

New European Championship system with 32 players:

1. Selection of players:

32 top European players (passport of EGF member country required) will participate in the event. They can be either amateur or professional players.

The players qualify for participation in order of their best achieved EGF-ratings within last twelve months (June 16th of a previous year - June 15th of a current year), as given in the EGF rating database by June 15th, before the EGC.

Only players with a tournament-result in the last twelve months (16th of June of a previous year - 15th of June of a current year) documented in the EGD will be taken into account.

The selection is done as follows:

- a) Nominate the Top 8 from last European Championship
- b) Nominate additional 6 players after the end of the previous Grand Prix. Of course, not the ones who are already qualified after previous EC
- c) then:
 - nominate 15 players from EGD list, mid-June (based on max rating)
 - Wildcard from EGC organisation
 - Wildcard of U20 champion
 - Wildcard from EGF

Unused wildcards would increase the number of players from the EGD

2. Registration procedure:

Players who want to play the European Championship have to preregister for the EC latest till June 15th before EC as part of their registration for the EGC.

32 EC participants will be selected from the preregistered players and based on the results of previous (max rating) EGC in the second half of June.

The decision how to use the 2 wildcards will also be taken by the end of June.

End of June, EGF will publish the names of the 32 players qualified for the EC in an appropriate way.

All 32 players have to confirm on Friday or Saturday (1st day of the EGC) at the venue of the congress that they still want to play the EC. If not, next players on the list of eligible preregistered participants will replace them.

3. Organisation:

Championship modus:

- * All 32 players start with the same Mac Mahon score. This start, Mac Mahon score, is the same like the top-bar Mac Mahon score of the EGC main-tournament.
- * The European championship shall be played during the first week (Starting on Sunday) and second weekend of the EGC. 8 games shall be played by the two finalists (one each day).
- * Games played on the same day as the EGC shall be taken into account as well for the main EGC tournament (i.e. 5 games)
- * A final phase with 8 players shall take place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- * It is a double knock-out tournament – hence, the players with two lost games in the preliminary rounds leave immediately the European Championship and may continue playing in the main EGC tournament.
- * Playing rules are different to the EGC main tournament: the championship will be played with Fisher time 90mn basic plus 45 seconds additional
- * There is no need to define 5th to 8th positions. Hence, the players may play the weekend tournament if they wish so. Only for semi-finals, the games for 3rd place and the final are played over the weekend.

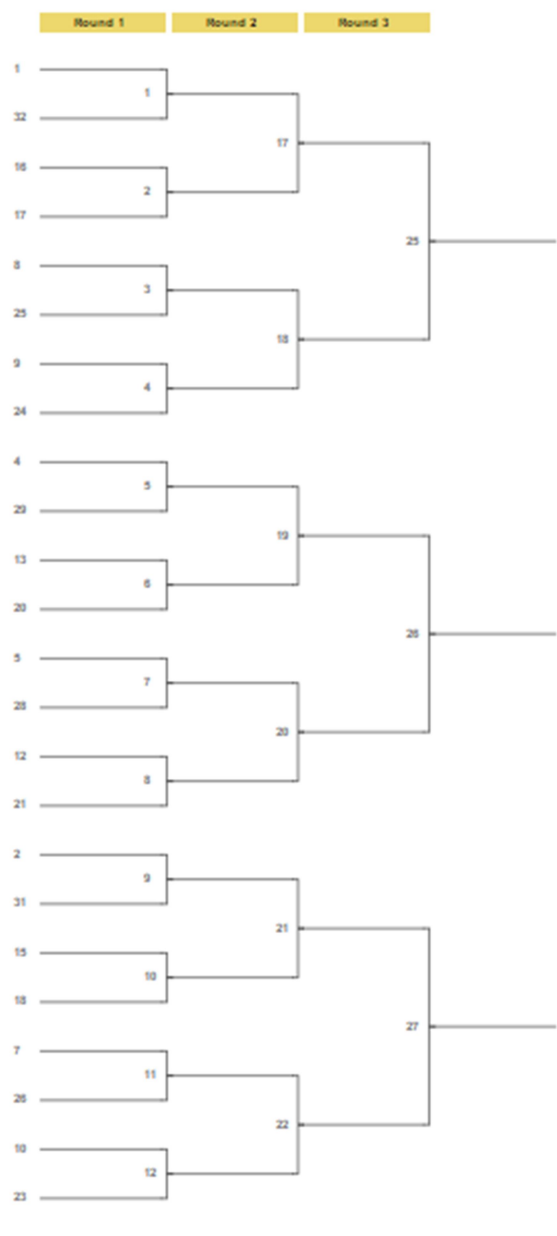
Pairings:

Pairings for the first round is based on EGF rating by Mid July.

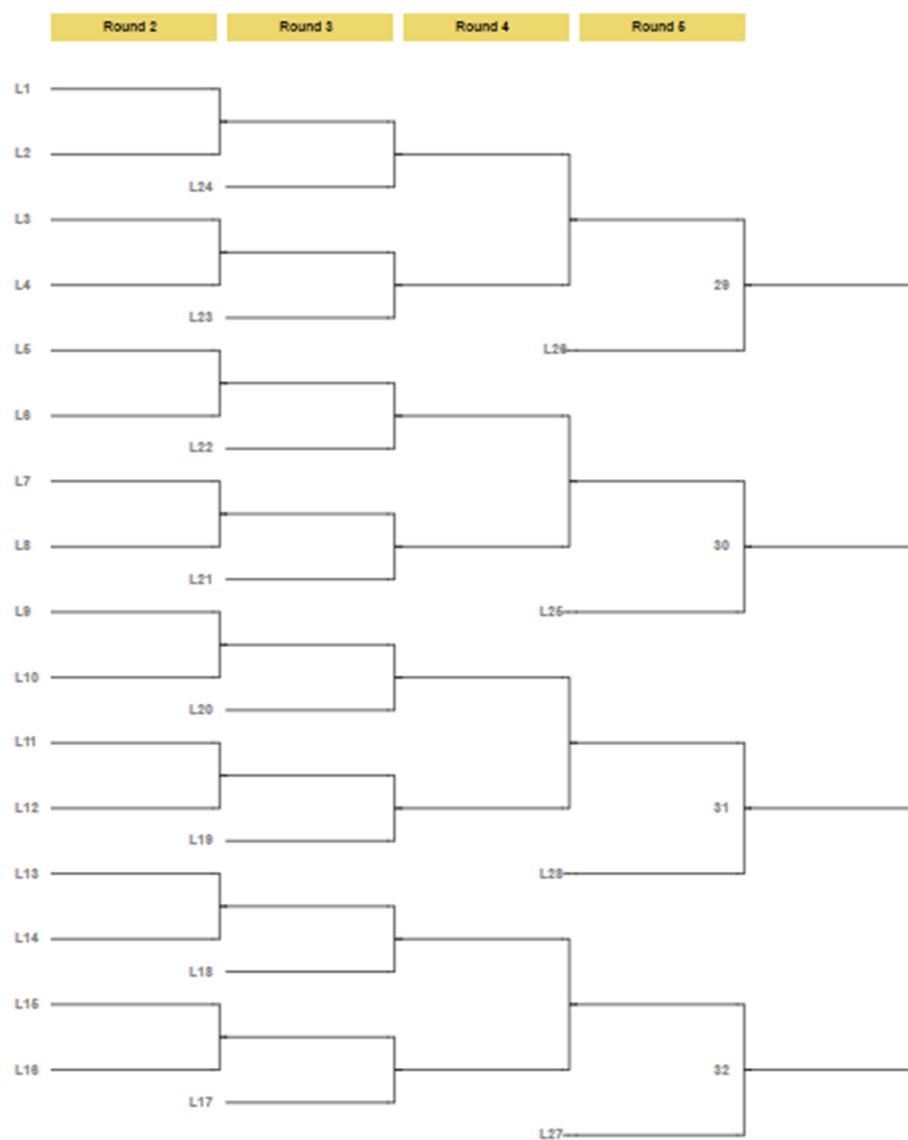
Championship Schedule:

- 5 rounds played during the main EGC tournament on the first week
- 2 extra rounds played on Saturday and Sunday (2nd week end) – semi-finals and finals.

Chart and template for the European Championship organization team:
Main bracket:



1st round loser's bracket:



Final bracket:

