship.

The USPE General Treasurer will send the respective invoices in time.

18. Registration

Each participating member country is requested to send the enclosed forms to:

1. Police Sport UK, (ianecampbell@hotmail.co.uk)
2. Office of the USPE Secretary General, (office@uspe.org)
3. USPE Technical Delegate, Mr. Ole Jacobsen, (OKJ002@politi.dk)

Please meet the following deadlines

Form 2	Number of participants	21st March 2023
Form 3	Names of the participants	1st May 2023
Form 4	Travelling details	1st June 2023

Data protection notice:

The member countries are responsible for the data protection of their participants' data. Sending these forms by unencrypted e-mail is not a secure way of transmission. It is recommended to send the forms by post, fax or encrypted e-mail.

19. 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.

20. 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 USPE Technical Delegate, Mr. Ole Jacobsen, during the accreditation.

21. Disclaimer

The USPE and the host 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.

22. Corona measures

With regard to the Covid-19 pandemic the organiser will draw up an appropriate hygiene concept for the implementation of the 18th USPE EPC Football Men, adapted to the current situation and the applicable regulations of the Government of United Kingdom and the City of Newcastle.

23. Notes

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

As to the Final Banquet all participants are requested to attend adequately dressed to suit the occasion (no blue jeans).

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

Signed in the original

Andreas Röhner
USPE Secretary General

Matt Jukes
PSUK President