

Variations to the WCF Regulations to be used in all ERC events

General

ERC events are only open to European Members/RCOs of the WCF as well as to individual players eligible to represent a European country.

Tournament Officials

If necessary, one individual may fulfil the role of:

- a) Tournament Director and Tournament Manager, or
- b) Tournament Director and Tournament Referee.

Tournament Referee

If necessary, the Tournament Referee may be a player but ideally this should be avoided. The Deputy Tournament Referee should act in place of the Tournament Referee if a player Tournament Referee is conflicted.

Referees

The Tournament Referee is encouraged to appoint suitably qualified players as referees.

Allocation Process for European Singles Events

The Allocation process set out in the WCF Sports Regulations will apply except that: -

Membership Places

Events with 32 or more players: Full Members are entitled to 2 places, Associate Members and RCOs to 1 place.

Events with fewer than 32 players: Full, Associate and RCOs are all entitled to 1 Membership Place.

Member Total Limit

The maximum total number of places that any Member may receive, whether Membership, Ranking or Wild Card, will be 15% of the Event Capacity, with any fraction rounded up.

This limit will not apply at any time there is a vacancy in the event, which cannot otherwise be filled. If this applies, as per WCF Regulations, the highest available ranked player from any country on the Replacement Ranking List is offered the place.

Extra Membership Places for the Event Host

On the allocation date, the host will receive one extra place on top of any other places to which they are qualified. This may take them over the above 15% limit.

Allocation Example:

On the Allocation date, the ERC will review the event size and the entries and follow the steps below:

Step 1 - The Member Total Limit for the event should be determined using the 15% limit.

Step 2 - The maximum number of places the Host is entitled to will be determined by taking the Member Total Limit and adding one additional Host Place.

Step 3 - the number of Membership places requested is determined.

Step 4 – if applicable, the number of Wild Cards to be awarded will be determined.

Step 5 – Host Places are calculated. This is a minimum of one (per Step 2) but the total the ERC can offer the host will be as per WCF Sports Regulations Appendix 3 clause 1.3, subject to the Member Total Limits calculated in Step 1 and 2 above.

Step 6 - The number of Ranking Places will be calculated. The total number of Ranking Places available is calculated as: [Number of Places in the Event less the number of reserved Membership Places less Host Places less any Wild Cards = Ranking Places]. However, no Member may exceed the totals previously calculated in Steps 1 and 2.

Example: England is hosting a 32 player event

Step 1 – Member Place Limit = $32 \times 15\% = 4.8$, rounded up to 5 – the maximum number of players from any country.

Step 2 – England, as Host, have their Member Place Limited increased by 1 – England are now entitled to 6 places.

Step 3 – England, as Full Members, are allocated 2 Membership places.

Step 4 – No wild cards are awarded

Step 5 – The ERC decide how many Host places to award in total. [$32/80 = 2.4$, let's say they choose to round this up to 3].

Step 5 – The Ranking Allocation process is carried out. This results in England receiving 1 Ranking Places.

England receive 2 Membership, 3 Host and 1 Ranking Place. They have reached their maximum of 6. No other English players will receive a place in the event unless the event is under-subscribed and there are no other eligible players on the Replacement Ranking List.

Example 2: Czech Republic is hosting a 28 player event

Step 1 – Member Place Limit = $28 \times 15\% = 4.2$, rounded up to 5 – the maximum number of players from any country.

Step 2 – CR, as Host, have their Member Place Limited increased by 1 – CR are now entitled to 6 places.

Step 3 – The event has less than 32 players, so CR get 1 Membership place.

Step 4 – No wild cards are awarded

Step 5 – The ERC decide how many Host places to award in total. [$28/80 = 2.1$, let's say they choose to round this up to 3].

Step 5 – The Ranking Allocation process is carried out. This results in CR receiving 1 Ranking Places.

CR receive 1 Membership, 3 Host and 1 Ranking Places. They have one spare place should this later become eligible to be offered via the Replacement Ranking List due to withdrawals.

Withdrawals:

The above Allocation Process is applicable up to the Closing Date. This is the date by which Members must nominate the individuals who will receive their Membership Places.

On or after the Closing Date any Ranking Place withdrawals or released Membership Places are replaced by a non-Member limited Replacement Ranking List. Withdrawals prior to that date are Member limited as above.

Short notice Replacement Responsibility:

For any withdrawals that occur 7 days or less from the start date, the ERC may request the assistance of the hosts in order to help find an available replacement from the existing Replacement Ranking List (RRL). Should it prove impossible to find a replacement from this list, then due to time constraints, and in the interests of ensuring all blocks are full, the host may recommend a local replacement. Should this occur the club is expected to have done all it can to ensure that such a replacement is of a suitable standard. The players must still adhere to any event criteria, such as age or gender.