



Competing in Sports - United at Heart

## **14th EUROPEAN MACCABI GAMES BASIC REGULATIONS**

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### **1. Regulations of the Competitions**

- a. The applicable International Federations' Rules/Laws/Regulations and the 14th European Maccabi Games Regulations will govern each Sport and any participation or other issue related to or in connection with the 14th European Maccabi Games. In the event of a conflict, the present 14th European Maccabi Games Basic Regulations will govern.
- b. In case of disagreement as to the interpretation of any of these rules, the text in English will be authoritative, unless the official language of the event is different.

### **2. Eligibility**

- a. Participation in the 14th European Maccabi Games Competitions is open to all Jewish athletes from all European Countries and other Maccabi Confederations by invitation, on condition that they receive permission from their respective National Sports Federations or Associations and are nominated by their T.O..
- b. A person who is not a citizen of the country in which he/she resides may qualify for that country's team provided he/she resides in that country for at least 6 months continuously immediately prior to the date of the opening of the 14. European Maccabi Games. Approval may be requested by the OC.

c. In Masters Sports the calendar year in which the athlete was born will determine his/her eligibility in the various age categories. Unless stated otherwise in the regulations for a specific sport, the Master category is open to anyone 35 years old as of December 31st, 2015.

d. Unless stated otherwise, Junior competitions are for athletes born after January 1st, 1997 and before December 31st, 2000, except as follows:

1. Boys' Basketball, Football, Futsal, Karate, Judo: Juniors division for athletes born 1999 –2000 and Youth division for athletes born 1997 – 1998.

2. Girls' Karate: Juniors division for athletes born 1999 –2000 and Youth division for athletes born 1997 – 1998

In non-contact sports, Juniors born after December 31st, 2000, may enter, if approved by the Sports Committee of the 14th European Maccabi Games through an official request by the National Federation to be presented no later than the deadline for Entry Form number 3, April 15th, 2015.

e. Each Head of Delegation for the competitions will sign a statement, as composed by the European Maccabi Games organizing committee, which will be sent to the participating countries confirming that their athletes are Jewish.

### **3. Organising Committee**

a. The Organising Committee of the 14th European Maccabi Games is the highest body in charge of the competitions and oversees the compliance of all the official instructions of these rules. Likewise, it can issue different instructions related to the terms of participation in the competitions. These instructions shall be applied to all participants and shall be an integral part of the Rules of Competitions.

### **4. Entry Procedure**

A country wishing to participate in the 14th European Maccabi Games must do the following:

1. Submit Entry Form #1, which is a general Entry Form, to the Organising Committee offices not later than August 31st, 2013.

2. Submit Entry Form #2, which includes the number of participants in each sport event (individual and team), to the Organising Committee offices not later than October 31st, 2014.

3. Sign the Contract of Participation by November 14, 2014, which governs the formal proceedings for participation in the 14. European Maccabi Games.

4. Submit Entry Form #3, which includes the names of the participants in each sport event (individual and team), their birth date, I.D. or Passport number and their photographs, to the Organising Committee offices not later than April 15th, 2015.

5. Everyone competing in the Junior and Master Competitions must send a photocopy of his/her Passport/ID Card showing photo and date of birth with Entry Form # 3.

6. Late additional entries of athletes (not countries), after 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015 shall only be accepted at the discretion of the Chairman of the Sports Department in consultation with the EMC Sports Director.

## **5. Games and Competitions**

a. Except in Junior and all Female Team sports, any sport with less than 4 countries entering on Entry Form #1 will be eliminated. In Female and Junior team sports, a minimum of 3 countries will be permitted.

b. Individual events or categories within a sport (including relay races) will be held only if at least three countries have entered that event/category and, at the discretion of the Organising Committee, a crucial number of participants is met.

c. The competition's program and system will be specified in each sport's regulations separately.

d. Each country is limited to entering one team in each sport except for beach volleyball. A country may enter 2 teams in beach volleyball

e. At the beginning of each Junior and Master Team competition the full list of registered players shall be checked against their credentials. Thereafter, at all games, team managers will exchange credentials to check and return them after the game is over. A player without a credential will not be permitted to play.

f. An athlete may only participate in one sport and only in one division (Junior, Open or Master), unless otherwise stated in the Rules and Regulations of the Sport. However, an athlete may participate in any or all of the following sports: Half Marathon and Triathlon. After special request to the Organizing Committee and after the Organising Committee's approval an official may be registered as an athlete as well. In this case he/she needs one ID badge as official and one as athlete. If such requests have been approved, the Heads of Delegations will be informed accordingly during their first meeting.

g. In the Open competition, junior aged competitors will only be permitted if allowed under the relevant sport's federation rules. In some sports, individual countries Sports Federations rules may vary – in cases of such conflict the Home (German)

Sport Federation should take preference (providing this would not prejudice a countries participation).

h. The rules governing sports at the 14th European Maccabi Games shall be enforced by the Organizing Committee, subject to any special or exceptional circumstances as determined by the OC in conjunction with the Sports Department.

## **6. Code of Conduct**

It is intended that the Code of Conduct Regulations below apply to all athletes, coaches, managers, medical personnel, officials and delegation members who participate in or attend the 14th European Maccabi Games (Hereafter referred to as "Participants"). In order to participate in the 14 European Maccabi Games, Participants shall comply with all terms and conditions of the Code of Conduct, herein, at all times during the 14th European Maccabi Games.

a. Rules of Conduct: Participants of the 14th European Maccabi Games shall:

1. Respect the rules and spirit of fair play and non-violence, prioritize the physical and emotional well-being of others and behave accordingly;
2. Respect the spirit of sport and all teammates and members of other teams, follow all rules and regulations of the sport, respect the authority of the officials and referees, and communicate with them in an appropriate manner;
3. Prepare for and participate in the European Maccabi Games by maintaining the best possible physical fitness and health to perform at the highest possible level at the Games;
4. Observe and comply with all reasonable directions of the respective Head of Delegation and any person appointed by him/her;
5. Adhere to the anti-doping policies, procedures and regulations put forward by the World Anti-Doping Authority ("WADA"), including refraining from all banned substances and practices;
6. Conduct himself/herself in a proper manner so as not to bring himself/herself, Team Management or his/her Team into disrepute or censure;
7. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants, regardless of their age, gender, ability, social, economic or cultural background;
8. Demonstrate good sportsmanship before, during and after games. Be courteous to opposing team members. Treat all players, coaches and officials with respect. Set a positive example for others, particularly young athletes and supporters and avoid all forms of gamesmanship, poor sportsmanship and/or time-wasting.

9. Encourage and exercise good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and supporters at games, practices and other sporting events.

b. Prohibited Conduct: The following forms of Conduct shall not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary proceedings, decisions and action relative to Participants:

1. Acts (including the use of inappropriate language) that disturb others, or cause offence, disturbance or distress to others.

2. The consumption of alcohol by or supply of alcohol to participants under 18 years of age.

3. The supply, possession or taking of illegal drugs.

4. Any form of abuse, assault or violence (including emotional, verbal, physical or sexual abuse/assault/violence); in appropriate instances, the police may be contacted to intervene.

c. Anti-Doping Requirements: All athletes who participate at the 14th European Maccabi Games may be subject to random drug testing (Anti-Doping) which shall be administered by appropriate authorities. It is not the responsibility of Maccabi Germany, the Sports Committee or the Organizing Committee to publish and maintain a list of “banned substances and practices” for referral by athletes. WADA provides that resource which constantly updates the “Prohibited List” at: <http://www.wada-ama.org>. There is also an iPhone app. available from WADA. If it is determined that an athlete has violated any Anti-Doping regulation under WADA, he/she may be subject to disciplinary action, including possible punitive action by the Organising Committee.

## 7. Awards

a. Medals will be awarded to the winners (teams and individuals) as follows:

Gold medal for first place.

Silver medal for second place.

Bronze medal for third place.

b. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to European individuals or teams irrespective of medals won by non-Europeans provided there are more than four participants. In these cases European participants will never receive two medals, but always get the better medals.

c. Referees shall be given a gift other than a medal.

d. The 14th European Maccabi Games Organising Committee shall appoint a person to ensure that medal presentation ceremonies are properly conducted.

d. Medals shall be given to team managers, coaches and assistant coaches, provided that they are registered. However, no more than 3 additional medals will be awarded per country per competition.

#### 6. Validity, Incidence and General

a. These basic Rules and Regulations are legally valid by the approval of the European Maccabi Confederation.

b. These basic Rules and Regulations will apply to all the 14th European Maccabi Games participants, both athletes and officials.

c. Each accredited participant in the 14th European Maccabi Games must be individually covered by medical insurance that will include indemnity for any injury, illness or related expense incurred as a consequence of participation in and during the 14th European Maccabi Games whether in an accommodation center, sports venue, special event or travelling between such locations. Insurance is taken out at each country's own expense and must be taken care of before the beginning of the 14th European Maccabi games in each athlete's home country.

d. The Organising Committee is entitled to request a drug-retention test for each participant of the 14th European Maccabi Games. The list of drugs and substances whose use is prohibited is based on the list of forbidden drugs and banned substances. This list is distributed from time to time by the International Olympic Committee. Every sportsman whose drug screening is positive shall be brought before the Court of Honour and shall face the possibility of being sent home from the Games or receive the punishment decided by the above mentioned Court. Any refusal to undergo the drug screening shall be deemed as drug abuse and the sportsman shall therefore be penalized at the discretion of the Disciplinary Court. Any athlete required to undergo a drug test must be accompanied by his/her Team Manager or Coach or senior member of his/her Delegation who must be present for the entire duration of the test.

#### 8. Applicable Law, Jurisdiction

Any and all disputes arising out of or in connection with the 14th European Maccabi Games, including (without limitation) any participation and/or other presence at the 14th European Maccabi Games and/or any and all disputes arising out of or in connection with the Regulations shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the court having subject matter jurisdiction of the city of Berlin Germany (unless such disputes are under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court of Honour (Sec 9), Disciplinary Court (Sec 10) and/or Court of Appeal (Sec 11) as set forth in said Sections of the Regulations) and shall be governed by German law, without resort to its conflict of law provisions.

The Court of Honour, Disciplinary Court and Court of Appeal the Arbitration Tribunal shall additionally apply the rules as set forth in Sections 9.e. and 10.f. and any rules which they determine to be appropriate.

#### 9. Court of Honour

a. The Organising Committee along with the European Maccabi Confederation shall appoint a Court of Honour, made up by eight members of Maccabi World Union, the European Maccabi Confederation and the Organising Committee of the 14<sup>th</sup> European Maccabi Games 2015. In case the positions cannot be covered, vacancies shall be filled by representatives of the participating delegations, subject to the decision of the Organising Committee and to a previous consultation with the European Maccabi Confederation. Any three (or more) of the abovementioned will be sufficient to form a Court of Honour. Further, the Organising Committee will appoint a president of the Court of Honour out of the members of the Court of Honour.

b. All the affairs which are not under the jurisdiction of the Court of Appeal shall be dealt with by the Court of Honour, whose decisions shall be ultimate and final.

c. It shall decide over any affair beyond the functions inherent to the Disciplinary Court and the Court of Appeals.

d. In case of disagreement regarding the correct interpretation of the rules governing the 14<sup>th</sup> European Maccabi Games, the Court of Honour shall decide over the issue, upon request of the Organising Committee.

e. The Court of Honour shall determine the system applicable to its procedures and meetings and shall not be subject to the jurisdiction of the rules and regulations of the 14<sup>th</sup> European Maccabi Games 2015. However, the Court of Honour shall respect the spirit of these Basic Regulations in any decision it is to take.

f. At the time of deliberating on the abovementioned issues, the Court of Honour shall make the decision it deems most appropriate. Its decisions shall be final and not open to appeal.

g. The president of Court of Honour shall be authorised to nominate alternate members in case an affair involves countries whose representatives are members of such Court.

#### 10. Disciplinary Court

a. The Disciplinary Court is appointed by the European Maccabi Confederation to serve as their adjudicators in breaches of discipline. Any three (or more) of abovementioned will be sufficient to form a Disciplinary Court. Further, the European Maccabi Confederation is to appoint a president of the Disciplinary Court.

b. Anyone connected with the Games i.e. members of the European Maccabi Confederation, members of the Organising Committee, referees, competitors and officials can report breaches of discipline.

c. Details of any breach of discipline must be submitted in writing (English or German) and handed into the Secretariat in a sealed envelope marked "Disciplinary Court".

d. The Secretariat must indicate on the envelope the time the allegation was received and append their signature in confirmation.

e. The Disciplinary Court will give their decision(s) in any form which they deem practical, adequate and appropriate taking into account the nature of the disciplinary breach.

f. The decision(s) of the Disciplinary Court, which will be based on the Code of Conduct established by Maccabi World Union, is final and binding and must be accepted by all parties.

g. The president of Disciplinary Court shall be authorised to nominate alternate members in case a breach of discipline involves countries whose representatives are members of such Court.

#### 11. Court of Appeal

a. The members of the Court of Appeal are appointed by the European Maccabi Confederation to serve as their adjudicator in all disputes relating to sport. Any three (or more) of the abovementioned will be sufficient to form a Court of Appeal. Further, the European Maccabi Confederation is to appoint a president of the Court of Appeal.

b. The Court of Appeals shall deal with organisational and technical issues related to each specific sport.

c. A team shall be entitled to submit a claim related to the results of a competition or any other sort of technical appeal; the appealing Head of Delegation (if there is no Head of Delegation it may be brought to the Court of Appeal by the appropriate team manager or captain) shall sign with his/her name the match's sheet adding the phrase "subject to appeal".

d. Details of any appeal must be submitted in writing (English or German) and handed into the Secretariat in a sealed envelope marked "Court of Appeal" within three hours of the conclusion of the match from which the appeal arises.

e. The Secretariat must indicate on the envelope the time the appeal was received and append their signature in confirmation.

f. 100 Euro shall be deposited at the time of submitting the appeal. This amount shall be returned if the appeal was regarded to be of substance. In case the appeal was regarded as frivolous the deposit is forfeited and shall be retained and used for the benefit of the organisation of the Games.



g. The Court of Appeal will give his decision(s) in any form which they deem practical, adequate and appropriate taking into account the nature of the appeal.

h. The decision(s) of the Court of Appeal is final and binding and must be accepted by all parties.

i. The president of the Court of Appeals shall be authorised to nominate alternate members in case an appeal involves countries whose representatives are members of such Court.

## 12. Limitation of Liability

Unless explicitly provided otherwise in writing, the provisions under applicable law shall apply. Notwithstanding any other limitations of liability hereunder, the aggregate liability of the 14th European Maccabi Games (Makkabi Deutschland gGmbH, a limited liability non-profit company under German law) for any and all claims, including without limitation claims for damages, arising out of or in connection with these Regulations and/or 14th European Maccabi Games, including without limitation any participation in the games, shall in no event exceed the tenfold participation fee actually paid by the respective individual. Any and all liability of the 14th European Maccabi Games is limited to gross negligence and intent excluding cases of death and bodily injury. Any and all liability is limited to direct loss only, subject to the above mentioned limit and subject to strict compliance with the present Regulations. All other types of loss or damage are excluded. There shall be no liability of the 14th European Maccabi Games for any indirect, special, incidental, punitive, exemplary, or consequential damages. In cases of bodily injury and death, the party suffering the damage is obliged to demonstrate strict compliance with the Regulations (burden of proof). Any and all liability of the 14th European Maccabi Games for cases of bodily injury and death shall additionally be limited to gross negligence and intent. In the event of force majeure, there shall be no liability of the 14th European Maccabi Games for damages caused by such force majeure. Force majeure includes, without limitation Acts of God, Government restrictions, wars, terrorism, insurrections and/or any other cause beyond reasonable control.

The 14th European Maccabi Games are not liable for any conduct or misconduct of any participant and are not assuming any liability for theft, loss or damage to any items and/or personal property of any participant.