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18th USPE European Police Championship Football Men

2nd Qualification Round - Match 7

Bulgaria – Slovak Republic

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.

Police Sports Association of the Bulgarian Ministry of Interior is entrusted by the Union Sportive des Polices d' Europe (USPE) with the organisation of the 2nd Qualification Round, Match 7 from 18th to 20th October 2022 in Sofia/Bulgaria.

The following Invitation to Enter is issued for the 2nd Qualification Round, Match 7 of 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 Sports Association of the Bulgarian Ministry of Interior

- Secretary General: Chavdar Atanasov
- Head of Organisation: Ivo Velchev
office@sa-mvr.com
- Local Organiser: Ivo Velchev
office@sa-mvr.com

3. Date

Arrival: 18th October 2022

Departure: 20th October 2022

4. Venue

The competition takes place at

- Venue: National Football Complex

5. Accommodation/Travelling

All participants, delegates and guests will be accommodated in:

- Hotel: Park Hotel & SPA Boyana,
18 Vitoshko lale Str., Witoscha, 1616 Sofia
- Web: <https://parkhotelboyana.com>

The meals for the teams will start with dinner on 18th October 2022 and end with breakfast on 20th October 2022. 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 Sofia Airport and from Sofia 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 Qualification 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 Participants of the 2nd Qualification Round – Match 7

The Teams of Bulgaria and the Slovak Republic are playing the 2nd Qualification Round – Match 7 according to the draw.

Match		Home (A)		Away (B)
7	A 7	Bulgaria	B 7	Slovak Republic

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

10.2 Sport equipment

Official ball for the 2nd Qualification Round – Match 7:
“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.

10.3 Competition area

The the 2nd Qualification Round – Match 7 will be played at:

National Football Complex

10.4 Official Training

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

10.5 Qualification for the Final Round

The winner of the 2nd Qualification Round - Match 7 is automatically qualified for the Final Round.

If a team is not present at the 2nd Qualification Round or cancel the participation after the draw has been proceeded, the remaining team are automatically qualified for the Final Round.

The 2nd Qualification Round - Match 7 should be concluded no later than four months prior to the start of the Final Round.

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.

12. Provisional Timetable

Tuesday, 18th October 2022

During the day	Arrival and Accreditation
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch (depending on the arrival time)
14:00 – 18:30	Training (60 minutes for each team)
18:30 – 19:30	Dinner
20:30	Technical Meeting

Wednesday, 19th October 2022

07:00 – 08:30	Breakfast
11:00 – 12:30	Lunch
15:00 – 17:00	Match 7: Bulgaria – Slovak Republic
19:00	Dinner

Thursday, 20th October 2022

07:00 – 09:00	Breakfast
Departure during the day	

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 President Luc Smeyers or his appointed deputy as chairperson,
2. USPE Secretary General Andreas Röhner or his appointed deputy as chairperson,
3. Ole Jacobsen, responsible member of the USPE Technical Commission.

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 2nd Qualification Round – Match 7 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

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

Without this Declaration, the participation in the 2nd Qualification Round – Match 7 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.

18. Registration

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

1. Office of the USPE Secretary General, (office@uspe.org)
2. Police Sports Association of the Bulgarian Ministry of Interior (office@sa-mvr.com), (velchev.ivo@gmail.com)
3. USPE Technical Delegate, Mr. Ole Jacobsen, (OKJ002@politi.dk)

Please meet the following deadlines

Form 2	Number of participants	31st August 2022
Form 3	Names of the participants	10th September 2022
Form 4	Travelling details	31st September 2022

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 2nd Qualification Round - Match 7, adapted to the current situation and the applicable regulations of the Government of Bulgaria and the City of Sofia.

23. Notes

One contestant per team should 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

Chavdar Atanasov
Secretary General
Police Sports Association
Bulgarian Ministry of Interior