

Golf Croquet European Club League 2022/2023 Rules

- 1 Open to all clubs in European Member Countries of the WCF.
 - 2 Clubs may enter only one team. (Except as permitted under rule 13)
 - 3 All players must be a member of the club that they represent.
 - 4 Players cannot represent a club in the Finals Weekend if they have represented another club in the Qualifying Stage.
 - 5 Players who did not play in the Qualifying Stage may play in the Finals Weekend.
 - 6 The teams for any match will consist of 4 players from each club. A club may use a maximum of 6 players in either the Qualifying Stage, or the Finals Weekend. (For the avoidance of doubt these can be different groups of 6 players in each case).
 - 7 Entry Fee 60 Euro or 50 GBP per club payable to the WCF.
 - 8 With their entry each team will advise the name and contact details of their captain, or other person responsible for communications until a captain has been appointed.
 - 9 If no entry is received from an individual club in a European Member Country that country will be entitled to enter a national team.
 - 10 The maximum capacity for the Finals Weekend is 6 teams. One place is reserved for the host club, Roehampton (winners of the 2022 Qualifying Stage) and there are 5 places for the 2023 Qualifying Stage winners.
 - 11 Entries for the 2023 Qualifying Stage must be received by March 5th 2023.
 - 12 The 2023 Qualifying Stages will be hosted as follows:-
 - 29/30th April Dulwich (England)
 - 10/11th June CERN (Switzerland)
 - 8/9th July Ikskile (Latvia)
- Two additional Stages will be arranged during 2023, in the first instance open to those that have been unsuccessful in gaining places in the above heats.
- 13 In addition to the hosts three places are available in each Qualifying Stage. Priority entry will be given to clubs from abroad (ie not from the host country) that did not play in the 2022 Qualifying Stage. If oversubscribed places will be allocated by ballot which, if possible, will also ensure that only one club from any country plays in each event. If undersubscribed entries from clubs from abroad that did play in 2022 will form the next ballot group and if still undersubscribed entries from the host country will be the final group.
 - 14 Clubs may only participate in one Qualifying Stage but may enter as many as they wish, in order of preference, to maximise their chances of gaining a place.
 - 15 If sufficient entries are not received for any Qualifying Stage its format/rules may be modified in order to create a viable event.

16 The host club of each Qualifying Stage is expected to provide hospitality for the visiting players. Food (but not drinks) should be offered free of charge for lunch and afternoon tea on both Saturday and Sunday.

17 The host club cannot charge a green fee, or make any other charge, to the visiting players.

18 The format for each Qualifying Stage of four teams will be an all play all block, with a match between two teams consisting of 2 doubles and 8 singles games as detailed in the appendix.

19 The host club will manage the playing schedule in accordance with the appendix and arrange for the event to be reported on www.croquetscores.com

20 No less than two weeks before the event each team should appoint a captain responsible for team selection and communications following their appointment. On appointment the name of the captain should be provided to the host club and Ian Burrige burrige.ian@gmail.com

21 The captain should provide a list of their intended players to the host club and the ERC Organiser, Ian Burrige (burrige.ian@googlemail.com) at least two weeks before the start of the event. Subsequent changes are allowed and should be notified immediately.

22 The host club will appoint and inform the other teams of the Tournament Referee, who should be qualified and ideally not a player. All players who are qualified as referees in their own country may act as such but only if a non-playing referee is not available.

23 The winner of each Qualifying Stage will qualify for the European Club League Finals Weekend Roehampton, (England), 13th-15th October 2023.

24 The winner should confirm with Ian Burrige burrige.ian@gmail.com within two weeks of the event that they intend to participate in the Finals Weekend. If they do not wish to do so the place will pass to the second placed team etc.

Match Formats & Winner Determination

Order of Play for Qualifying Groups of 4 Teams

Before each match each team captain will declare their team of 4 players, including two doubles pairings, there are no restrictions on which two players may play together. Players and Doubles Pairings will be ordered by DGrade/combined Dgrade (X1, X2, X3, X4 and XD1, XD2):-

Match 1 A v B and C v D

Saturday

AD1 v BD1, AD2 v BD2, CD1 v DD1, CD2 v DD2

A1vB2 v A2vB1, A3 v B4, A4 v B3

C1vD2, C2vD1, C3 v D4, C4 v D3

A1 v B1, A2 v B2, A3 v B3, A4 v B4

C1 v D1, C2 v D2, C3 v D3, C4 v D4

Match 2 – A v C and B v D

Saturday

AD1 v CD1, AD2 v CD2, BD1 v DD1, BD2 v DD2

A1vC2, A2vC1, A3 v C4, A4 v C3

B1vD2v B2vD1, B3 v D4, B4 v D3

Sunday

A1 v C1, A2 v C2, A3 v C3, A4 v C4

B1 v D1, B2 v D2, B3 v D3, B4 v D4

Match 3 A v D and B v C

Sunday

AD1 v DD1, AD2 v DD2, CD1 v BD1, CD2 v BD2

A1vD2, A2vD1, A3 v D4, A4 v D3

C1vB2, C2vB1, C3 v B4, C4 v B3

A1 v D1, A2 v D2, A3 v D3, A4 v D4

C1 v B1, C2 v B2, C3 v B3, C4 v B4

A match between two teams is best of 10 games.

Two points will be awarded for each team match won and one point awarded to each team in the case of a draw. The winner will be the team with the most points. If two or more teams are equal on points the winner will be the team that has won the most games across all matches, if two or more teams are still tied the winner will be the team that has won the most singles games across all matches. If two or more teams are still tied the winner will be the team with the best net hoops against the teams that remain tied.