



2023 CALL OF INTEREST IS READY TO GO!

The first two Calls of Interest launched by the ECU Arbiters' Council were a great success thanks to the efforts of the people who served in the previous term, under Mr Tomasz Delega's chair, and endeavoured to launch the new concept. However, there is always room for upgrading.

The Arbiters' Council has added some changes to the Regulations for the Call of Interest for 2023 European Championships, which was launched a few days ago.

The purpose of this article is to explain the new rules.

1) The first change comes again on languages. From previous experience we noticed that the two proposed levels for the English language (basic and advanced) wasn't so clear, pushing people to overestimate or underestimate their knowledge, according to personal ideas of "basic" and "advanced". Hence, we decided to allot the points on specific capabilities rather than on a self-estimation. The newly written art. 21 specifies that "an arbiter is considered to be advanced in English in case he is able to explain general and particular regulations, deal with a threefold repetition claim, give his decisions rationales, answer to players', captains' and chiefs of delegations' questions in a fluent a complete level" and, consequently, the basic level corresponds to the capability to "intervene in a board if he is summoned and understand the players' requests". The basic idea is that an arbiter would be considered advanced if he is able to have a full and fluent interlocution about any possible occurrence in a tournament, and basic if he can just understand the issue, but maybe is not able to fully explain himself.

2) The biggest news is, however, on the appointing system. Starting from this year, the Arbiters' Council will not compile anymore only one graded list, but three different ones. The ambition we have is to go further on promoting rotation and gender equality giving more opportunities to women and arbiters who never acted in an international level. The three new lists will then consist of one "open list", one "women list" and one "rookies list". The system will work as a permanent rotation of the lists since for every tournament, the Council will appoint one arbiter per list, starting from the open list. Thus, in case the Council would appoint two arbiters, the second one will always belong to the women's list, giving extra chances to women arbiters and also helping organisers to fulfil the quotas; and in case the Council would appoint three arbiters, the third one will always belong to the rookies' list, opening for them extra opportunities; and so on.

In case of a refusal, the following invitations shall belong to the same list of the refuser. With this new system, we believe we will achieve better our purposes to grant rotation and enforce gender equality in the European championships.

Call of Interest 2023 ECU Arbiters Council

ECU Arbiters Council launches the Call of Interest for European Championships in 2023, adding changes to the Regulations.

Detailed information can be found on the website of the ECU Arbiters Council.

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3) There is also a new procedure to have a straightforward and quick communication with the organisers, in order to close a final list in a short time, also facilitating the planning and helping arbiters to know about their nearest future.

According to the new procedure, three months before the starting date of the tournament, according to the ECU official calendar, the Arbiters' Council will ask the organizer to submit the list of the arbiters he invited, which shall respect the ECU Tournament Rules regarding foreign arbiters, female quotas, arbiters' titles (national arbiters shall not be accepted) and categories and can be rejected in case it doesn't comply with the rules.

In the same term, the Council will ask the ECU President to advise on the name of the principals he appointed for the particular tournament and will start inviting the arbiters according to the Call of Interest lists and send the names to the organiser as soon as the right number of invited arbiters accept the invitation.

Detailed information about the Call of interest will be available on the ECU Website and the website of the ECU Arbiters Council.