



RULES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE 13th EFCS EUROPEAN COMPANY FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

ROVINJ, June 4 - 8, 2014

- The Croatian Federation for Sports Recreation “Sport for All” (HSŠR), the Town of Rovinj Tourist Board and the Town of Rovinj** announce the **13th European Company Football Championship** to be held **June 4 – 8, 2014** with the **European Federation for Company Sport (EFCS)** as the event sponsor. Up to twelve men’s and four women’s national teams or teams who representing EFCS member countries may enter the tournament.
The event is open to amateur athletes or amateur football club members who work for the participating companies.
- Team managers should contact the Organiser upon arrival in Rovinj and submit ID cards of everyone on their team in order to receive accreditation cards. To the list of players needs to join the numbers that will have on their shirts (which will stay the same during the tournament).
- Every team manager is responsible for ensuring that all members of his/her team are medically fit to play football or engage in other tournament activities (e.g. as referees or support staff members)
- Each team can enter 18 players + supporting staff members in the tournament. Each participating country is allowed to enter (propose) one certified head referee.
- The men’s tournament** will be played according to the following system: **Introductory pools/Intermediate pools/Cup**

Introductory pools (A, B, C and D) will comprise three teams and each will play two matches. Introductory pools will be formed by drawing.
In the Intermediate pools (E, F, G and H) will comprise three teams and each will play two matches.
Pool E: Winner of Pool A, runner-up of Pool B, third-placed team in Pool C
Pool F: Winner of Pool B, runner-up of Pool A, third-placed team in Pool D
Pool G: Winner of Pool C, runner-up of Pool D, third-placed team in Pool A
Pool H: Winner of Pool D, runner-up of Pool C, third-placed team in Pool B
Points are awarded as follows:
 - 3 points for a win
 - 1 point for a tie
 - 0 points for a loss
- If two or more teams have an equal number of points in Introductory pools, the ranking will be determined by the following parameters, in this order:
 - the result of their match or, if, necessary,
 - goal difference in both matches in the qualifying round
 - given more goals
 - fair play criterion – yellow and red cards in the qualifying round
 - average team age (the older team will have the advantage)
- Final games for the Cup** will be carried out as follows:
 - Semi-finals : Pool E winner – Pool G winner
 - Pool F winner – Pool H winner
 - The Final : Winners of semi-finals
 - 3rd place : Semi-finals losing teams
 - 5th place : Two best runner-ups in the Intermediate pools
 - 7th place: Two runner-ups with second best scores in the Intermediate pools

- 9th place : Two best third-placed teams in the Intermediate pools
 - 11th place : Two other third-placed teams Intermediate pools
- If any two teams competing for the 5th – 12th place have an equal number of points in the Intermediate pools the ranking (best runner-up – second best scorer) will be determined by the following parameters, in this order:
- goal difference in two matches played in the Intermediate pool
 - given more goals
 - fair play criterion – yellow and red cards in the qualifying round (red card equals two yellow ones)
 - average team age (the older team will have the advantage)
- If the match for the Cup ends in a tie, a penalty will decide the winner (teams will take turns and each team will take five penalty kicks and if the score is still tied the teams will continue on a goal-for-goal basis until there is a winner).
8. The winner in the finals will win the **European Team Trophy “VAN HECKE – PIERRE PELLENC” and keep it for two years until the next tournament.** The current champion is the MONACO team after winning in the finals played in MONACO.
 9. **The women’s tournament** will be played in a way that all the teams in the pool will play against each other. Points are awarded as follows:
 - 3 points for a win
 - 1 point for a tie
 - 0 points for a loss
 10. If two or more teams earn an equal number of points, the ranking will be determined by the following parameters, in this order:
 - the result of their match or, if, necessary,
 - goal difference in all three matches played in the pool
 - given more goals
 - fair play criterion – yellow and red cards
 - average team age (the older team will have the advantage)
 11. The winner in pool will win the **Women European Team Trophy “ROVINJ CUP” and keep it for two years until the next tournament.**
 12. Thirty minutes before each match the team manager will give the organizer a list with 18 players maximum and their accreditations. If the player does not have accreditation, the organizer may request a photo ID and if a player does not have one he/she will not be allowed to participate in the tournament. During a match maximum five substitutes are allowed. The referee must be notified before the change is made. A goalkeeper can be replaced only during a stoppage in the match. The player who has been replaced cannot return to play during the same match.
 13. Three referees supervise the game. Head referee is one of the referees proposed by the participating countries. In the absence of referees from the participating countries, head and assistant referees will be selected by the organizer.
 14. A player who is given a red card may be replaced, but that player will miss the next match. The same applies to a player who is given two yellow cards in the same match or in two different matches.
 15. All games will be two 30-minute halftimes with a 10-minute halftime break. The size 5 ball is used in all the games. The goal dimensions are 7.32 x 2.44 m. The playing surface will be made of natural grass or artificial grass.
 16. The Appeals Committee is authorized to decide over objections and interpret these rules. It will be comprised of two EFCS delegates and one representative of the Organizer.
 17. Tournament participants will not have a special insurance cover and they participate at their own risk. The Organizer will not be liable for any damage.
 18. UEFA and FIFA rules will apply to everything not regulated by these rules.

Organizing Committee